BLAKENEY CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and we welcome you back to school! A particular welcome goes to the children and their families who are new to our school. Jasper, Archie, Hugo and Rosie - welcome to Blakeney!

We have been looking forward to the start of the school year and you will see a few changes in school. Samphire Class have a new carpet and the school has been deep cleaned. It looks great and a big thank you must go to the PTFA for funding this. New desks should also be arriving for my class along with a new table and chairs for Mrs McInally's classroom which will accommodate the growing numbers of children and their learning.

We have been busy over the holidays trying to get dates in the diary early to give you all advance notice of happenings in school. There are a number of trips already and Ms Brooks will be populating the diary on ClassDojo with dates so that you will always have a reference point. These dates will of course be in the diary section of the newsletter too.

All clubs this term all run until 4pm and are as follows: Monday is After School Club with Mrs McInally, Tuesday is Sports Club, Thursday is Choir with Ms Furnell and Mrs Thoday and Friday is Cooking. As so many children sign up for Cooking Club, this will run on a rota and you will be notified of the 4 week block of sessions when your child will be participating. There is a £1 per session charge for Cooking Club to cover the cost of ingredients. There will also be a lunchtime Lego Club in my classroom on Tuesdays but there is no need to sign up and all children are welcome as and when they wish to attend.

There is **no celebration worship this week** while we all settle into the new routine. Our theme for Worships in the coming weeks is Hope. **Celebration worships will begin on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on Friday 12th September**. We hope to see you there and anticipate we will have lots to celebrate — it's good to be back!

We will be out and about in the village and local area a lot this term. It is really important that the children wear the correct school uniform. They are much easier to keep safe if they are wearing school jumpers and I would like for our children to have the same, high standard in both school uniform and PE kit. By being smartly presented it shows the high expectations we have for them. It shows that they all belong to Blakeney CEVA Primary School. We want children to feel that they belong to their school and to be proud of it. Children are asked to come into school on their PE days wearing PE kit which is black jumper and tracksuit/shorts with the purple tops. We thank you for your support in enabling your children to meet these expectations.

As always, please contact us via dojo, email or the office if you have any queries. There will also be a member of staff on the gate mornings and evenings should you wish to chat.

Hoglets and Hedgehogs

This term in Hedgehogs and Hoglets our learning themes will be 'Our Planet and 'Space'.

In English, KS1 will be focusing on the text 'Dear Earth' and EYFS will exploring a variety of fun stories that help them explore the topic 'Our Planet'.

We have been lucky enough to have been offered several beach school trips by the National Trust. Our first trip will be on the 16th September and we will be heading to Sheringham Beach doing a variety of activities such as beach games, exploring rock pools and creating beach sculptures.

PE days will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their PE kit and correct footwear.

We are also introducing 'Show & Tell' Fridays. This is where children will have the opportunity to bring something in from home that they would like to showcase to the class.

Homework and new spellings will be set on a Wednesday and will be due in on the following Tuesday.

We recommend that you read with your child everyday for 10 minutes and help them practice their spellings.

Samphire News

The classroom is looking neat and tidy (for now!) and with the furniture rearranged, we seem to have gained some more space-which is great. Our new learning theme is Stone Age to Iron Age and Samphire Class begin the term with our first trip to West Runton Beach on Tuesday next week.

History will obviously based around all aspects of life during the Stone Age Era and we look at life in the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras. Our Geography theme is Mountains and Volcanoes.

PE lessons this year will be on Monday and Wednesday. We will once again be running the coastal path for cross country lessons on Wednesdays. Mondays will be Tennis. Swimming lessons resume next week and Year 3 and 4 will be heading over to Gresham's pool on Monday mornings. Please ensure that they have a towel, trunks/ costumes and goggles with them as they come to school.

Given the planning and resources required for KS2 Design and Technology modules, I have decided to complete this half term's DT lessons in 3 afternoons! We trialed this last year when we built Roman catapults and it worked well. This term we are making a Stone Age House. The children will need to build a frame and clad it using a modern version of wattle and daub. I am hoping that the weather will be kind and we can do much of this outside. This should help with keeping the new carpet as pristine as possible for as long as possible! This activity is also a great interactive way for the children to immerse themselves in our topic. Who knows, perhaps the homes they build will prove to provide a wonderful setting for their own Stone Age story?!

Ms Frier is very excited to be taking Science lessons this term. The learning theme is rocks and fossils and I know that, other than the trip to West Runton with the National Trust, she has lots of practical lessons planned.

For RE, we are once again following the Diocese of Norwich planning and our first big questions is How do religious groups contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond? This is unit of work will look at examples of Christian aid locally, globally and the life of Mahatma Ghandi.

In Art we begin by looking at the cave paintings in The Chauvet-Pont-d'Arc Cave from the Ardèche, France and will be creating out own mural. Once this is complete we will study the work of Margaret Godfrey and create our own collage of a volcano.

English lessons will begin by getting all children's handwriting up to speed and then we will complete an information text on houses throughout the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Once this has been completed, Y3/4 will begin looking at the narrative tale of the The First Drawing. This will see them complete diary entries, character descriptions and writing their own narratives. Years Y5/6 will be reading Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver.

Homework will be sent out on Fridays and will be due in on Thursdays. Please do encourage your children to complete this at home and talk to them about their learning. The homework is designed to reinforce the learning they have completed in school and they should be able to do it themselves, however it is always lovely for them to have a helping hand. Homework which is not completed can be done in school with supervision outside lesson time.

We aim to hear your child read individually every week and in guided reading sessions every week too. Please do listen to the children read daily. Aside from the educational benefits, it is a relaxing way to end the day and a great way to encourage communication.

We are always available should you need us.

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

8th	Years 3/4 Swimming Lessons
9th	Samphire Class - Trip to West Runton Beach
15th	Years 3/4 Swimming
15th	Flu Vaccinations (Nasal Spray)
16th	Hoglets/Hedgehogs Beach School
22nd	Years 3/4 Swimming
26th	Samphire Class - Careers morning at Walsingham School
29th	Years 3/4 Swimming

OCTOBER

1st	Big Breakfast in Church
2nd	NO Stay and Play
6th	Years 3/4 Swimming
7th & 9th	Parents Evening
10th	Whole school trip - Sandringham
13th	Years 3/4 Swimming
16th	Hoglets/Hedgehogs Beach School
24th	Harvest Festival (2pm)