



Snettisham Primary School Newsletter

March 2024

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Dear families

It has been a short yet busy term. We are sure that you are all ready to make the most of the upcoming break!

Work towards the River of Hope project - part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival - is in full swing. Pupils in Ash Class thoroughly enjoyed exploring the features of the River Nar in order to generate some inspiration for their artwork. This was led by Tim Fisher of Norfolk Rivers Trust. You can find out more about this project here. <https://nnfestival.org.uk/river-of-hope/>

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Parents' Evenings were a success! It was wonderful to see so many families attending. It always provides the perfect opportunity for staff to share an overall picture of your child's progress - as well as a chance to look through books!

We continue to provide a range of trips and experiences to ensure that pupils benefit from wider developmental opportunities. This term these have included - among others - Red Nose Day and World Book Day, a parental SATS information session, a visit from Smithdon pupils to deliver a science workshop, cluster netball and football tournaments and not forgetting a fantastic visit from author - Karl Nova!

We are proud to share that we have been granted the Artsmark Silver Award, which continues to recognise our commitment to sustain an artistic culture across our schools.

Enjoy the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April - start of the summer term.

*Emma Hunt
Executive Deputy Headteacher*



Lunch Menu

The new Spring menu is available to view on our website <https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk>

Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions
available on request.

Subject to price increase from 1st April (£2.50 daily)

Not bookable online



Term Dates:

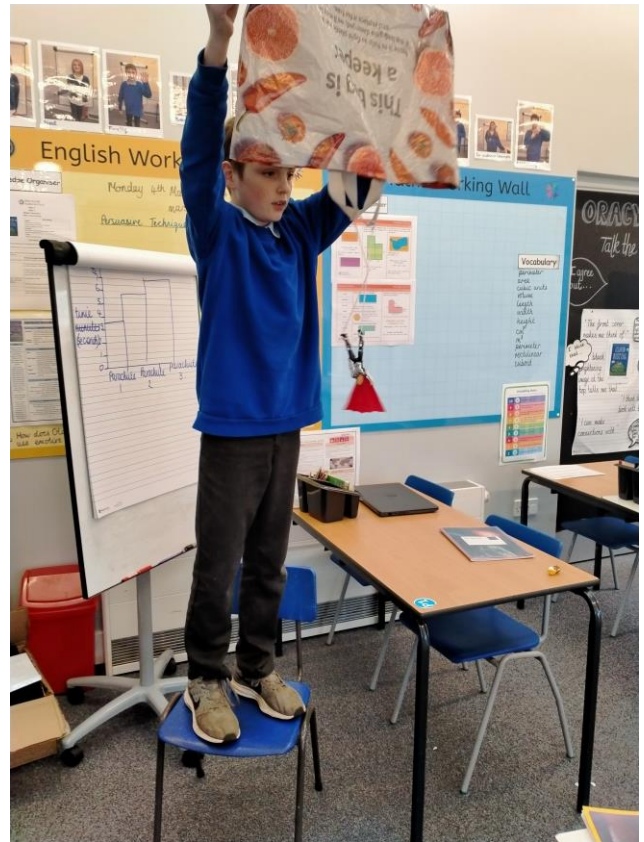
Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for further information.

Children return on 15 April 2024

Our Learning

OAK CLASS

We have been tremendously busy in Oak Class! During Maths, the children have been perfecting their protractor skills, calculating angles and acing arithmetic! We received a visit from the amazing Karl Nova, who brought with him some fascinating stories and performed a RAP (aka 'Rhythm and Poetry') that he had written. We now know all about the human and physical geography that spans Australia and really enjoyed learning about the array of plants and animals native to various biomes there. Finally, if you need someone to write a persuasive letter on your behalf, look no further than our Year 6 cohort! I am super impressed with their ability to convince even the trickiest audience of their point of view. Have a fantastic Easter break everyone!



Our Learning

WILLOW CLASS

I cannot believe that it is coming to the end of the Spring term and it is time for a newsletter once again! The children in Willow class have had a short but very busy half term! They have made so much progress over the last few weeks over many different areas. The Year 1's have loved the model text 'Little Charlie' and the book 'On the Way Home' that links with our model text. We had a great time using the model text and creating our own stories with our own characters! We have been learn about Multiplication in Maths this half term and the children have become more confident with their 2, 5 and 10 times table. Year 1's have been doing assessments over the last week or so and they have all worked incredibly hard.

The Reception children have been learning all about Air, Land and Sea. They have had a virtual tour about the lifeboat station and have had fun playing in the Role Play Area which was a airport/plane this half term! They have loved retelling their model text 'Billy Goats Gruff' and they wrote some awesome instructions on 'How to Trap a Troll'.

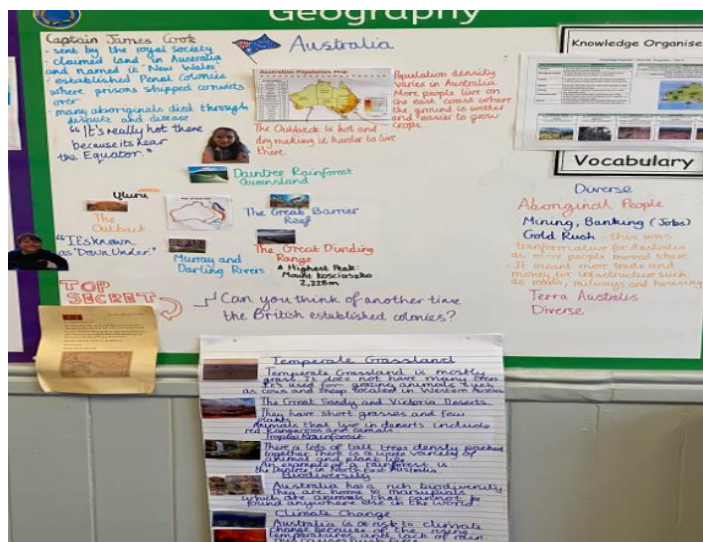
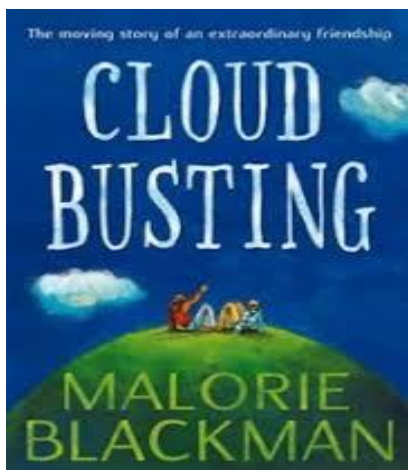
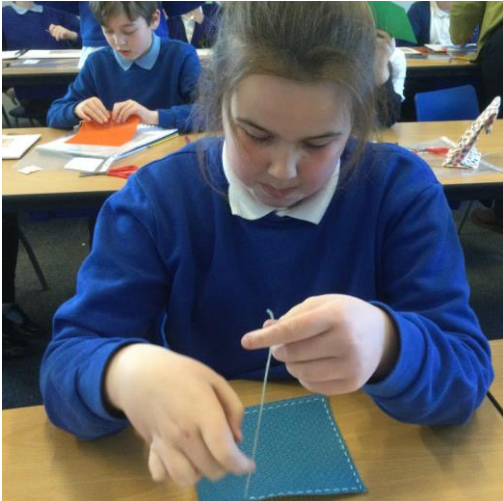
We have been working on recognising and writing our 'Teen Numbers' too and the children have learnt these so quickly which is fab. The children have loved getting outside more this half term due to the weather improving which is lovey to see.



Our Learning

BIRCH CLASS

It has been a short but busy term for Birch Class. They have worked super hard in their learning. They have produced amazing embroideries in art and showed fantastic teamwork when playing tag rugby in PE. Karl Nova, a poet and music artist came to do a workshop with Birch Class. The children sang and discussed different types of poetry, making them very enthusiastic to complete some of their own. After finding a letter addressed to Captain James Cook about the exploration of the Southern Continent, we have learnt all about Australia, its biodiversity, climate and cities. They particularly enjoyed learning about the different biomes and the animals that live there. In English, the children have written brilliant persuasive letters asking different teachers to ban nuts from the school. This was inspired by the Malorie Blackman story 'Cloudbusting,' which is entirely written in verse. Some of the children from Birch attended squiggly skechers club. They looked into street art in London and produced their own version. Altogether, they have all worked super hard. Have a fantastic Easter everyone!



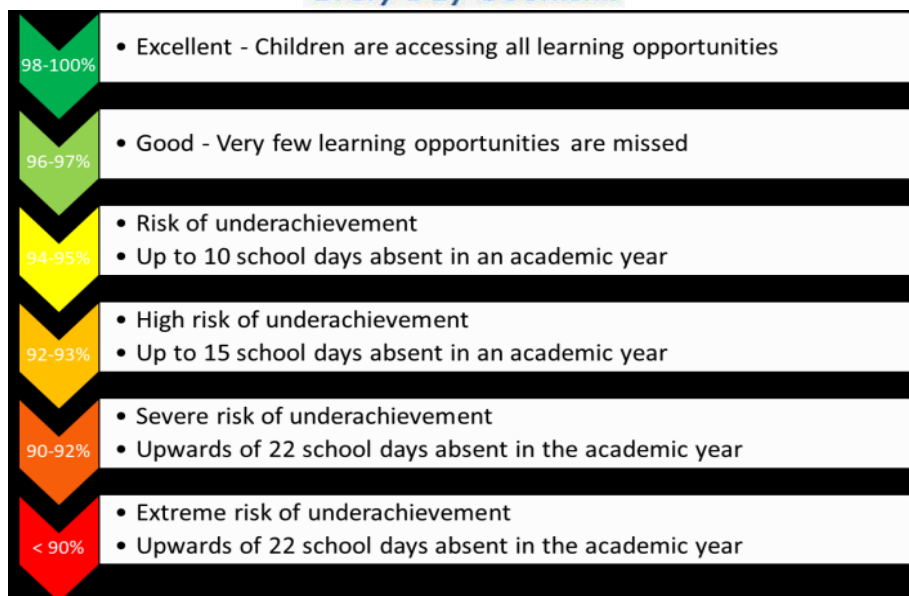
Our Learning

ASH CLASS

You would never believe the amount of learning and fun that can be packed into four and a half weeks! In English, we have learnt the tools and skills needed to write brilliant recounts. We used this knowledge to write a recount about a jar of water that travelled from a small stream to the ocean. This linked perfectly with our Geography work where we have been learning about rivers around the world, and also with our very exciting Art project, The River of Hope. Ash Class visited the river and explored it and its habitat, including some teeny tiny creatures that live there. History has been a particular highlight for many this half term as we discovered that Ash are incredible actors – particularly when it comes to historical recounts! We have learnt about Henry II, Thomas Becket, Richard I, King John and the crusades. Maths has seen us master fractions and in Science we've built on our knowledge of the Human Body by looking at healthy diets, food groups, teeth and the digestive system. Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Summer Term.



Attendance Matters



The importance of good attendance

The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance. Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued new attendance guidance and targets to all schools, you may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days that your child has been absent in a term/year. The Government hope that this personal approach will make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up and help keep you informed.

Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils – April 2023 to March 2024

Support has been extended until March 2024 for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM). Families who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive Edenred vouchers for April to August next month and then more in September. The vouchers can be spent at many major retailers including supermarkets.

Families in hardship and needing wider support In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Families may get in touch with NAS via their website which includes an online application form, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

Have your circumstances changed recently? 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/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31j-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSIcQ>



MONDAY

STREET FEAST TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Sausage Roll served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Chicken Fillet Burger served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta and Seasonal Vegetables

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Vegan Sausage Roll served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Veggie Burger served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans

Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta and Seasonal Vegetables

Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

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LUNCHTIME LUNCHBOX

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DESSERTS

Chocolate Cracklet Fruity Jelly

Apple & Berry Slice Fresh Fruit Pot

Victoria Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Jam Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day



MONDAY

STREET FEAST TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Beef Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Chicken Nuggets served with Potato Wedges and Garden Peas

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel served with Wholemeal Vegetable Rice & Mixed Salad

Pork Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy

Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Vegetable Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Veggie Nuggets served with Potato Wedges and Garden Peas

Vegetable Korma served with Wholemeal Rice and Naan Finger & Mixed Vegetables

Quorn Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots & Broccoli

Vegan Sausage Roll served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

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DESSERTS

Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedge Fresh Fruit Pot

Cornflake Tart Fresh Fruit Pot

Sticky Toffee Apple Cake Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Iced School Cake Fresh Fruit Pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day



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STREET FEAST TUESDAY

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MAIN MEAL

Pork Sausage Served with Herby Diced potatoes & baked Beans or Fresh Salad

Meat Feast Wholemeal Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Beef Pasta Bake Served with Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Vegan Quorn Sausage Served with Herby Diced potatoes & baked Beans or Fresh Salad

Margarita Wholemeal Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Vegetable Pasta Bake Served with Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Baked Lentil Roast served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Stuffing Ball and Gravy

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

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DESSERTS

Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Pot

Fruit Muesli Bar Fresh Fruit Pot

Peach Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Jaffa Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make an appointment with the staff in the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. 😊



FRIENDS OF SNETTISHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

A few dates for your diary:-

Non Uniform Days:-

17/04/24 - Non Uniform Day (£1 cash only not ParentPay)
14/06/24 - Non Uniform Day (£1 cash only not ParentPay)
27/09/24 - Non Uniform Day (£1 cash only not ParentPay)
05/11/24 - Non Uniform Day (£1 cash only not ParentPay)

Other Events:-

04/05/24 – Quiz Night
03/08/24 – Village Summer Fete
24/10/24 – Cake Stall
07/12/24 – Village Christmas Market
13/12/24 – School Christmas Fair

School Lottery Tickets available from:-

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/snettisham-primary-school?leafletId=8123681c-4783-4f35-bd8e-7ba7fd3db3b7>

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28/03/24 – Staff Inset Day

29/03/24 – EASTER HOLIDAY

12/04/24 – Hilltop Instalment Due

15/04/24 – Children return to school

16/04/24 – NO STARTER BAND

16/04/24 – Level 1 Bikeability Cycle Training

17/04/24 – Friends Non-Uniform Day £1 – cash only please

23/04/24 – Trigolf Yr1/2, Heacham

01/05/24 – Crucial Crew (Oak Class)

06/05/24 – Bank Holiday

20/05/24 – Victorian Activity Day Gressenhall - Birch and Ash Classes

21/05/24 – Smithdon Dynamos, Snettisham

23/05/24 – NCMP/Vision and Hearing 1pm (Reception)

23/05/24 – Yr6 Guildhall Trip

27/05/24 – HALF TERM

03/06/24 – Hilltop Final Balance Due

03/06/24 – SSP Dynamos Final

10/06/24 – SSP Girls Dynamos

13/06/24 – Smithdon Cycle Races, Glebe

19/06/24 – SSP Girls Dynamos Final

24/06/24 – Hilltop Residential 3 days

25/06/24 – Smithdon Area Sports

27/06/24 – KS1 Sports Festival Lynnsport 10-11.30am

04/07/24 – SSP Quadkids, Lynnsport

09/07/24 – Smithdon Year 6 Transition Day

12/07/24 – Year 5 Smithdon Experience Day

16/07/24 – Y6 Movie Night

22/07/24 – SUMMER HOLIDAY

02/09/24 – Staff Inset Day

03/09/24 – Staff Inset Day

04/09/24 – Children return to school

07/10/24 – Tempest – Individual/Sibling Photographs

20/03/25 – Tempest – Class Groups

Swimming Rota

* Subject to changes *

SUMMER TERM	
17 th April	Willow Class
24 th April	Willow Class
1 st May	Willow Class
8 th May	Willow Class
15 th May	Willow Class
22 nd May	Oak Class
29 th May	HALF TERM
5 th June	Oak Class
12 th June	Oak Class
19 th June	Oak Class
26 th June	Oak Class
3 rd July	Oak Class
10 th July	Oak Class
19 th July	Oak Class

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.



missed minutes =
missed learning
= missed opportunities!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every Minute Counts!



That's two school weeks

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If any details for parents or emergency contacts have changed, or you would like to add or remove someone. Please email office@snettishamprimary.co.uk

Pupil Name(s):

Contact Name

Relationship to Pupil:

Home tel no:

Mobile tel no:

Email

Address:

It is school policy that we hold at least TWO emergency contacts.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
Orange dates – pupil holiday
Purple dates – staff training day
Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are – Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September, Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 28th March 2024 as whole training days.
Monday 22nd July 2024 is disaggregated.

Term Dates 2024-2025 – Primary Schools

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Friday 25 October 2024 is disaggregated.