



## School News – May 2019

### Class 1



Linking to our Farming and Food topic, Class 1 had a wonderful day out at Easton Farm Park a few weeks ago. The children got to meet Poppy and Lilly the Suffolk Punch horses, they found out what they like to eat and how they helped us in the past with farming. We were then very lucky to get to groom Poppy. We were all amazed by her size but really enjoyed



getting up close to these big friendly giants. The children also learnt about where our food comes from. They thought about if we were an island, would we be able to eat the same foods that we have now. They really enjoyed knowing that most of our food could be made in Suffolk and we could still source most of the food that we can buy.

Class 1 have also been really busy learning all about their new topic 'Rainforests'. We have studied the different layers of the rainforest, the various animals that you would find, the habitats and so much more. Everyone is enjoying learning about the rainforest and we look forward to investigating more after half term.

Year 2 have completed their SATS tests recently, so a really BIG WELL DONE to all of them.

The Class 1 staff hope that you enjoy your half term and we look forward to seeing you all for the final half term of this academic year.



### Class 2



It has been a busy few weeks in Class 2. Our topic for this term is the county of Suffolk, which kicked off with a super school trip to the Suffolk Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park. We could have spent three days there with the volume of activities available but just some of the highlights include: modern farming and machinery, wildlife zones, beekeeping, the beagle puppies, chick holding, trying local produce and many displays such as sheep shearing, gun dogs, farriery & more!

In maths, we have made great progress on telling the time culminating in some super board games that the children have designed themselves. In literacy we have been doing our own writing based on 'Mini Grey's Traction Man' where objects in the classroom come to life such as 'Tennis' the tennis ball and 'Mr Tangles' the link chain.

Finally, we have focused on cricket this term for P.E in preparation for the tournament. All of Class 2 can now bowl

overarm, a particularly hard skill to master in sport. Well done!

Wishing you all a super half term break and I look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term of the school year.



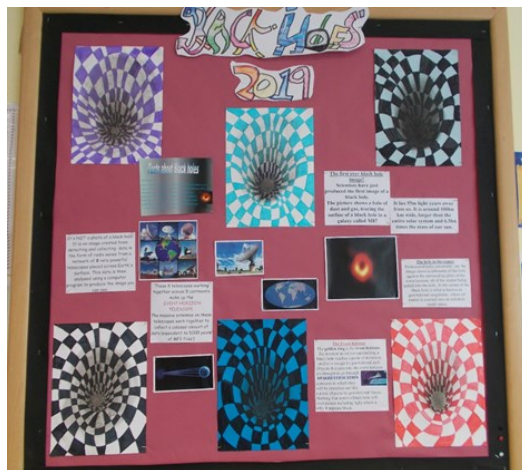
### Class 3

This term we are learning about the Tudors and some of the significant events during that period of British history. We have learned about the War of the Roses and found out a bit about each Tudor Monarch. After half term, we are planning a visit to Kentwell Hall where the children will experience life as a Tudor for the day – I am hoping that it will inspire the children back in the classroom. In Art, we are looking at Tudor artwork and in particular, we will be studying the work of Hieronymus Bosch and Hans Holbein.

In Science with Mrs Merry, the children researched black holes and designed their own black hole pictures.

Next term in maths, we will be solving some mysteries and investigations, and we are looking forward to the Key Stage 2 Performance – pupils will have lines to learn, which will form part of their homework. Thank-you in advance for helping them!

Finally, congratulations to Year 6 who have finished their SATS tests. They all worked hard and did their very best. Whatever the outcome, I am proud of them all.



### Too Much Plastic!



Charsfield Primary School have been lucky enough to enter two pieces of art into a display at the Suffolk Show to highlight the issue of plastic and litter in the environment. Class 2 have made a great squirrel climbing a tree, using old material, chicken wire and carrier bags. Class 3's project was a stunning badger coming out of his den; the materials of choice were: milk bottles, crisp packets, old chicken wire and tights. This was a challenging project that pushed the children's creativity in a new direction, they were quite rightly proud of the outcome. If you wish to see the recycle art at the Suffolk Show, it will be at the Suffolk recycling stand Blue 194.



### Mental Health Week From 13<sup>th</sup> May



A big thank-you to Mrs Foster for leading some lovely activities at lunchtime for the children during this week. They were given the opportunity to take part in activities that can help to calm and ease stress. We had sessions of colouring, meditation, exercise and music. The highlight for the children was Thursday when we looked at how animals (or even a cuddly toy) can help you to find peace when you are stressed and in need of a friend. The biggest highlight though, was meeting Mrs Foster's pet tortoises Mac and Jag, who came in to help the



children with animal therapy and were very popular. They spent much of lunch time strolling around the playing field being stroked and fed by the children.

### Uniform Ordering

Mrs Butcher will need to place a uniform order **before the middle of June** to get it delivered in for the end of term. She will be sending around an email for any orders, please simply reply back to her by the cut-off date so that she can compile an order.

Many thanks



## Clubs/School Dinners



Days / Dates	Times	Name of club	Session Cost	Club Leader	How to book in
Daily (Mon-Fri)	8am to 8.55am	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	£2.50 for the first child £2.25 for additional siblings	Kim (Our Midday Supervisor)	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Monday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Computer After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Tuesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Film After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Wednesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Crafts After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Wednesday	2.45pm to 3.15pm	<b>Guitar Lessons</b>	£11.00 per child per lesson	Matt Shepherd	Please complete the sign up letter from reception letter holder
Thursday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Games After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Friday	3.15pm to 4.30pm	<b>Computing Club</b> - No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink	£4 per child	Miss Terri King	Please complete the sign up letter from reception letter holder

To book in for Breakfast or After School Clubs please speak to Kim, Terri or Mrs Butcher in the office.

### School Money Payment System

We do hope that you have found the transfer over to the 'School Money' payment collection system seamless and fairly easy. Could we politely ask you to intermittently log on and keep your outstanding balance down to a minimum to help with the cash flow of the school. If you have any issues with this please do speak to Mrs Butcher who will be able to help you.

**Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Trust, Mutual Respect and Tolerance**

### Cross Country Finals

A huge 'Well Done' to 3 of our pupils, Keir, Maria and Findlay, who made it through to the Cross Country County Finals that took place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The run was around the Common in Mellis on what turned out to be a very hot afternoon. They all did an amazing job competing against the best in their year groups from the county, resulting in Maria coming forth for the Year 4 Girls. We are very proud of all three of you!



### Orienteering County Finals

Another 'Well Done' to Harry C, Keir, Findlay and Isaac P who; against 40 other teams; gained a place in the Orienteering County Finals on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This event took place in Thetford Forest on a hot and sticky afternoon. Miss Sayer, who took the team, said that they did an amazing job and managed to come 3<sup>rd</sup> out of nine teams. Findlay and Isaac were also the second fastest team to complete the task. Well done lads! What a fabulous year we are having for sporting achievements for such a small school!



### PTA Update



The PTA have been an excellent helping hand to the school in raising money. They held an ice-lolly sale after school, which all of us children loved, but in the summer I think we

should do it more often! They do lots of things we don't see, like giving money for school trips for all of the pupils so we can go on them more often. I particularly liked the event on Mother's Day where we could choose presents and wrap them up to give to our Mum's. (They will be doing the same for Father's Day on Friday 14th June for a charge of £2.) The PTA will also be running a stall at Charsfest on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June to raise money and the sweet bags are normally very popular. I think the PTA is very kind and my mum has lots of fun working with the other parents.

The next PTA dates are on the 'Dates for your Diary' page of the newsletter.

Written by Ella



### Swimming Gala Competition

Well done to our swimming team who represented the school at Framlingham College in April. There was some tough competition from other local schools; particularly as it was obvious that some schools had club swimmers to choose from! Everyone swam their best and we were placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools.



## Dates for your diary

### **Monday 27th—31st May—May Half Term**

Thursday 13th June—Father's Day Lunch 12-1pm

Friday 14th June—Yr. 1/2 Quadkids Competition at Hartismere School & Father's Day Secret Shop & PTA Ice Lolly Sale

Monday 17th June—Parent assembly at 2.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 19th June—KS2 Kwik Cricket Competition at Worlingworth

Thursday 20th June—Yr. 5 Day at Thomas Mills High School

Friday 21st June—Author Visit in School

Monday 24th June—Whole School Surprise Trip

Tuesday 25th June—KS2 Rounders Competition

Wednesday 26th June—Class 2 Country Dancing

Thursday 27th June—Class 3 Kentwell Hall Trip

Friday 28th June—Class 3 at Framlingham College

Wednesday 3rd July—Sports Day (Group activities in the morning / Lunch 12-1pm and then races. Parents are invited to as much as they wish to )

Tuesday 9th July—Reserve Sports Day

Monday 15th July—Parent Assembly in hall at 2.30pm

Wednesday 17th July—KS2 Play Performance 6pm

Thursday 18th July—Yr. 6 Leaver Assembly in church at 9.30am & KS2 Play Performance 6pm

Friday 19th July—PTA End of Term Disco 6-7.30pm

Monday 22nd July—Move up day for all years—(Yr. 6 to high school and new reception pupils in all day.)

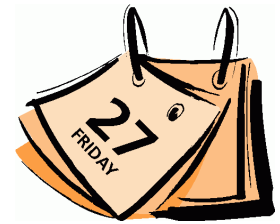
Tuesday 23rd July—Last day of school

Wednesday 24th July PD Day—No pupils in school.

### **Thursday 25th July—Summer Holidays Starts**

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September—PD Days

Wednesday 4th September—Pupils first day in school



## After School Club

Reminder of the themed clubs:

Monday's - Computer Games

Tuesday's - Film Club with popcorn

Wednesday's - Craft Club

Thursday's - Outside Play \*weather permitting

Friday's - Computer Club



This terms Craft Clubs are as follows:

Wednesday 5th June - DIY Hovercraft

Wednesday 12th June - Coaster Decorating

Wednesday 19th June - Cloud Dough

Wednesday 26th June - Tie Dye. Please could you provide your child/ren with a white T-shirt.

Wednesday 3rd July - Mini Cushions

Wednesday 10th July - Bottle Rocket Launcher

Wednesday 17th July - Terri's Craft Box Raid

Tuesday 23rd July - Water Fight. Please book your child/ren in before this date if they wish to participate.

Happy half term! Terri



## Parking

We would like to ask parents to park considerately outside the school premises, particularly at drop-off and pick-up. For those of you who are unaware, we are very lucky in that we are able to use the village hall car park at these times. Thank you.

## Hot Weather

Please remember to send your child into school with a named water bottle, sunhat and wearing sun cream on days expected to be hot next term (extra sun cream can be brought in too in a named bottle and reapplied).

