

Horsford C of E VA Primary School

What's happened in our school this week?

We start this week's news with a recount written by one of our Year 5 pupils telling us about their trip to West Stow last Friday. As they only arrived back at 4.30pm due to traffic problems, it was too late to make it into last week's newsletter. Thank you to Holly Ellis for letting us know all about her day.

"On Friday 29th April, Year 5 travelled to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village because we are currently learning about them in our history lessons. We started our journey at 9.30am and arrived at 11.00am. When we arrived, we had a guick snack and went into a room where we watched a short film about life as an Anglo-Saxon and how the archaeologists rebuilt the village that was previously there. Then, we went outside to look around the houses. There were lots of different types of houses because there were different theories about how they lived. One of the houses was called a 'sunken' house but the Anglo-Saxons wouldn't have liked that because it was damp, dark and sandy. After we had a good look around, we all went into the great hall and somebody talked about all the things we had seen in the houses and answered any questions we had. Then we had our lunch in a room near the reception and headed off to the museum. In the museum we played a game of Anglo-Saxon Top Trumps and looked at all of the replica artefacts and even tried on some Anglo-Saxon clothes! Thank you Miss Lee and Miss Greenwood, we all thoroughly enjoyed our day."

Today Year 1 are visiting Holt Country Park so we hope they have had a similarly enjoyable and educational day!

Next week is the Year 6 national Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs), so we wish all of our Year 6 pupils good luck and know they will all try their best. We know they will be looking forward to Friday when they can enjoy an afternoon of more relaxed activities!

Miss Anatola, Mrs Kirton, Miss Anderson

Celebrations

Each Monday, we hold our Awe and Wonder Celebration Worship, where certificates are awarded to one or two children from each class for positive behaviour or exceptional effort.

This week's certificate winners were:

Maxwell Bish, Harvey Brown, Sophie Keeble, Asia Leggett, Marco Wilkin, Libby Thompson, Harrison Kemp, Jamie Betts, Emma Middleton, Aaliyah Hermitage, Jimmy Oliver, Alisha Buxton, Keeley Bussey, Lewis Brown, Fenya Leggett, Stephanie De'Ath, Sam Starling, Jessica Prior, Syd Green, Tatum Jeeves, Jade Hill and Sancha Tallowin.

House Points:

Last week:

Blickling - 743 Felbrigg - 739 Sandringham - 693 Holkham - 603



Running Total:

- Blickling 64
- Felbrigg 71
- Sandringham 58
 - Holkham 59



Monday

Cheese and tomato pizza Spanish omelette (v) Minted new potatoes Mixed salad and coleslaw Peaches with ice cream

Tuesday

Beef Bolognese with pasta twists and herby bread Sweet potato and lentil korma with rice (v) Farmhouse mixed vegetables Toffee cream tart

Wednesday

Roast chicken with stuffing and aravv Homemade creamy vegetable bake (v) Roast potatoes Carrots and broccoli Fruity Wednesday with yogurt dip

Thursday

Local pork sausages with creamy mash Vegemince cottage pie (v) Baked beans Sponge pudding with sauce

Friday Fish fingers or salmon fingers Vegetarian sausages (v) Chips Garden peas or baked beans Very berry muffin

Attendance:

VHC Apples -96.02%

VHC Pears - 98.61%

Elmer - 95.65%

Kipper - 88.46%

Gruffalo - 100%

Funnybones -

94.44%

3/4G - 96.84%

3/4P - 98.31%

3/4F - 97.07%

- 5G 90.98%
- 5L 98.57%
- 6S 94.59%

6B - 100%

Well done to: Gruffalo & 6B



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Weekly Diary

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK Monday 9th May Morning: Reading SAT



Tuesday 10th May Morning: Grammar, punctuation & spelling SAT 1.30-3pm: Kipper - Story Café Afternoon: Funnybones - Forest Schools Afternoon: Y5 Skillforce children at Frettenham

Wednesday 11th May

Morning: Maths Arithmetic & reasoning SATs Afternoon: Drum lessons for children at Mill Lane Afternoon: Kipper - Forest Schools

Thursday 12th May

Morning: Maths reasoning SAT **Afternoon:** Gruffalo - Forest Schools

Friday 13th May

Dates for your diary!

Monday 16th May - Y6 at Crucial Crew event (children to be at school for 8.45am departure - more details to follow)

Tuesday 24th May - PATHS parent session at Mill Lane - 5-6pm

Thursday 26th May - New to reception parent meeting - 1.30-2.30pm

Friday 27th May - Non-uniform Day

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

This week's homework topic:

National Smile Week

Year R – take a picture of three things that make you happy and put it on Tapestry. Pictures will be shared with your class.

Year 1 – draw a picture and write a sentence about three things that make you or someone else smile.

Year 2 – acrostic about what makes them smile.

Years 3/4 – complete a random act of kindness and record it however you like, e.g. photograph, storyboard, paragraph

Year 5 – create a list of tasks that you have completed this week to make other people happy.

Year 6: SATs revision

Year R, 1 and 2

Reading: daily and record in diary

Spellings: practise words on the back of diary **Years 3-6**:

Reading: daily and record in diary

Maths: practising your times tables

Spellings: learn set words and write them into a sentence (tested on Friday)

Reminder: School dinners are now £2.20. Please can you make sure your child has the correct money with them at school. Thank you.

| C | lu | bs : | Holt Road site (HR) | Mill Lane site (ML) |
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| | Lunchtimes | After school |
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| Mondays | | |
| Tuesdays | Recorders (ML) | African drumming (HR) Glee (HR) Multi skills (HR) Disney film club (HR) Art (ML) Drama (ML) |
| Wednesdays | Origami (ML) | Dance club (ML) |
| Thursdays | Birdwatching (ML) | Gymnastics (HR) Singing (ML) |
| Fridays | | Y4/5 football (ML) Fiction Express - reading e-books (ML) |

Online shopping

Homework Survey Results

Please see the attached sheet for information on the results of our homework survey.

We will be using the information to help us make changes to our homework routines ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

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PTA Quiz Night

Friday 20th May 7pm for 7.30pm start £5 per person, Max of 8 in a team Tickets still available

from our school offices.

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When doing your online shopping please go via the Easy fundraising site to help us raise money for the school. Here is the link:

http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/horsfordcepta/?v=a

Do you know someone who will be 90 in 2016?

Do you know someone who lives in Horsford or surrounding areas that will be 90 years old during 2016? The Diocese of Norwich are looking to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with other new nonagenarians.

If so, please contact Sharon Money, one of our school governors, via the school office.

Special Fun Fair Lunch on Thursday 19th May

If you would like to order a lunch for your child please can you return the slip by Friday 13th May

Thank you

HELP SAVE DRAYTON SWIMMING POOL!

Children in Years 3-6 have been using the Drayton Junior swimming pool for years to help them learn to swim. We rely on this resource immensely so would love it if you could help us to raise money to fund essential repairs which will take place over the summer holidavs.

3 ways in which we can help to raise funds for the Drayton Pool.

- 1. Sign up to take part in the fun swimming gala on Sat 28th May (more details on the fliers attached)
- 2. Write a children's joke to be included in a joke book which will then be sold to the community (give your jokes into the office by Thurs 12th May)

3. Take part in Taverham Lions' cycle event along Marriotts' Way on 12th June. (more details to follow)

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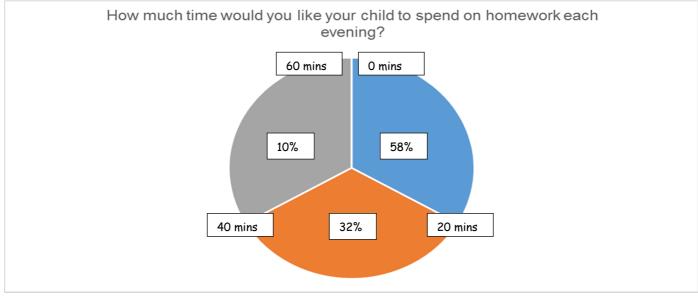


THE NEBULA PARTNERSHIP HORSFORD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK SURVEY RESULTS



83% of parents would like their child to have homework set.

For those who said they would not like to have homework they elaborated with comments like; 'I feel that at primary age a school day should provide enough academic work and after school and weekends are for play, rest, family activities, hobbies, important social time etc.'



Which subjects do you think children should be given homework in?

| Maths | 58% |
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| Reading | 74% |
| Writing | 53% |
| Discussion | 5% |
| Spellings | 68% |
| Class set homework related to the lessons | 53% |
| Whole school homework with one common theme | 16% |

Some parents commented further;

'The homework is very rarely related to the lessons in individual classes and is never differentiated within her year group. My child also does not appear to be given any praise for the effort she puts in.'

'SEN children shouldn't be set the same homework as more able children. If they have to, then it should be made so SEN children understand the work.'

'I do think they should get maths and English homework nightly.'

'Too many posters and drawings is not helpful - worksheets, and actual work is better!'

'It doesn't really seem to be supporting my children to be doing similar as each other as they are too different to work together and seem more suitable to the older one. I want to be able to support the range of learning not just drawing a picture. Why can't it be linked to what they are doing in class?'

'Homework that is set needs to be relative to their learning NOT random topics that inevitably the parents have to find the information on using the internet (ex: the queen and the things that have happened during her reign). The children need to have a homework that will aid their core learning skills such as maths and English.'

'Personally I find the best time to do homework is weekends as my child has activities most evenings but does find time to fit in reading and spellings during the week. Maths homework using the computer worked well, perhaps this could be implemented again.'

'I would like more specific maths homework rather than the online games and guidance on the best way to support times tables at home, thank you.'

'Homework should be for the child.'



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of Norse Commercial Services' theme days, we will be holding a 'Fun Fair' special lunch on Thursday 19th May. The menu will be:

Beefburger in a Homemade Roll (v) Vegetarian Sausage in a Homemade Roll Fried Onions Ketchup Curly Fries

If you would like your child/children to have lunch on this day then please complete the booking form below and return it to the School Office no later than **Friday 13th May**. The cost of the Fun fair Lunch is **£2.20**, the same as a normal school meal. Please pay in the usual way ON THE DAY. If you have a free school meal then you won't need to pay any additional cost, but please return the slip below.

Many Thanks

The School Kitchen

Fun Fair Special Lunch Booking Form

| I would like (Name: | |) to have a Fun Fair Lunch on |
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| Thursday 19 th May. | Class: | Vegetarian: " |

Signature:....

Please return to the school office no later than Friday 13th May.

fresh ideas feeding minds

FUN SWIMMING GALA

at

Riverside Leisure Centre

fundraising for DRAYTON SWIMMING POOL APPEAL



Saturday 28th May 2016

4.30 pm - 8 pm Riverside Leisure Centre, Wherry Rd, Norwich NR1 1WX

> The FUN *Team Races will include: Woggle races Relays Cannon relays

Race the teacher/swimming instructor

The Swimming gala event is open to all the schools and club members who use the pool in Drayton. *Teams will be made up from your school or club.

Cake sale • Free family swim voucher for every participant

RefreshmentsPhoto opportunity with Jessica-Jane ApplegateRaffleMBE and Paralympic swimmer who will

Meet the Riverside Leisure Centre mascot represent GB at the Rio Olympics - TBC Gala Races are to be held in both the teaching pool and main pool - according to ability -

ALL swimmers and non-swimmers welcome. This fun event is being hosted by

Riverside Leisure Centre who are providing all life guards and swimming instructors free of charge.

Participant entry fee - £2.00

Spectator donations all gratefully received in aid of Drayton Pool Appeal. We encourage every child taking part to get as much sponsorship as possible.

Please complete attached entry form to register your interest and return to your school or club with your fee by Friday, 13 May 2016.

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DRAYTON SWIMMING POOL APPEAL

Registration Form

Name:

School/Club:

Age: Year Group:

Entrance fee £2 enclosed: YES / NO

I confirm my child would like to take part in the fun swimming gala on Saturday, 28 May 2016

Parent/Guardian signature:

My child can swim 25 metres unaided: YES / NO - All abilities welcome.

Please return form and entrance money to your school/club by Friday, 13 May 2016.