BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I hope you all had a relaxing half term-welcome back for our last (and very busy) half term of the academic year!

We have tried our very best to include all of the dates you will need in the diary section but there are still a few things yet to be finalised. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo in case we need to notify you of any changes to the diary as this is our most efficient way of keeping in touch.

Extra-curricular activities begin in earnest next week as some children head to Langham for a rugby tournament and we all prepare to visit the Federation Art Exhibition at Salthouse. I do hope you get a chance to visit too as the children's work looks amazing. The children will visit with the school on Monday afternoon but I am sure they wouldn't mind visiting again and playing the role of Art Gallery Curator to take you on a tour.

We also have a litter pick collection on Friary Hills planned with the National Trust and our friends from Walsingham. Samphire Class are heading out with the National Rivers Trust to follow the course of the River Glaven for their fieldwork trip while Hedgehogs are off to Castle Rising for their class trip.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed time to help with the Stody Open Gardens event. The PTFA made £1300 and with so many trips organised this term, the money will go a long way towards keeping costs down for everyone. The children really do benefit from all of the PTFA's efforts and we are very grateful to them. If you would like to come along to the AGM of the PTFA, it will be held on Monday 9th June, in Samphire Class after school. You are all very welcome to attend.

Although there will be further details in the July newsletter, I would like to draw your attention to the annual Whole School Beach trip on 15th July. To keep costs down, we will be asking parents to drop and collect children from Wells Beach car park on that day. Of course, if this is not possible, staff will be able to organise transport. We will be sending out letters for all trips by the end of next week-please keep an eye out for them in book bags.

Team Blakeney

Hoglets & Hedgehogs

We have had a truly enchanting half term, exploring the fascinating world of castles and fairy tales. The children's enthusiasm for these topics has been infectious, and their creativity truly shines through in their very own fairy tale stories. We must say, some of the tales have really blown our socks of - filled with daring knights, clever princesses, and a sprinkle of magic! We encourage you to ask your child about their story, as they are eager to share their adventures with you.

In maths, our budding mathematicians have tackled money problems that have challenged them to think critically and creatively.

Hoglets & Hedgehogs - continued.

It has been a rewarding experience as they learnt not just how to count coins, but also how to solve real-life problems involving money. We have seen great progress, and the children are becoming quite adept at handling various mathematical challenges.

Additionally, our Hoglets in the nursery have been joining in the fun, participating in activities inspired by our castle theme. It is great to see their joy and engagement as they learn alongside us.

Warmest regards,
Hedgehog Class Team

Samphire News

I should start this update with the most exciting news (from the children's point of view) which is that we have filled the marble jar! As it is the Summer term, they have chosen a water fight as their treat. I have checked the weather forecast and it seems as if next Wednesday is the first sunny day. Please send your child into school with a change of clothes and a water gun, if they have one. I do have some spares if needed. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo in case this date changes.

You may remember that the Year 6 group walked to Wells last half term to round off their SAT's week. They managed to raise £225 pounds for Christian Aid, which is a phenomenal achievement! I took the money up to St Nicholas this week to be paid in and they are thrilled with the contribution.

The Year 4's are ready for their times table checks next week. The weekend is a great time to keep up their instant recall and if you have a few seconds, please do shout some random questions at them! They are very used to it and take great delight in showing off their knowledge.

In the classroom, Years 3, 4 and 5 have started a new book with Mr Greenaway called *Riddle of the Runes.* They are using English lessons to write character descriptions and dialogue based around the story of Alva, the Viking girl. Year 6 are currently *off timetable* and are busy completing group projects.
In Maths, Years 3 and 4 are busy learning about mixed number fractions and of course revising multiplication tables. They will then progress to adding and subtracting money as decimals. Years 5 and 6 are revising statistics (reading graphs) and measures, shape and space before moving on to converting units of measurement.

Already this week, the class have completed a Science experiment based on Water Resistance. This was a lovely but somewhat messy way (the water tank suffered a leak and the play doh got very gooey!), to begin the half terms lessons. Please do ask the children about their learning in school. We try our best to keep you updated with what is happening in the classroom but asking them to tell you also reinforces the learning.

Finally, Mrs Regis has asked me to appeal for any empty spray bottles you may have at home. She has a wonderful art project in store which requires the children to spray paint. I am hoping it's an outside lesson! If you have any empty cleaning spray bottles (we can wash them) please could you send them in?

As always, please get in touch should you have any queries or would like a chat about anything.



June

Weds 4th - Tues 10th	Salthouse Art Exhibition @ Salthouse Church
Mon 9th - Fri 13th	Phonics Screening
Tues 17th	Litter Picking with the National Trust
Fri 20th	Geography Field Trip (Samphire Class)
Tues 24th	Beach Day with the National Trust (Whole School)

July

Fri 4th		Sports Day
Mon 7th		Y6 Leavers Trip
Tues 15th		Beach Trip (Whole School)
Fri 18th	2.00pm	Rapunzel at The Harbour Rooms School Reports to parents
Tues 22nd	2.00pm	Leavers Service at School
	3.15pm	Break up for the Summer holidays