



# WALSINGHAM CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 24TH OCTOBER 2024

## Enjoy your half term holiday



### Foxes

The first half term of the academic year has now ended and what a fabulous time it has been. The children have made a wealth of progress and it has been great to see them engaging with their learning, enjoying the learning theme of 'Local Studies'. We will continue this learning theme next half term, exploring our local area further, focusing on the History of Walsingham.



All children have now completed the first Little Wandle unit and it has been great to see our youngest children practising their learning in provision. Children have nearly learnt all of their single sounds, and will be moving onto digraphs (two letters that make one sound) next half term.

In English, the children loved reading *The Little Red Hen*. They had the opportunity to write instructions based on making bread, retell the story and create WANTED posters for a pesky wolf that tries to eat Little Red Hen. Our first focus text next half term will be 'Katie's Sunflowers', linking nicely to our Art & Design lessons where we will learn about Van Gogh's famous painting.

In Mathematics, the children are moving on nicely through the White Rose Maths units. Our EYFS children have been focusing on the composition of the numbers 4 and 5 and they are developing their confidence with counting and recording. Our KS1 children have finished the unit of Addition & Subtraction Within 20 and are now moving onto Place Value Within 100. They are exploring larger numbers, thinking about tens and ones.

Our EYFS children have enjoyed studying the seaside in their Understanding of the World sessions. They have explored sea creatures, compared the current seaside to how it was in the past and even made sea creatures from clay. Our oldest children have ended their Geography unit by completing a comparison of our local area with Africa. They took time to learn about the continent and identified key physical and human geographical features.

As the half term comes to a close, I want to take this time to thank you for your engagement as parents. It has not gone unnoticed and we are extremely grateful that the children are being supported with their learning within their home environment – it really does make all the difference!



### LOTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:



## Badgers

Badgers enjoyed the trip to River Stiffkey. We carried out a survey of river life in which we found and identified several invertebrates. After half-term, we will be learning more about rivers in Geography lessons.



We have finished reading our class reader 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' which we have enjoyed. Look out for some chocolate bars coming home - we are hoping to make them on the last day of the half-term!

Badger class have been having fun in Science lessons, learning about Forces. We have been finding out about gravity, friction, air resistance and buoyancy and carrying out some investigations to see how they each affect the world we live in.

Everybody at Walsingham Primary is sorry to have to say 'Goodbye' to Mollie-Mae and Aaron who will be moving during half-term. We will miss them both but wish them well in their new home and school.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY:

On Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November, we will be walking the children down to the War Memorial for a short service of remembrance at 10.50am, led by Fr Harri. Parents and families are welcome to join us.



## FEDERATION FIREWORKS:

We will be holding our usual Federation Fireworks event at Hindringham School on Tuesday 5th November, 5.30 - 7pm. Tickets are available from our school office, much cheaper if you buy them in advance, even on Monday or Tuesday after half term, rather than on the door!



## FORTHCOMING DATES:

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - Finish for half term break  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - School closed - INSET day  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov - Back to school  
Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov - Federation Fireworks at Hindringham from 5.30pm  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 6 residential to Norfolk Lakes  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Library Van  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov - Remembrance at the War Memorial - 10.50am  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need day  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu Immunisations  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Nov - Foxes trip to the Shrine (details to follow)  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Reading Café at 2.30pm  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival trip (details to follow)  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle Service at St Peter's at 2pm  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper day  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec - Library Van  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas lunch at school  
Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Federation Pantomime at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange  
Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Nativity at St Mary's at 2pm  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Break up for Christmas

