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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE HEAD

The summer term is now fully up and running and what a fantastic and fun-filled few weeks it has been. There really is so much to celebrate, including Mr Cunningham, our highly-skilled Site Manager, has done a brilliant job in painting the new Kelling library which looks fantastic as we get closer to it being ready for the grand opening (watch this space!).

The Year 5 pupils who attended the residential trip to How Hill on the Broads last month had a brilliant time (check out all the pictures on your schools' website!) and were a credit to the Federation, behaving impeccably and really engaging well with all of the activities.

And our annual Founding Day celebration, this year held at Binham, was a triumph - we had a lovely service at Binham Priory and then the pupils all loved having a picnic lunch and playing together at the Village Hall.

And finally... good luck to all of the Year 6 pupils with their SATS next week. You've all worked so hard, stay calm, it is your time to shine!

Enjoy reading the newsletter and, as ever, thank you for all of your support of our wonderful schools.

KEY UPCOMING DATES

11th – 14th May - SATS Week for Year 6

15th May – KS1 Art Morning at Hindringham School

14th May - Ascension Day - children to climb the church tower

25th – 29th May – Half Term

1st June – Back to School

SCHOOL NEWS

The weeks of our Summer term are flying by.

With the definite change in the weather, the children have spent lots of time outside and today was no exception. The trip to see the seals on Blakeney Point was timed perfectly to coincide with Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. All day, the children's learning has been focussed around the natural world and how we can appreciate and protect it. I would like to extend a big Thank You to Charlie and Louis' family for inviting us out on the Ptarmigan today - I'm not sure many other schools were able to visit a national nature reserve by sea on such a special day!

This week, the PTFA travelled to Stody Lodge to run their coffee shop for 2 days while the gardens were open to the public. This was a huge undertaking in time and effort for all involved and the proceeds will go towards providing extra- curricular opportunities for the children of our school. We are incredibly lucky that £1,600 was raised! This means that the Summer beach trip will be fully funded at no cost to parents. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help and bake.

Next week is a busy one in school as the Year 6 children sit their SAT's exams. Their last exam (Thursday) falls on Ascension Day. This means that they get to climb the Church Tower at St Nicholas', along with the other KS2 children. They are certainly aiming high! KS1 will also be aiming high with kite flying over on Friary Fields.

Next week is also Christian Aid week. We will use worship time to talk to the children about how we can turn our ideas for helping others into action. It's always interesting to hear their ideas which may be fundraising or an act of community. I will let you know their thoughts once they have a plan of what they would like to do.

KS1 will travel over to Hindringham School next Friday for their annual art morning. They will join the other schools in the Federation for a series of craft and art activities and I expect they will have lots of fun and return full of pride in their creations.

We break for half term on Friday 22nd May. I anticipate that the children will need this time to rest before the lead up to the end of the year and all of the excitement this brings!

CLASS NEWS – SAMPHIRE

The children are enjoying their learning theme of Robots and Machines and have already produced some amazing writing on James Dyson and also an explanation text on his Air Multipier. This week has seen us take a related detour into the habitat and creatures of Blakeney Point. In English, we are reading The Wild Robot which is a narrative tale about a discarded robot washed up on the shore of an island. The children will write their own version of the tale but their robots will be washed ashore on Blakeney Point. We can't wait to share them with you.

In Maths, years 5 and 6 are coping well with Algebra and move onto a quick revision of shape and space before Y6 exams start. Years 3 and 4 completed their time module and are currently studying tenths as fractions and decimals. I feel that we need to go back and revise time, particularly the 24 hour clock before we move.

The weekly run/walk along the coastal path is a highlight of the week for me and the other staff. We receive so many compliments on the behaviour and manners of the children. We are stopped by members of the public at least twice each week by other walkers to tell us what lovely children we have! The class always say "good afternoon" as they pass adults and ask permission before petting any dogs. The children chat amongst themselves and to us. It is a wonderful way to spend an hour and the benefits to their overall health and well-being are huge.

I know you will join me in saying Good Luck to our Year 6 cohort for next week. They are more than ready to show what they have learned and we are very proud of their hard work and determination.

CLASS NEWS – HEDGEHOGS/HOGLETS

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Hedgehogs class, exploring our current learning theme ‚Where We Live'.

In Science, Hedgehogs have been learning about living and non-living things in our local area as well as the three Rs; reduce, reuse, recycle and how we can implement these in our daily lives to look after this beautiful part of the world we get to call home.

In Maths, the children have been working hard learning about money which has been a tricky topic but they have persevered and are now moving on to fractions.

Hoglets have really enjoyed exploring the book ‚Emma Jane's Aeroplane' which took them on a journey around the world. The children were able to practice their creative writing skills and some incredible independent work was produced. Well done Hoglets!

In Understanding the World, the children were looking at aerial views of our local area as well as their neighbourhoods and the children sketched and labelled their own maps, showcasing their understanding of where they live and what is around them.

As you may have seen on Dojo, we have started running in PE on a Tuesday and the children have been amazing! We have been very lucky with both the weather and the fact that we are able to use Friary field and the woodland area for this.

As always thank you for all your continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!