BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Half term flew by in a flash and I have already seen the daffodil shoots coming through in the playground planting bed - Spring is on the way! The children are using the Plantation at break times more frequently (being careful of the native hedge that was planted in autumn!) and staff are beginning to look at trips and dates for the Summer term. We are trying very hard not to wish the time away as there is still a half term left before Easter which is full of events.

This week, many of the Year 5 cohort of the whole Federation travelled to How Hill for their residential trip. We had an amazing few days and it was lovely to see all 4 schools together. How Hill is a magical house and time spent in the communal areas always has a relaxed atmosphere, which is much needed at the end of busy days. Well done Year 5 - you behaved beautifully.

Whole School Collective Worship this term will be based around our core values of Hope and Kindness, which of course is a real focus on Lent. Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday. Do join us for pancake races on Friary Fields at 2.30pm. Can I also remind everyone that there is no parking on Friary Fields. We are permitted to use the grass area through the kindness of the management who have asked that vehicles are not parked on the driveway or the grass - thank you in advance.

Saturday evening is the PTFA Quiz in the Village Hall. I have a table booked and will see many of you there. If you are unable to make it, raffle tickets are available from PTFA members and I know there are some wonderful prizes. A big thank you goes to the PTFA who are so generous with their time and funds - the children of our school benefit hugely.

Friday 21st March is Comic Relief (Red Nose Day). There will be a cake sale at the end of the school day and children and parents will be able to buy a cake (50p suggested donation). Your child is also invited to wear something red alongside their usual school uniform, if they would like to. Baking will be completed in school by the children.

Team Blakeney

Hoglets & Hedgehogs

In Hedgehog and Hoglet class this half term we will still be basing lots of our learning around animals, especially dinosaurs!

We have already had lots of fun in the Plantation pretending to be palaeontologists. Children found all sorts of prehistoric artefacts such as, eyeballs, teeth, bones and much more. We will focus lots of our learning on fossils and bones and look forward to spending lots of time learning in the Plantation.

In Maths we are enjoying making arrays to help us learn about multiplication and division. Reception have been consolidating understanding of numbers to 10 and we will all enjoy learning about length and height towards the end of the term.

Hoglets & Hedgehogs

In English we are enjoying reading a book called 'Dinosaurs and all that rubbish'. We received a very exciting letter from the man in the book, which created lots of imaginative thinking! We also have tuff trays full of dinosaur activities which has been a big hit with everyone.

We have a very exciting trip planned for March so watch this space for more information on that.

Samphire News

Our Romans learning theme draws to a close this term (Saxons and Vikings are next!) and I have been amazed at the children's existing knowledge and how readily they have engaged in further research. I think the story of an erupting volcano really captured their imaginations! We still have some learning to complete on this topic and also need to fit in our termly NFER tests before we break up for Easter.

We began this week completing a fun experiment filtering dirty water for our Geography learning. In Geography, for the next 6 weeks, we look at *Life below the water*. This learning precedes a day spent on fieldwork skills with the Norfolk Rivers Trust later in the term.

For Years 5 and 6, in Maths in the coming weeks, we are manipulating decimals and looking further at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Years 3 and 4 will be ordering fractions, finding fractions of amounts and converting mixed numbers to improper factions. That's a lot of fraction work!

In English, we always try to spend the first week of each half term looking at a story or text as a whole class. This week, the children have been reading the story of Boudicca's rebellion. As I have been at How Hill, I can't wait to read the final versions of their explanation texts. Years 5 and 6 will finish their book, Thieves of Ostia and Years 3 and 4 will be writing descriptions of settings with a particular focus on describing the weather.

ICT, we continue with video production (I had no doubts at all that the children would excel in front of the camera) while in Science we classify plants.

PE remains on Mondays (Tennis) and Wednesdays (Fitness).



March

Sat 1st	6.00pm	PTFA Quiz @ Blakeney Village Hall
Tues 4th	2.30pm	Pancake Races on Friary Fields
Weds 5th		Nursery Open Day
Thurs 6th		World Book Day
	9.00am	Reading Café (Book Swap)
	3.15pm	Multi Sports Starts
Mon 10th	3.15pm	PTFA Meeting in school
Tues 11th	1.30pm	Y6 STEAM Event @ Greshams Prep
Fri 14th		KS2 Firebird Concert @ Snape Maltings
Weds 19th	9.00am	Tempest Class Photographs
		Swimming Gala @ The Reef, Sheringham
Fri 21st		RED NOSE DAY
	3.15pm	Cake Sale after school

April

Weds 2nd		Easter Egg Trail around the Village
Friday 4th	2.00pm	Easter Service @ St Nicholas Church
	3.15pm	Break up for Easter
Weds 23rd	8.45am	Back to School

May

Fri 2nd		Fed Founding Day @ Upper Sheringham Church
Mon 5th		MAY DAY
Mon 12th		Start of Y6 SATs Week
Fri 23rd	AM	KS1 Fed Art Morning @ Hindringham
	3.15pm	Break up for Half Term

June

Mon 2nd	8.45pm	Back to School
Weds 4th - Tues 10th		Salthouse Art Exhibition @ Salthouse Church
Tues 24th		Whole School Beach Day with the National Trust

July

Fri 18th		School Reports to parents
Tues 22nd	2.00pm	Leavers Service at School
	3.15pm	Break up for the Summer holidays