

Newsletter ~ February 2022

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Learning together, succeeding together

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has been busy, filled with great learning opportunities for everyone. We hope you like the class photos and content. We are so proud of our pupils and how mature and responsible they have become, learning within our curriculum and experiencing personal development opportunities like our residential, clubs and enrichment events such as Mental Health Week. Our staff continue to work hard to support progress in learning through our Knowledge Rich Curriculum. The content of lessons is well planned and specific so that pupils are exposed to engaging knowledge which grows overtime. In addition we teach pupils about diversity and skill development so that pupils experience a breadth of learning opportunities. Please use parents evening after half term to ask questions about your child's progress in all areas. We hope to run more training sessions for families around our curriculum next term as these were popular and feedback was really positive!

We are taking part in Safer Internet Day on 8th February 2022. The theme 'All fun and games? Explores respect and relationships online'. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. In school, each class will be covering age appropriate activities to explore how to keep themselves safe online. Keeping children safe online is a huge priority within the Norfolk Constabulary's Youth Engagement and Safer Schools Teams. The internet is an amazing tool, however, many of the issues the Police deal with when it comes to young people involve online behaviour. The recent Ofcom "Children and parents: media use and attitudes report" (2021) found that 97% of children aged 5 - 15 watch content on video sharing platforms. Only 30% of parents use controls to restrict their children's access to inappropriate content and just over half of 12-15s have had some form of negative online experience.

Norfolk Constabulary has some excellent resources to warn and inform families about online safety - there is also a template family internet agreement which helps lay down boundaries for home use. The content is copied to this newsletter.

https://www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/child-protection/safer-schools-partnerships

On a personal note, I am working from home for a few weeks due to an imminent operation on my hip- you must have seen me hobble! Emma Hunt is available during my absence alongside the Assistant Headteacher at each school. I will be working remotely as I recover and expect to be able to zoom into school, speak to pupils, view lessons and assemblies. So see you soon and thank you for your support!

Best wishes Louise Jackson

Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt & Clare Enters



Lunch Menu

The winter menu is now on our website. Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions available on request. <u>https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk</u>

Not bookable online



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council. Please see our website for further information.

Last day of this Half-Term is Fri 11th February Children return on Mon 21st February

Our Learning

Birch Class

This term seems to have flown by and Birch class have packed lots of learning in! We have been drilling down into fractions, decimals and percentages in Maths and in English learning about the techniques a writer uses to create fear in readers. We have travelled across the channel in History to find out about the French Revolution; travelled even further to explore Chinese art and design; stayed closer to home for Geography – exploring the East of England; in Science we have been continuing our learning on states of matter, in particular density of solids and liquids. In PSHE we have been thinking about our dreams and goals for the future and what steps we need to get there and our bi-weekly PE lessons continue to develop our teamwork and specific skills. We are in awe of how hard everyone has worked and look forward to more learning and spring peeking through!



Ash Class

Ash Class were very excited to come back into a freshly painted classroom.

This half term has flown by in Ash! We can now all confidently recall our 3,4,6, and 8 times tables. We've mastered writing information texts and we have been working on our fitness and netball skills. In science, we've found it fascinating learning about rocks, fossils and soils and how they link together and we even had a go at making our own fossils. In history, we have enjoyed learning about the Picts, Scots, Anglo-saxons, Vikings and Normans and how waves of invasions shaped the UK we know today.

Sports Council

We thought you may like to meet our Sports Council, they play an important role in organising the play equipment for the children at lunchtimes.

They have also been helping Miss Bower with organising the Cluster KS1 Sports Festival.



Our Learning (cont'd)

Oak Class

Oak class returned after Christmas with a fantastic attitude to their learning. In English the children have been learning how to write a Warning Story. In maths Year 2 have been looking at multiplication and division. Year 1 numbers up to 50 In Science we have been learning all about the weather. The children have had great fun making their own rain gauge and weathervanes. In DT we have been learning about food and how to safely prepare a meal. The children have enjoyed making fruit kebabs, smoothies and sandwiches. It's been lovely to see the children helping prepare meals at home too. In Geography the children have been finding out about the four countries of the UK. We had a special visit from Aidan's Gran and Papa who were visiting from Scotland. They talked to us all about living in Scotland and Scottish traditions. We have also taken part in Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day.

Oak wishes you a restful 1/2 term and look forward to even more fantastic learning in the new 1/2 term.



Willow Class

This half term has been all about 'Our Queen and Country'. We have been exploring the country in which we live, architecture and our Queen. We have located our village using maps and google earth, we have created our own new buildings, took part in a bridge building challenge, looked after dogs that the Queen sent to us (just soft toy ones!) and we were lucky enough to have a little trip out to Sandringham! In Mathematics we have been further exploring the numbers to 10 and have loved learning and innovating our Talk 4 Writing story 'Quackling'.



ClassDojo

https://home.classdojo.com

We continue to use Class Dojo as our main communication tool to keep you informed and post homework etc. - it has proved to be very successful. If you would like a second parent to have access, please email their name along with their email address to <u>office@snettishamprimary.co.uk</u> and we will add them to your child's account. Please let us know if you have any problems connecting to ClassDojo.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are entitled to FSM, your vouchers will be issued for the Half-Term holiday. Please check your inbox/spam as they will be emailed directly from Edenred. Many thanks! <u>Have your circumstances changed recently?</u>

You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSc hoolMeals.aspx/

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Don't forget to let us know if any of your contact numbers or addresses change.

Please inform Vickie Rose or Claire Mann in the office, (office@snettishamprimary.co.uk) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.

PARKING REMINDER

Parking is prohibited on or behind the double yellow lines (including the grass verge, unless you are a blue badge holder) we also ask politely that you consider other road users and home owners when parking at the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

easyfundraising feel good shopping

West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on

easyfundraising.com

Twitter Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook



Health Support & Advice for children and young people https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/ 0300 300 0123

This is a very helpful service provided by NHS and Norfolk Children's Services. If you need help and support with anything from pregnancy to child anxiety, child development and additional needs, Covid FAQ. Please visit the website or give them a call for support.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools.

The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) and **book a PCR test** if you have a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste. Lateral Flow Tests are for asymptomatic testing.

Please refer to the government website for the latest advice and updates

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus





Half Term Holiday – Monday 14th February - children return on Monday 21st February



Tuesday 22nd February and Thursday 24th February, email the office to book your appointment



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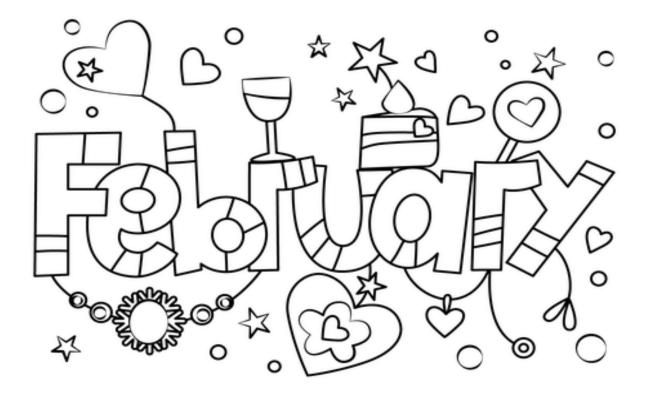
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PITTA PIZZAS

Ingredients

4large pitta breads 4 tbsp tomato purée

2 tsp mixed herb

2 tomatoes, sliced

6 slices salami, torn into small pieces

50g cheddar , grated

Method

STEP 1

Heat the grill. Spread each pitta bread with 1 tbsp tomato purée, sprinkle over the mixed herbs, then lay on the tomato slices. Divide the salami between the pittas, sprinkle over the cheese and grill until the cheese is golden and bubbling.



BANANA PANCAKES

Ingredients

- 350g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder ar
- 2 very ripe bananas

2 medium eggs

1 tsp vanilla extract

250ml whole milk

butter, for frying

To serve

2 just ripe bananas, sliced

maple syrup (optional)

pecan halves, toasted and roughly chopped (optional)

Method

STEP 1

Sieve the flour, baking powder and a generous pinch of salt into a large bowl. In a separate mixing bowl, mash the very ripe bananas with a fork until smooth, then whisk in the eggs, vanilla extract and milk. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients, tip in the wet ingredients and swiftly whisk together to create a smooth, silky batter.

STEP 2

Heat a little knob of butter in a large nonstick pan over a medium heat. Add 2-3 tbsp of the batter to the pan and cook for several minutes, or until small bubbles start appearing on the surface. Flip the pancake over and cook for 1-2 mins on the other side. Repeat with the remaining batter, keeping the pancakes warm in a low oven.

STEP 3

Stack the pancakes on plates and top with the banana slices, a glug of sticky maple syrup and a handful of pecan nuts, if you like.

