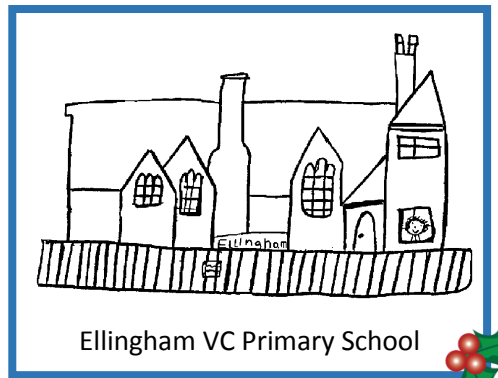




Newsletter

Friday 8th December



Ellingham VC Primary School



Maths Whizz

Best Usage: Joshua Naphine, Jennifer Ruthven, Ruby Roos, Otto Wathen, Isabelle McDonald, Harrison Lambert, Finley Watson, Jessica McDonald and Adam Ford.



Amazing Progress: Lilah Marsham, Lola Vass, Jennifer Ruthven, Annabella Rackham, Nate Haines-Rowell, Joshua Ford, Finley Watson, William Forwood and Adam Ford.

Well done to all those children, another fantastic effort. Please keep up the good work.

Sparrows

This week we have started focusing on Christmas and Winter. We have made a variety of Christmas keepsakes. For literacy we have written the inside of our Christmas cards. In maths we have been looking at one less than a given number. It's surprising we've had the time to do any of this though with all the production practice we've had! 😊 We are all looking forward to the performance next week.



Please can you hand any reply slips into the office or the post box rather than putting them in your child's book bag.

Skylarks

Thank you to everybody for providing costumes and other props needed for our 'Winter Show'. The children have been working hard during rehearsals and we can't wait for the performance.



This week we have had a winter theme. We have read different versions of the story of Jack Frost and have produced our own artwork based on illustrations from a book. We have made glittery snow play dough and continued to learn about the Antarctic.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Ward 😊 and Mrs Sayer 😊.

Swifts

English

This week in English we have finished writing out Tudor information texts. We then checked and edited them and wrote them into neat for a class book. We are all very proud of our work and have done a great job!!

Maths

This week in maths we have learnt how to use bar models to help us solve problems. This is a new concept that the children have learnt and they have done very well to understand how to use it so quickly.

Swifts have also begun to do their end of term assessments this week.

Tudor Day

Please remember Tudor day for Swifts class is on the **18th December**. Your child is allowed to **dress up as a Tudor** for this day and will take part in lots of Tudor themed activities.



Swallows

Maths

This week we have been converting units of measure by multiplying or dividing by 10, 100 or 1000. E.g. 0.7 metres = 70cms, 40 grams = 0.04kg, 2.5 litres = 2500ml. We have also been learning to convert imperial measures to decimal.

English

We have been working in groups to write the Christmas Story ready for the carol concert and have summarised the story of Baboushka into 100 words.



Chickens

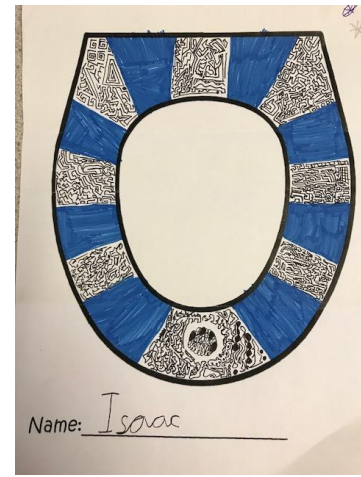
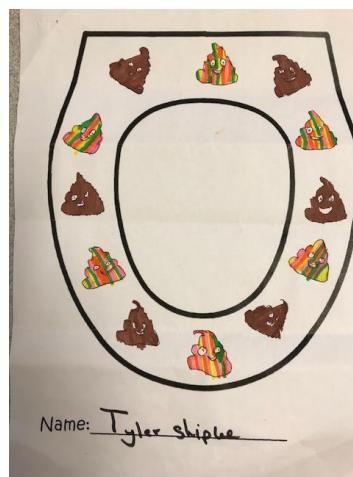
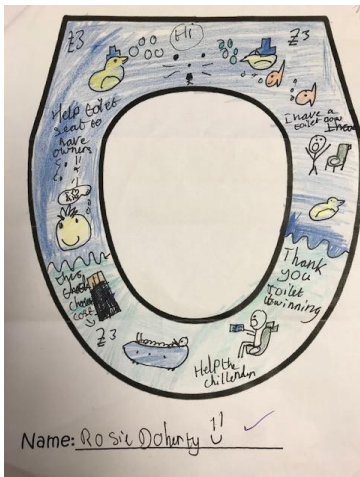
The Christmas holiday is approaching fast. If anyone is able to feed the chickens at any time during the holiday could they please see Mrs Kenyon. Many thanks.



Toilet Twinning

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in the toilet twinning activities and to Mrs Cave for kindly donating the winner's prize. We raised £65 which is just enough to provide one toilet for a third world country.

The winner was Rosie Doherty, runners up were Tyler Shiplee and Isaac Wren and the winner of the most words, with an astounding 124 words was Mrs Rix. Well done everyone.



Times Tables Olympics

Well done to these children who have achieved the following levels in the Times Tables Olympics;

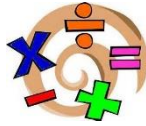
Finalist 2 - Lucy Forwood

Silver - Molly Giller and Isabelle McDonald

Gold - Phoebe Wakefield

Olympic 1 - Ruby Taylor

Higher Level 1 - Bradley Lambert



PTA Christmas Party

Please don't forget to return your Christmas party reply slips by Monday.



Maths Whizz Cup

Once again Swallows have won the Maths Whizz Cup. Well done Swallows for retaining the cup! Next term the Maths Whizz cup will go to the class who has achieved the most progressions.



Important Information

Parents and children have been found wandering around the school following after school clubs.

Please can we ask you not to come into the main building after school. It is leaving dirty footprints on carpets already cleaned. It is also a data protection issue to be in the classroom or the office unattended.

If anything is left in school following a club, it can be collected the following day. Thank you.

Lost Key

We have had a key handed into the office. If anyone has lost a key, please see Mrs Wood or Mrs Cave in the school office.



Sickness

A reminder that children should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to stop germs being spread around the school.



Joy of Food

Thank you to those of you who attended our taster session this week. We are excited to say that the course will start in January, dates to be confirmed. If you want to get out of the house for a while, learn some new recipes to tempt the children with, or are just interested in coming along to meet new people, please let the office know. Spaces are limited and you must book your place with the office. The course will run for 4 weeks and at every session you will learn how to make a new recipe. You will also get to take home a family meal at the end of every session, and on completion of the course you will get your own cookery book to keep. The course is free and everything needed will be provided. This is a fantastic opportunity and so please do book your place before they fill up.



Mrs Sayer's Craft Club

Below is a photo of the hungry caterpillars, fire breathing dragons and winter/Christmas countdown calendars that the children in Mrs Sayer's craft club have made.



Beccles Royal Gymnastics

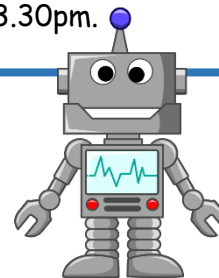
Competition

Well done to Edie Vass who won a gold medal in her first gymnastics competition with the Beccles Royals. Fantastic achievement!



Robotics Roadshow - Swallows and Swifts

A reminder that the robotics roadshow is next week. The Swallows will be attending on Monday and the Swifts on Tuesday. The coach will be leaving school at 8.55am so please be in school promptly. Packed lunches will be required and children will need to be in full school uniform. The children are due to leave the Carrow Road Stadium in Norwich at 3pm and so should arrive back to school at around 3.30pm.



Next Week's Activities

We have a busy week next week with various Christmas and winter activities. On **Wednesday 13th December** at 2pm we have the **Sparrows performance of their Nativity**. Then on **Thursday 14th December** we have the **Skylarks performing their 'Winter Production' at 2.15pm**. Parents and carers are welcome to come along to watch the performances. On **Friday 15th December** we have the **KS2 carol concert**. This will be held in church at 6pm.



Swallows Swimming

Please can you return your swimming permission forms by next Friday, thank you.



The Iris Nurture Nook

On Saturday we were pleased to be able to have a visit from Iris to open 'The Iris Nurture Nook'. This fabulous space was provided by the fundraising achieved by Dom and Iris. It will provide a lovely, calm environment and we are very grateful to both of them for donating so generously.



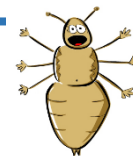
PTA Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who helped at or attended the Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. It was a huge success with £1500 raised.



Head Lice

We have had reports of head lice. Please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat as necessary.



Guitar Lessons

As guitar lessons have now finished for this term, please make sure you take your guitars home.



Out of School Achievements

If your child has done something amazing out of school, please let the office know and we can feature them in our newsletter and on our achievement board in school. We like to celebrate any achievement, whether it be winning a medal or taking part in something out of the ordinary. Send details along with photos to the office and we will do our best to feature them.



Christmas Lunch - Friday 15th

Don't forget to wear your Christmas jumpers next Friday for the school Christmas lunch.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 11th December - Swallows Robotics Roadshow - **Packed lunch required**

Tuesday 12th December - Swifts Robotics Roadshow - **Packed lunch required**

Wednesday 13th December - 2.00pm - Sparrows Christmas Performance

Thursday 14th December - 2.15pm - Skylarks Winter Performance

Friday 15th December - Christmas Lunch - **No more orders can be taken** - Christmas jumpers can be worn

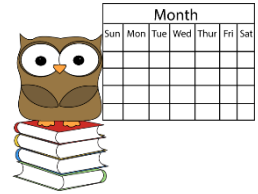
Friday 15th December - KS2 Carol Concert at the Church 6pm - **(Please note this year it is for KS2 only)**

Monday 18th December - Swifts Class Tudor Day - Please come dressed in Tudor clothes

Tuesday 19th December - Last day of the autumn term

Tuesday 19th December - PTA Christmas party 3.30pm to 5.00pm - Please return your reply slips

Thursday 4th January - First day of the spring term



Twitter

Don't forget to check our Twitter page for updates, reminders and celebrations. It's quite simple to follow our twitter page,

- Download or find twitter on the internet
- Sign up by just filling out your full name, mobile number or email address
 - Then type in the search bar 'EllinghamVC'
 - Our page will appear and then just click 'Follow'
 - You will then receive our regular news and updates

