# BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to school and the first of our monthly newsletters! Newsletters will now be sent out each month (to avoid information overload) but teachers and staff will continue to keep you updated via Class Dojo should there be any unexpected events.

The children have had a very busy but happy week. The PTFA Halloween party was a fun way to mark the day and the children were full of stories about their trick or treat adventures. Messy Breakfast at St Nicolas Church with friends and families on Wednesday morning, helped to reenergise some quite tired looking children and welcomed our new children to the community. The reading café this afternoon proved a relaxing way to end a busy week - it is always lovely for the children to have their parents' in school. The school week ends this evening with the Federation Firework event at Hindringham. I'm sure that the children will all deserve a bit of a lay in on Saturday!

With those Autumnal events over, the school and children now look forward to our Nativity performance and song practice is already underway. The school will certainly be full of singing as our new choir club begins next week. We are so grateful to Reverend Sarah for the time she is devoting to this. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children and will be such a joy to have a fully robed choir! Kelling Primary children have been invited to join us for this club and I can't wait to see the friendships between the children grow. As mentioned in the letter, Lego club will be moved to Tuesday afternoons to accommodate choir club but this enables us to offer after school clubs for 4 afternoons a week.

Please do check the events section of the newsletter to see what else is happening in November. Our open morning is next week so if you know of anyone with school age children looking for a reception place do let them know. We are full at the upper end of the school so they would be lucky to join early! If you would like any clarification or further information on any of the events - please don't hesitate to contact us via, phone, Dojo, email or catch us on the gate. Our next newsletter will be sent out for December when the countdown to Christmas really begins!

Have a lovely weekend.

Team Blakeney

## Hedgehogs News

*Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely half term for you all! I hope you enjoyed spending time with your little ones, collecting pumpkins and taking part in all things spooky for Halloween.*



*It has been a busy first week back, as always, and we have been lucky enough to start the term off with a school trip to Algy's Farmshop!*

*Despite it being rather muddy, the children all had a brilliant time choosing a pumpkin and paying for it with their own money. Thank you to all parents for sending your child in with a monetary donation, this enabled every child to get a pumpkin!*

### Foundation Subjects

*Our first week back in Science has seen us investigating rainbows. The older children have had the opportunity to find out what makes a rainbow and they have taken part in an experiment where they used felt tip pens to watch the dye travel down through a paper towel whilst it was in water. We learnt that rainbows always begin as white, but as the sun hits the raindrops it disperses into different colours. The younger children enjoyed making their own rainbows from paper chains and these are displayed around our classroom so do take a look!*

*In RE, we have moved onto learning about the Christmas Story. The children were all able to recognise the importance of this special time to Christians and retold the story using words and imagery. Our younger pupils created some lovely nativity scenes using water colours, capturing the moment that Jesus was born.*

*In preparation for Bonfire Night, the children created their very own Guy Fawkes! They worked collaboratively as a group to stuff the trousers and jacket with newspaper, before adding speech bubbles and information around him. The children are all very excited for Bonfire Night and have learnt how to take care when around bonfires and fireworks in preparation for the weekend.*

### English

*In English this week we have moved onto learning about rhyme. We are using the text 'Once Upon a Raindrop' and focusing on rhyming words related to water. The children have found rhyme rather a challenge, particularly our youngest individuals, but we are beginning to grasp this. We are enjoying listening to different nursery rhymes that contain rhymes and are getting to grips with the sounds within words that rhyme.*

## Hedgehogs News (continued)

### Maths



*In EYFS, the children have started to revise the numbers one to five, starting with one. The children have enjoyed exploring a number a day (so far, 1 and 2!) and have been getting crafty to draw, paint and represent the focus number. The Year 1 children have been focusing on subtraction and they have shown that they are excellent at this! The Addition and Subtraction unit is now at an end for this group and they're moving onto Shape next week! The Year 2 children are working hard with 2-digit numbers and have learnt the column method to support them with adding and subtracting. It is a tricky method to learn but they are getting to grips with it well!*

### Hoglets



*The children within Hoglets have settled back after the half term with ease and have been immersed in their learning. They have started their Little Wandle Phonics sessions this week and have enjoyed listening to the nursery rhyme 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'. The children have learnt the actions well and are developing their awareness of sounds when blended by the teacher.*

*In our afternoon sessions, the children have been joining in with adult-led activities and they had great fun making paper chain rainbows! Some of the children were able to do this independently and we were super impressed!*

*It has been lovely to see friendships grow amongst our youngest children and the children really do play co-operatively and we are already seeing a positive impact on the children's social skills and language development.*

### Other Information:

- *On Tuesday 5th December, we are going on a school trip to the Sealife Centre. All children that attend pre-school on this day are invited to come too. We will be going on the mini-bus and will spend the day there! We are very excited. We are asking for a £6 voluntary contribution to cover the cost of your child's ticket to attend.*

## Samphire News

*The marble jar refused to close at the beginning of the week, which prompted a very important discussion - what treat should they receive? Voting was split between a Teddy Bears Picnic and Football, so after a tie - we decided to do both. I was very glad that the suggestion of a water fight never made it to the ballot! I think the newest members of the class joined at just the right time. Who knows how long it will take to fill the jar with good deeds next time?*

*The week began for us with revision of basic skills in Maths. Years 3 and 4 worked with increasingly greater numbers in addition and subtraction and Years 5 and 6 looked at multiplication and division. Next week, Lower Key Stage 2 move onto making arrays for times tables and inverse operations for multiplication facts while the older children delve deeper into manipulating fractions.*

*English has been wonderful as the whole class has been studying persuasive writing and in conjunction with our Science theme, are inventing a healthy snack and making an advert to try and persuade people to buy it.*

*PE lessons have proved great fun and this half term we are cross country running and playing Rugby. I will apologise in advance for any muddy children but it is a hazard difficult to avoid! Our Science theme (Healthy Body Healthy Mind) continues and we will be looking at organs of the human body and teeth. RE lessons take on a seasonal tone as we study the Nativity.*




**November**

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| Fri 3rd | 10.40am | Y5/Y6 Swimming @ Greshams |
| | 2.00pm | Reading Café - Fireworks Topic |
| | 5.30pm - 7pm | Federation Fireworks @ Hindringham |
| Wed 8th | 9.00am | 2024 Reception Open Morning |
| Tues 14th | 9.00am | Tempest Individual Photographs |
| Weds 15th - Fri 17th | | Y6 Residential @ Norfolk Lakes |
| Fri 17th | | Children in Need Day |
| Thurs 23rd | 9.30am | KS2 Fed Sports Morning @ Hindringham |
| Fri 27th | 11.30am | Flu Immunisations |

**December**

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| Fri 1st | | PTFA Bingo @ Blakeney Village Hall |
| Tues 5th | | Hedgehogs trip to Sealife Centre, Hunstanton |
| Fri 8th | | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Sat 9th | | Christmas Market @ St Nicholas Chutch |
| Tues 12th | 10.00am | Carol Singing @ Budgens, Holt |
| Thurs 14th | 2.00pm | Christmas Concert |
| Fri 15th | 2.00pm | Nativity/Christingle @ St Nicholas Church |
| | 5.00pm | Christmas Disco |