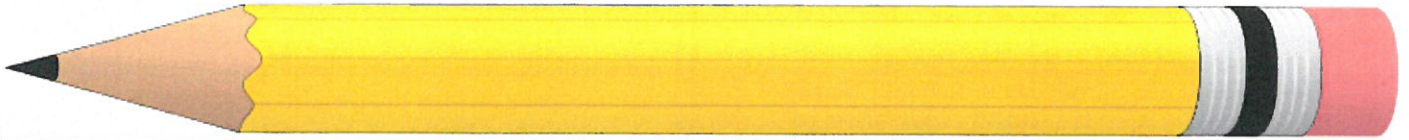




Newsletter ~ October 2018

Snettisham Primary School



What a great start to the year! We would like to wish a warm welcome to all our new parents and pupils. Our new reception children have settled and adapted very well to the routines of school life at Snettisham, exploring the environment and making new friends, along with a number of other newcomers across the school.

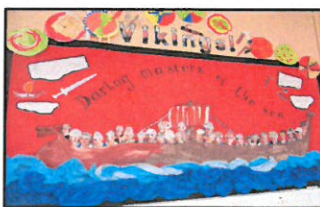
Willow Class have been enjoying their first 'Power of Reading' book - 'Stanley's Stick'. They have collected sticks in the outdoor area and have been focusing on increasing their vocabulary to describe during play. They have started on phase two of their phonics and many are already blending and segmenting simple words! In 'number sense' sessions they have been focusing on numbers up to ten in detail with lots of counting.



Oak Class began the term looking at the different types of castles and their features, including the moat, battlements and drawbridge. More recently, the children have been busy junk modelling, creating castles of their own! In English, they have been writing descriptions and composing poems about dragons. Using a range of different maths resources, the children have been learning about partitioning two and three-digit numbers, place value and ordinal numbers.



Ash Class have made fantastic displays of Viking longboats (with a gruesome looking crew) and a life size model of a Roman soldier! The children have enjoyed using their map skills to learn about where the Vikings and Romans came from.



At the beginning of the term, delicate eggs arrived in class and the children had to think carefully about how best to look after them. They did a great job because they hatched! Now they have 4 dragon class pets. This learning has led to some brilliant stories about their own dragons.

Birch Class enjoyed watching Private Peaceful at Norwich Playhouse at the start of term. The experience prompted some thoughtful contributions during class discussion and led to some impressive pieces of writing. After foraging for berries and other plants that would help create natural dyes, the children made some fantastic felt pictures. In maths, the children have been developing their number fluency, as well as exploring the reflection and translation of shapes using a co-ordinates grid.



West Stow Visit

The children in Ash and Birch enjoyed a trip to the Anglo-Saxon Village at West Stow on 3rd October.

They investigated the lives of the Anglo-Saxons through objects and using archaeological clues. The children studied finds from the original site in the Anglo-Saxon Museum and they were very excited to have the opportunity to handle replica objects and dress-up in some traditional clothing!



Their visit was enhanced further through the exploration of the experimental reconstructions of buildings there. These remarkable wooden homes were rebuilt using ancient Anglo-Saxon methods on the exact sites of the original Anglo-Saxon settlement. The day was certainly enjoyed by all and helped to consolidate the learning in class!



School Council

We would like to introduce our School Council representatives for this academic year, 2018-19.



What are the roles and responsibilities of the School Council?

- To express both their own views and those of other children.
- To communicate their feelings to adults.
- To attend regular meetings and conferences.
- To help make positive changes.



Bobtails Pre-School

Another new year and 4 new children have started with us. We are now open 3 full days (Tues/Weds/Thurs) and 2 half days (Mon/Fri).

This term we have been getting to know each other and looking at similarities and differences between us all. The children have been looking at themselves in the mirror and describing themselves. They have made jigsaws of themselves.

We have some great self portraits on our display panels – some artists in the making!



Don't forget if you have a child approaching 2 years old please feel free to come and have a look around. We take children from 2 years old, both funded and fee paying. Also 3 and 4-year olds (all funded) for 15 hours a week but with the new government policy of 30 hours more hours are available. A maximum of 25½ hours are available.

Bobtails Staff and Committee



Forest School



What an amazing time we have had at Forest School so far! We have all had our first session and have fallen in love with the beautiful woodland area. We love the huge natural space and the open-ended discovery learning opportunities it has to offer too. We came up with some rules to keep us safe around the fire, and were able to safely build a fire and roast a marshmallow!

We have found a range of habitats and micro-habitats where so many different mini-beasts live, and have appreciated the beauty of so many different types of tree too. The forest area is so special, and we often find hidden gifts and riddles which add to the magic of our sessions too!

We are looking forward to cooking on the fire, climbing more trees, and using different tools to create exciting products. The year 6s did an amazing job at using old pallets to create shelving for the reception children and they can't wait to use their new sawing skills to make other things during their Forest School time too! Thank you to all of the parents who have provided a Forest School kit. Don't forget to follow our journey on instagram: [forestschoo_wnat](https://www.instagram.com/forestschoo_wnat).



Notice Board



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service will take place at St Mary's Church at **1.30pm on Tuesday 16th October.**

The children have been busy rehearsing their songs and poems in preparation for the event.

All welcome!

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations will be held in school on **Wednesday 31st October and Thursday 1st November.**

Please ensure that you have booked an appointment to see your child's teacher.

COMING SOON



BBC Children in Need

The BBC fundraiser 'Children in Need' takes place on Friday 16th November this year and we will be supporting this event. In exchange for a £1 donation the children can come to school wearing non-uniform.