



BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The days are flying by and it's hard to believe it's only 37 days until Christmas!

We have an awful lot to pack in before then, not least practising for the whole school nativity play. We are already learning songs and sorting out costumes although we are trying to keep excitement down until at least the 1st of December-no glitter until then!

Smugglers Class

This week we have been to the Glaven Caring Centre to see an art exhibition which included the Smugglers Christmas Card entries. We were very warmly welcomed and treated to sausage rolls, mince pies and squash! The children were impeccably behaved, polite and interested. We have already been invited back and can't wait to give them a preview of the Nativity.

The Federation sports day at Walsingham was also a great opportunity for the children to make friends and have fun in the rain. Despite the weather, the children all got involved and showed a very healthy competitive spirit. After the residential at Howe Hill and the football tournament, the friendships are becoming much stronger and the children look forward to seeing each other.

In class we have finished our Maths theme of Multiplication and Division and have moved on to area and shapes for Years 3 and 4 and Fractions for Years 5 and 6. Most children enjoy the practical elements of shape and space so there are lots of hands on lessons. Fractions can sometimes be tricky but the extra times table practice we have been doing helps hugely so the children are coping well.

In English we have unfortunately completed our poetry module. I say unfortunately because the Smugglers class have been so engaged and have produced some stunning poems. It is a difficult subject to teach but the children here have a natural feel for it and I have been amazed at their enthusiasm for writing about the natural world. If you would like to see their poems please do drop by the classroom. We have started our new book, called Weslandia, which focuses on an in depth study of character and settings.

We are of course missing Mrs James, who is now recuperating at home. It has been lovely to see how caring and considerate the children have been. They ask how she is and were particularly concerned about who was caring for her cat. Winston is fine and pleased to have her home. Mrs James is recovering but also misses the children.

I would like to say a big thank you to all of you helping the children with the extra homework. Nearly all children are handing this in on time and many of them early! This diligence will certainly pay off in terms of their learning as well as in marbles!

Rainbows Class

Rainbows class have been on lots of journeys this week! We have been travelling around the United Kingdom looking at all of the different countries. Mrs Martin has been amazed at how we can all identify the United Kingdom on a map and find, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We can also find Norfolk. It was fun to fill in all of the countries with different objects to show that we know where they are.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting increasingly greater numbers and we are getting much quicker at doing the calculations.

We had so much fun at Walsingham yesterday. We played crab football and played with all of our friends from the other schools in the Federation.

If you have passed by the school this week you may have heard us singing our new songs. We are busy practising for our Christmas Nativity play. It promises to be a singing extravaganza!

PTFA Bingo

The PTFA are looking for donations for the PTFA Bingo night on Friday 2nd December at Blakeney Village Hall. Doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. They would like raffle prizes and bingo prizes i.e. anything fun, silly, edible, Christmassy etc.

All families welcome, the more the merrier!

Can all donations be passed to Cat Massingham or Michala Strong please.

Thank you!



November

Tues 29th		Federation KS2 Basketball @ Blakeney
Weds 11th	AM	Flu Immunisations (Second Visit)

December

Mon 5th		Rainbows Forest School Day
Weds 6th	8.45am	Stay and Read
Thurs 8th		Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 9th	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner
Tues 13th	1.15pm	Visit to Glaven Caring for Nativity/Carols
Thurs 15th	2.00pm	Christingle & Nativity @ St Nicholas Church
Fri 16th	3.15pm	Break up for Christmas holidays

January

Weds 4th	8.45am	Back to school
Fri 6th	1.30pm	Federation Panto (Snow White) @ Blakeney Village Hall