



WALSINGHAM CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 15TH NOVEMBER 2024

Lots of news today...



Foxes Well here we are, the next half term of the academic year and it is full steam ahead in Foxes Class as the children continue with their learning and get prepared for all things 'Christmassy'. I always love this time of year in school as lots of events are going on and the children are excited as they take part in many celebrations. Lots of events will be noted on this newsletter, so please do add them to your calendars!



This half term we are continuing our topic of 'Local Studies'. The oldest children, will be focusing on History instead of Geography, studying Walsingham as a place of pilgrimage. The children will be learning about the Tudor Period, including Henry VIII and his six wives! Our youngest pupils will continue to explore their natural surroundings and they will take part in indoor and outdoor activities. As the weather turns, please ensure they are dressed appropriately and they have wellies in school! A few of the activities they will be completing include making Autumn Bonfire Soup, making bird feeders and as we near the end of the half term they will make gingerbread!

To begin the half term, the children focused on the text 'Katie's Sunflowers'. They had the opportunity to study sunflower seeds using adjectives to describe their appearance and texture. After this, they planted the seeds and wrote instruction texts on how to plant and care for sunflowers. To finish their learning, KS1 focused on the artist Vincent Van Gogh and wrote biographies, whilst EYFS made leaflets labelled 'How to Grow a Sunflower'. We will now move onto a new text. KS1 will focus on the book 'A House Held Up by Trees', whilst EYFS will look at the very well-known traditional tale called 'The Three Little Pigs'.

In Mathematics, our EYFS children are up to speed! They have completed their learning for the Autumn Term, learning all of the new focus concepts. They will now spend the next half term recapping, consolidating and embedding their learning through play and practical activities. Our KS1 children are continuing with Place Value within 100 and are tackling larger numbers, getting to grips with tens, ones and being able to flexibly partition numbers!

Our afternoons are busy as always. In Art, the KS1 children are focusing on self-portraits and portraits. They are learning how to use line effectively in order to create a self-portrait with increasing accuracy. Our EYFS children are focusing on different painting techniques, learning how to print, mix and merge different colours to create scenes and pictures.



PTFA

We are still looking for members to join the PTFA. We recognise the time and effort this takes, but would be extremely grateful for volunteers so that the committee can recommence and our children can benefit from the fundraising and parent support. The meetings and activities will also be supported by Walsingham Staff. If you wish to join the PTFA, please speak to me (Miss Collison) on the gate. Thank you!

Badgers

Children in Badger Class have been as busy as ever since our return from the half-term break. We are very pleased to welcome Isabelle in Year 3.



Years 3 and 4 are swimming on Mondays now and it has been great to see how quickly they have progressed in their learning. A few started swimming with some trepidation but most were jumping in from the side by their second lesson!

Year 6 have enjoyed a residential visit to Norfolk Lakes. Both Lily-Rose and Freddie took part in all of the activities and had great fun in the process. They made friends, behaved brilliantly and were generally a credit to Walsingham Primary and the Pilgrim Federation. Photographs of the residential are on display outside Badger Class – please feel free to come and take a look!

We have some new learning themes for this half-term including Rivers, Islam and Stars and Constellations.

You may have read the exciting news that two children from Badger Class have won prizes in a poetry competition organised by Norfolk Rivers Trust. One of the pupils was Mollie-Mae so we will be sending her our congratulations and a prize in due course. We will make an announcement about the second winner soon – watch this space!

Collective Worship

Now that a new half term is upon us, we have new focus values in Collective Worship, these being 'Compassion and Kindness'. The children will be using different picture books and parables from the Bible to aid their reflection. Whilst we reflect, we think about the quote from the Bible; "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16.

Remembrance Service

The children attended a Remembrance Service on Monday to pay their respects and to remember the soldiers and animals who sadly died in the war. The children behaved impeccably throughout the service, showing the community what a brilliant school we are!



Little Bunnies Stay & Play

Our Stay & Play group is still running every Wednesday from 9-11am. We are lucky to have Vicky Thompson leading the sessions each week. Vicky brings her insight and expertise from many years of nannying and also has knowledge linked to PEEP (The People Learning Together Programme). We have been lucky enough to purchase some lovely new equipment and have refreshments available for all each week. Please do bring your little ones along and spread the word!

FORTHCOMING DATES:

Mon 18th Nov - Flu Immunisations

Thurs 21st Nov - Foxes trip to the Shrine

Wed 27th Nov - Parent Reading Café and Cake Sale - 2.30pm

Wed 4th Dec - Fakenham Christmas Tree Festival trip

Thurs 5th Dec - Christingle Service at St Peter's at 2pm

Fri 6th Dec - Christmas Jumper day

Fri 6th Dec - Library Van

Thurs 12th Dec - Christmas lunch at school

Tues 17th Dec - Federation Pantomime at Kings Lynn

Wed 18th Dec - Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Thurs 19th Dec - Nativity at St Mary's at 2pm

Fri 20th Dec - Christmas party and last day of term