



Newsletter ~ July 2017

Snettisham Primary School



There was no better way to start the second half of the summer term than with the Ofsted 'GOOD' inspection ringing in our ears! Everyone has worked so hard over the past three years, since academisation, and the judgement so clearly represented the long journey that the school has taken to secure improvements in all areas since the last inspection.



The summer term has been especially busy and the children have been working hard exploring our new topic – 'Zoo'.

Willow class has had a fun packed summer term 'travelling' around the world. We have learnt about many different countries and the animals that live there. From learning about life in Kenya and making our own exotic fruit salad to looking at the difference between the Polar Regions, challenging ourselves to build a sugar cube igloo in teams! Year 1's have really thought carefully about extending their writing and adding more detail. One particular highlight was the 'London Adventure' stories they wrote. Reception children are now thinking about writing in a full sentence. We have had lots of fun in maths thinking about place value, number order, the four operations and also capacity in which we made our own fruit cocktail drinks! Not forgetting our fantastic trip to Banham Zoo! *Miss Moore*

Oak Class very much enjoyed our trip to Banham Zoo, we have learnt about animals and their habitats, adaptations for environment and different classes of animals. We have learnt about time, perimeter, co-ordinates, area and fractions and solved lots of mysteries and problems in maths. In English we have been extending our writing and practising adding in the techniques we have been learning this year to our independent work. We have had a creative time in art we are busy making masks and puppets for our summer special spectacular. We have also experienced lots of music. Visiting professional musicians have played for us, taught us songs and how to play the ocarina culminating in a fabulous multi-school concert at the Corn Exchange! *Mr Enters*

Ash Class has had a busy term! We did some marvellous work on persuasive writing in English; the children had to persuade Mrs Darley to extend playtimes, as opposed to Mrs Enters' request to ban them! We've spent lots of time looking at wildlife, life cycles, food chains and our environment, as well as exploring different habitats. In art and DT we've spent time making animal masks, amazing safari silhouette pictures and

some wonderful work with watercolours when we sketched and painted our favourite animals. Not to mention our fantastic, music, RE, maths, French and PE lessons. I think we all definitely deserve our holidays! *Miss Prosser and Mrs Enters*

Birch Class has had a busy term! Our year sixes pulled out all the stops during SATs week; a real milestone in their educational career. They should be proud of the effort and determination they demonstrated. More recently, they enjoyed their transition days and are looking forward to being mini adults! Year fives have enjoyed the opportunity to research the Victorians and get creative sculpting their faces in clay.

We have, of course, been concentrating on this year's production ~'Porridge'. The children have really shown commitment, learning and delivering their lines; organising costumes and singing and dancing! A big thank you to all parents and staff that have helped with costumes and preparing props. *Mrs Holmes*

Friends of Snettisham Primary School

Over half term a willing team of Friends volunteers, led by Mr Wing, redeveloped the site where the old pirate ship once stood. They created a race track, complete with pit stops and crash barriers! The Friends were also very lucky to secure generous donations of plants from various local garden centres, including: Wards Nursery, Thaxters Garden Centre and Norfolk Bamboo. The outdoor classroom is taking shape too. We are just waiting for some wooden seating to arrive. This has been funded by generous donations from the Snettisham Buffaloes, as well as the money raised for taking part in the Mini-Gear event in King's Lynn. This money will also be used to pay for our new refrigerator; this will help to keep the children's lunchboxes cool.



Our new race track!



Outdoor classroom!

Fundraisers have included:

- **Quiz Night** – raised £51.80 (The pupil team beat the staff team... but we won the chocolate!)
- **Mini-Gear** – We won £800 for the highest percentage of pupils running in a team.
- We continue to be supported by the **Co-op**; a percentage of your shop goes to the Friends as a charity. Please continue to support this.
- **Sports Day** – Monday 10th July

Up-coming fundraising events include:

- Snettisham Summer Fete – Saturday 22nd July

Date of next meeting/AGM: Friday 15th September 3.10pm



Bobtails Pre-School

We are settling in to our new purpose built Early Years room here at the school. We are currently recruiting a new member of staff who will hopefully join the team in September.

If you haven't met us all before – the team is:

Andrea Bolderstone - Lead EY Practitioner,

Angela Giles - Deputy EY Practitioner,

Emily Pooley - EY Practitioner,

Eunice Denton - Administrator.

We also have a volunteer –

Anna Edmunds – who is studying for her EY qualification.



We are managed by a voluntary Committee of parents.

Chairperson is Danielle Rodrigues. The committee organises fundraising activities throughout the year to help support the extras that are required for the pre-school children. Our next event is a carboot on the village playing field on Saturday 5th August – Please come and support us.

If you have a child approaching 2 years old please feel free to pop in and see us. We take children from 2 years old for a maximum of 15 hours a week (Mornings) both funded and fee paying, 3 and 4 year olds (all funded) also for 15 hours a week but with the new government policy of 30 hrs for some we will be progressing this as and when parents request it – this is dependent on minimum numbers.

We are looking forward to growing our Pre-School and would like to thank Snettisham Primary School and the Academy (WNAT) for all their continued support with our move to the school premises.

Bobtails Staff and Committee

School Council

On 7th June representatives attended the annual School Council Conference which was held at Heacham Infant and Nursery School. Many other schools in the Smithdon Cluster were there and the afternoon began with a 'meet and greet' activity. The focus of the event was safeguarding and the children discussed a number of topics including: health and safety, e-safety and bullying, to name just a few!

A representative from Childline joined us and delivered a brief presentation which highlighted the work that Childline do. She brought along Buddy ~ the Childline mascot!

During the afternoon the children made posters and badges related to the work they had covered. The school council representatives really enjoyed the afternoon and, on their return to school, they were keen to share what they had learnt in an assembly.



Governor News

This term has been a busy one for the school and Governors. With Ofsted arriving in SATS week it was a case of all hands on deck and focus, focus, focus. As Governors we would like to say a big thank you to the parents who responded to our call to complete the online questionnaire and for those who took the time to speak to the inspector. As a school we have a lot to be proud of and to be rated 'GOOD' is a reflection of the hard work and dedication put in by all associated with it. But the hard work doesn't stop there, working closely with the senior leadership team and using the feedback we got from Ofsted we are already working on a 3 year school improvement plan as we strive for an OUTSTANDING rating. It is really important that we attract more families and new pupils to the school as this will generate an increase in funding and I am pleased to report that since the new building has been installed, and following our positive Ofsted result, pupil numbers are growing and more enquires are coming in so please continue to spread the good news and promote our school.

We would like to say a big thank you to Christine Blake who is stepping down from her role as a parent governor at the end of this school year. She has been a big support to the school and governing body. This does mean we will have a vacancy so if anybody is interested in becoming a governor please speak to Nicky Darley or myself.

Finally we would like to say a big well done to all the children who did SATS and good luck to year 6's as you move on to high school and wish you all a Happy Summer Holiday. Andy Gee – Chair of Governors

Notice Board



Lost Property

Please check the lost property box for any missing uniform items! At the end of term any unclaimed items will be re-cycled.

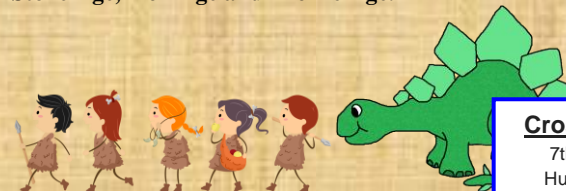
Car Parking

Please ensure that you are considerate of our neighbours when parking your car along the roads outside the school.



COMING SOON

.....our topic next term is 'The Time Machine'. The children will travel back in time to explore how dinosaurs lived and eventually became extinct. Furthermore, they will discover how people lived during the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.



Crossroads Club

7th - 11th August
Hunstanton Green
12.00 and 2.30
Free children's club run by Christians
Games, Quizzes, Bible Stories, fun!