BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Thank you all for helping to ensure that the children had a successful first half term. We now move onto what I feel is the best half term on the calendar (it's nearly Christmas!!). Before the excitement kicks in, we have lots of learning to complete and a great number of events and visits.

This week alone we have the fireworks at Hindringham (please buy tickets in advance from the office if you wish to attend - they are a bit cheaper) and the Year 6's will make their way to Lyng Lakes for their final residential trip of Primary School.

On Wednesday, weather permitting, we will head out onto Friary Hills with the National Trust to ensure that the coastal path is clear of litter. Litter picking is a great way to raise awareness of the issues of waste and to encourage the children to think about excess packaging. Please ensure your child has a suitable waterproof coat in school and sturdy footwear. Wellies would be useful if it is wet.

Also this month, we will walk down to the War Memorial for a Remembrance Service with Reverend Sarah. Reverend Sarah de Bats has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our school and the children over this last year and she would like to explore the possibility of holding a Baptism service. This declaration of faith and celebration of inclusion to God's Family, would be open to anyone in our school community (adults and children) who might wish to explore the possibility of Baptism at St Nicholas'. If you feel this is something you or your child would like to know more about, please do contact Rev Sarah who will happily give more information.

Our learning themes in both classes continue from last term although in Samphire Class there is a transition towards the continent of Africa rather than Egypt alone. Please read the class section of the newsletter to find out what your childs' learning intentions will be this half term.

In Collective Worship we begin the half term looking at the feast of All Saints. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. We learn about some of the Saints and study the work of George Cadbury. I have heard that there may be chocolate involved! We then move onto Remembrance and the school value of Compassion. The Worship Council will also be leading Worship on Friday 15th November, which is also Children in Need day. We are asking the children to bring copper pennies into school so that we can fill in a giant Pudsey bear in playground.

I do try and keep the website updated with photographs from all of the happenings in school. Please take a look if you have minute, they are a lovely diary of events and you will see lots of happy familiar faces.

Team Blakeney

Hoglets & Hedgehogs

Welcome Back to an exciting new Half Term!

We hope you and your children had a wonderful half-term break and are feeling refreshed for the exciting weeks ahead! It's been wonderful to see all our young learners' faces back in the classroom, eager to dive into their learning adventures.

This half term promises to be packed with fascinating discoveries and magical moments as we approach the festive season. We have a brilliant theme that will spark your children's curiosity and imagination – Inventions and Machines! Get ready to hear all about gears, wheels, and amazing contraptions as your little inventors explore how things work.

In English, we're going to be sharing the beautiful story "Last Stop on Market Street" with our classes. This heart-warming tale follows CJ and his grandmother on their weekly bus journey after church, celebrating the beauty in everyday moments and the joy of community. Through this book, we'll be encouraging the children to observe the world around them with fresh eyes and appreciate the magic in ordinary things.

As the seasons change around us, our young scientists will be exploring weather patterns and seasonal transformations in their Science lessons. We'll be heading outdoors to observe nature's changes, from falling leaves to frosty mornings, and learning how different types of weather affect our daily lives so please make sure your children have appropriate clothing for lots of outside learning! Don't be surprised if your little ones become quite the weather forecasters at home!

And of course, with December just around the corner, there's a sprinkle of Christmas magic in the air! Preparations for our Nativity performance will soon begin giving your children the chance to shine on stage while building confidence and creating many memories. We'll be sending more details about costumes and performance dates very soon.

Here's to another wonderful half term of learning, discovery, and joy!

The Hedgehog and Hoglet's Class Team

Samphire News

As I said, this is my favourite half term - it's also one of the busiest! If I have forgotten anything or you feel you need some more information, please just get in touch. I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

In Literacy this term we begin with a whole class project. All of the children will research a charity or cause they are particularly drawn towards or is meaningful to them. This can be local or global and the children will then be able to discuss, challenge and confidently voice their views and opinions. They will compile these views in one long writing exercise in the form of an explanation leaflet. Once this leaflet is completed, Years 3 and 4 move onto Michael Morpurgo's *The Butterfly Lion* which is set in Kenya and Years 5 and 6, *Children of the Benin Kingdom.* Years 3 and 4 will focus on writing in role and description writing while Year 5 and 6 will compile diary entries, eye witness reports and survival guides.

Samphire News (continued)

In Maths, Years 3 and 4 have a few days of consolidating their addition and subtraction skills (they did so well last half term and progressed really well) before moving on to multiplication and division. This is a very intensive few weeks of times table knowledge so if you would like to support your child with their learning any of the online times tables games would help consolidate their knowledge and speed up their recall of facts. For the upper years, they move onto the first of two fractions modules. In this first section, we will concentrate on equivalent fractions and converting between mixed and improper fractions.

Our History and Geography modules move away from a focus on Ancient and modern Egypt and move towards a greater knowledge of other countries in Africa. In History, we study the Benin Kingdom which was found in what is now known as a part of Southern Nigeria.

In ICT, we continue with our desk-top publishing theme and in DT, once our cross stitch and applique module is completed, we move onto Food and Nutrition and eating seasonally. You will all be invited in to sample our seasonal vegetable tart at a later date!

PE this term is Tag Rugby on Mondays and Dance on Wednesday. If the weather remains fine we will try and get out for a run on Wednesday too. Swimming on Mondays this half term is years 5 and 6.



November

Wed/Thurs/Fri	6/7/8th	Y6 Residential @ Norfolk Lakes
Weds 6th	PM	Litter Picking with the National Trust
Mon 11th	11.00am	Remembrance Service @ War Memorial
Fri 15th		Children in Need Day
Weds 20th	9.00am	Tempest Individual Photographs
Sun 24th	AM	Family Service @ Wiveton Church
Fri 29th	9.00am	Flu Immunisations

December

Fri 6th		Christmas Jumper Day
		PTFA Bingo @ The Village Hall
Weds 11th	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner Day
Fri 13th		PTFA Federation Disco @ The Village Hall
Tues 17th	AM	Fed Panto @The Corn Exchange, Kings Lynn
Thurs 19th	2.00pm	Christmas Concert
Fri 20th	2.00pm	Nativity @ St Nicholas' Church
	3.15pm	Break up Christmas



Congratulations to Milo and Chloe for winning the art competition with the prize of starting the Blakeney Bonfire and Fireworks Display.

Milo had the joy of starting the Firework Display and Chloe started the Bonfire!!!



Fireworks Photograph
Brad Damms