# BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thank you all so much for such an amazing start to our new term.

The children have already enjoyed a morning with the Prayer Spaces team, creatively exploring the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Photographs of this are up on the reflection board as you walk to the school hall. A big thank you to Mrs Jolley and her team for this.

We are expecting a delivery of bare root hedging to be delivered from the Woodland Trust. This native hedge will be planted over in the plantation to provide an enhanced habitat for wildlife. Once the plants have arrived, it would be great to get a team together to help the children plant them. When I have an exact date I will send out an invitation on Dojo. It would be lovely to make this a whole school community event so please do come along if you can.

The Celebration Worship and Coffee afternoon last Friday was another lovely example of what makes our school so special. A big thank you goes to all those who attended and to our Worship Council and Year 6's who presented for the first time. The confidence they will gain from speaking in front of a supportive audience will be so valuable to them and hopefully inspire the other children to join in. Our next worship to be led by the children will be on Friday 15th November.

We have all been having fun on the new playground wheelie boards. These small trolleys can be linked together or sat on individually and pushed down a slope - great fun! These boards were purchased after the children asked for more varied activities to be available during breaks. I have posted images of the children enjoying them on the school website and attached some to the back of this newsletter.

The PTFA have a number of events planned for the coming months. These include a tombola on the quay for the Blakeney Fireworks event (Saturday 26th October), another tombola at Hindringham School Fireworks (Tuesday 5th November) and a Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall. If you have any suitable prizes or donations, these can be left in the school office and we will pass them on to PTFA members. Tickets for the fireworks display at Hindringham will be available in advance from the school office. The proceeds from this event enable us to take the whole Federation to the Pantomime at Christmas.

Collective worship this month is focused on our school value of Respect and looking at Courageous Advocacy - how we can speak up when we see injustice? We base our worships on a quote from Romans, 12:10

**"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."**

Of course, we are also practising for our whole school Harvest Festival. After a discussion with the children they have chosen to base this year's Festival on looking at where our food comes from. Please join us at St Nicholas' Church on Friday 18th October at 2.00pm.

**Please Note that there are NO After School Clubs next week as staff will be meeting parents for consultations.**

Team Blakeney

## Hoglets & Hedgehogs

We have had a great start to the school year and we have really enjoyed getting to know your children.

We have had lots of fun in English basing so much of our learning around one very naughty bus! Ask the children about him I'm sure they'll tell you why he is naughty.

In Maths children have shown a secure understanding of place value. They've worked really hard at partitioning numbers as well as comparing, ordering and finding more than and less than.

Hedgehogs are so enthusiastic about PE! We have really enjoyed playing Netball and Hockey with them. As we get further into the term, we'll learn more about the rules of each game but they have shown amazing skills so far.

October looks like it's going to be another great month. We're looking forward to our parents meeting with you all, as well as a trip to see the seals and a ride in the mini bus to choose a pumpkin at Algy's farm. More details on these trips to follow soon.

The Hedgehog and Hoglet's Class Team

## Samphire News

We continue with our learning theme of Ancient Egypt and Africa. The children have already written some amazing myths, non-chronological and newspaper reports and created Egyptian-style images on papyrus they made themselves. Our Geography and History learning is linked to this theme and will continue until Christmas. After half term, the focus becomes less Ancient Egypt based and moves onto exploring the wider continent of Africa.

### English

Years 3 and 4 move onto the book "King Tutankhamun." This will be a great opportunity for them to look at the features of a non-fiction text and learn more about the boy King. They are becoming experts. Years 5 and 6 are still reading the Secrets of the Sun King but will have this finished by half term. Their next text is Children of the Benin Kingdom.

### Maths

We have already moved on from Place Value and are whizzing through addition and subtraction. I can tell that our weekly Arithmetic lessons on a Thursday have helped to improve those basic mathematical skills. Years 5 and 6 move onto multiplication shortly, ready for Fractions after half term. It is during the Fractions module that then times table knowledge becomes crucial. I always have extra times table practice sheets available for the children - please do encourage your child to take extra home if you feel this is an area they struggle with.

### Science

Our learning in Science is progressing well with some very advanced vocabulary. You might want to ask your child if they have remembered the phrases heliocentric and geocentric or if they can remember the order of the planets. Moving forward, we will investigate night and day in different parts of the Earth and explain the movement of the moon.

### RS

We are continuing with our learning on Islam and how beliefs impact the daily lives of Muslims. Before half term, we will also look at the Christian festival of Harvest.

The Aspiration morning at Walsingham on today was a wonderful opportunity for the children to think about their futures and the opportunities open to them. The children were all engaged and asked some brilliant questions of the guests. We are hoping that this will become a yearly event and expose the children to varied and interesting career options.

## Samphire News (continued)

*On Tuesday 22nd October, Year 6 will be travelling in the morning to Gresham's Prep School for the yearly Crucial Crew event. Crucial Crew is a multi-agency event organised by the police and supported by the fire service It takes the form of a range of interactive scenarios which cover different topics, each educating with the aim to raise awareness of safety issues .*

*We are pleased to welcome Mr Greenaway back before half term. An extra adult in the classroom will enable us to provide even more focused support for the children. He will be joining Mrs Regis and I for our class trip to Norwich Castle for a day of Discovery and Debate. It should be lots of fun!*










**October**

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| Tues 8th | | Norwich Castle (Egyptian Topic) (Samphire Class) |
| Tues/Weds/Thurs | 3.30pm | Parents Evenings |
| Fri 18th | 2.00pm | Harvest Festival @ St Nicholas Church |
| Tues 22nd | 9.30pm | Y6 Crucial Crew @ Greshams |
| Weds 23rd | 10.15am | R/Y6 Heights and Weights |
| Thurs 24th | 3.15pm | Break up for half term |

**November**

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| Mon 4th | 8.45am | Back to School |
| Mon 4th | 9.30am | Y5/Y6 Swimming at Greshams |
| Wed/Thurs/Fri | 6/7/8th | Y6 Residential @ Norfolk Lakes |
| Mon 11th | 11.00am | Remembrance Service @ War Memorial |
| Weds 20th | 9.00am | Tempest Individual Photographs |
| Fri 29th | 9.00am | Flu Immunisations |