BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We had some very tired faces greet us towards the end of last week as the children returned from their Easter break but they have all found their feet this week with a full 5 days back at school. The weather has certainly been a blessing and has us all hoping for some wonderfully warm Summer days so that we can enjoy all of the outdoor activities we have planned.

It is a short and busy half term with a few Bank Holidays and the SAT's exams beginning on Monday 12th May. The Year 6 children are invited to arrive to school early that week and enjoy breakfast with their friends.

So far this week, Mr Snowdon has been in to take collective worship and talk to the children about honouring our school values. He also observed a choral worship where we practised the songs for our Founding Day. It was great to see the children in their purple tops this morning as we set off for Upper Sheringham and the Federation Founding Day. We will post some photographs on Class Dojo and on the school website as soon as possible.

The diary dates section of this newsletter has some new dates. We have put in a preliminary date for Sports Day in order to give parents plenty of notice. Obviously, this is weather dependent and we may be forced to cancel and reschedule. Also added is the eagerly anticipated whole school beach trip.

Our friends at St Nicholas' Church have asked us to let you all know that there will be no Messy Church this term. The big breakfast will continue as usual but it is felt that the incumbent vicar may like to begin his ministry in Autumn with a clean slate. We are very grateful to Our Open the Book team who will also continue with worship on Tuesday mornings.

On Thursday next week the Keys Stage 2 children will be heading to the Harbour Rooms to take part in VE Day commemorations with the Royal British Legion. Parents are invited to join us in the playground (or hall) at 9am for tea and coffee as Year 6 read the 80th anniversary proclamation and we all sing I vow to thee my country.

Thursdays seem to be particularly busy as the following week, the amazing PTFA are hosting the Stody Lodge charity tea room for their open garden event. This raises money to enhance the children's provision and experiences here at school and we are very grateful for all of the effort this entails.

Team Blakeney

Hoglets & Hedgehogs

Hello Hedgehog and Hoglet families

We have really enjoyed our first few weeks back at school since the Easter holiday. It was a joy hearing about everyone's adventures and what sounded like a never ending amount of Easter egg hunts! Year 1 and 2 have just completed some maths learning on length and height and have really blown us away with their understanding. You could help consolidate their learning by asking problem solving questions like, 'Bobs tower is 5 cubes tall and Bill's tower is 10 cubes tall. Make a tower that is taller than Bobs but shorter than Bill's.

Hoglets & Hedgehogs - continued.

Year 1s are beginning to look at alien and real words in phonics in preparation for their Phonics Screening Check in June. We have sent home a few sheets to help familiarise them with the sorts of words they'll be asked to read.

In English we are all enjoying our first traditional tale called Jim and the beanstalk. The children have already produced some great work that they are very proud of. We can't wait for their story writing to begin!

May brings lots to look forward to, we will be learning about statistics in maths, Science is based on trees and plants, so lots of fun in the plantation and English will involve lots more traditional tales. Then, at the end of the half term we will be going to Hindringham for a KS1 art morning and picnic with the rest of the Federation.

Lastly, if anyone has a spare big basket or a big box we could use for our junk modelling gear, we'd love to make good use of it in the classroom.

Thanks for all your support,

From the Hedgehog Team

Samphire News

Samphire Class have jumped straight into our new learning theme and have already produced some wonderful writing based around their new books. Years 3 and 4 created some really interesting dragons, wrote amazing descriptions of the Isle of Mull and Years 5 and 6 have not been at all daunted by the terrifyingly gruesome tale of Beowulf.

This week in Science, we spent some time over on Friary Fields trying to make ourselves less aerodynamic. Mrs Regis and I thoroughly enjoyed observing the children invent ways to make themselves bigger in order to slow themselves down. There were some wonderful hats, wings and parachutes and yes, they all succeeded in their efforts!

Mr Greenaway is back and has spent the first couple of weeks settling back into Blakeney and working with the children. He had a lovely time at his last school but has said that it is good to be back. On Friday 16th May, the Year 6 children will be taking part in a sponsored walk. Sponsorship forms should have arrived home today and it is hoped that each child will gain sponsorship which will be donated to Christian Aid. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us for all or some of the route from Blakeney to Wells, where we will be collected (after chips and ice cream) and driven back to school.

Homework will still be given out on Friday and we expect it to be handed in on Thursday the following week.

Spellings and Timetables tests will now take place on Thursdays. Please could I also make an appeal to Year 4 parents to remind their children to continue to practise their times tables daily.



May

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

June

Mon 2nd	8.45pm	Back to School
Weds 4th - Tues 10th		Salthouse Art Exhibition @ Salthouse Church
Mon 9th - Fri13th		Phonics Screening
Tues 17th		Litter Picking with the National Trust
Tues 24th		Whole School Beach Day with the National Trust

July

Fri 4th		Sports Day
Thu 10th		Y6 Leavers Trip
Tues 15th		Whole School BeachTrip with the National Trust
Fri 18th		School Reports to parents
Tues 22nd	2.00pm 3.15pm	Leavers Service at School Break up for the Summer holidays