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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Friends,

We have had another very busy and exciting week, Pledge events, athletics and some fantastic cross curricular work in Snowy Owls centred around the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Our Eagle Owls have also been engrossed in their investigative work based on micro organisms with results being recorded on the intel microscope. They are also using agar plates to develop a greater understanding of the need for careful handwashing!

Doodle for Diabetes Competition

Before Christmas a number of children entered a 'Doodle for Diabetes' competition linked to World Diabetes Day. From a total of 2634 entries, we are pleased to announce that **Abigail Leverett** was winner of the year 3 age group. **Thomas Canning** was a runner up in this category. Both pictures will be included in 'The Book Of Doodles' being given to the Jenny Lind Centre at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, and as year 3 winner Abigail will also receive a prize to be presented on February 7th at Blofield Primary School.

Pledge Event

Very well done to **Henry Montague, Hannah Thomson, Anna Cracknell, Kieran Tracy, Max Desira, Grace Woodcock and Annabel Brooks** who represented the school (one from each year group) at Wednesdays Pledge event at Hethersett Woodside. As usual our school was very creative in its approach and rather than just say our pledge the children rapped it!! They were asked to do an encore especially for the cameras. Well done to all of them for making us feel so proud and well done to Mrs Davies and Mrs Butcher for putting it all together.

Our pledge is to run, walk, jog etc around the school field until we have covered the distance to the olympic stadium. We have worked this out to be just over 100miles. You can read an article about this on the Hethersett Village website at <http://www.hethersett.org.uk/pledge2012song.htm>

Sportshall Athletics

The Year 5 and 6 children took part in an indoor athletics event at the UEA on Monday. They participated in a range of events and all gave their best. Their support for each other was admirable - great sportsmanship - Well done Eagle owls.



Chickenpox

We have had a number of reported cases of chickenpox. Please be vigilant and follow the guidelines below:-

- Chickenpox is infectious up to 4 days before and 5 days after, the appearance of the rash. Those with chickenpox should be kept away from school for at least 5 days after the spots first appear or until the rash becomes dry and crusts over.
- Pregnant women should be made aware so that they can consult their doctor for advice if they are not immune to chickenpox.

In any case, persons with a rash who are unwell should not attend school.



Last weeks' attendance figure was a 98.02%. Well done to our Year 4 and Year 6 children who achieved 100% attendance. This is the third week running for our Year 4 children. Well done.



Head Teacher Award

Our Pledge team have all received a Headteacher's Award this week for their fantastic efforts at the Pledge Event -

Henry Montague, Hannah Thomson, Anna Cracknell, Kieran Tracy, Max Desira, Grace Woodcock and Annabel Brooks.

Evie Holt receives her award for a fantastic portrait painting which now adorns one of the Owlets classroom walls. Well done **Evie**.

Happy Birthday

This week to:

Henry Montague

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Show and Tell for Friday 3rd February will be:-

Owlets - Rain

Snowy Owls - What do we use plants for?



'Family Portrait Day' Update

We already have enough interest for the Family Portrait Day to go ahead.

There are a few more spaces

available. Please register your interest at the office. Further details will follow shortly.

Message for Reception Parents

The next Open Afternoon will be held on Tues 7th Feb at 2:30p.m - a fantastic opportunity for you to come and have a look at your child's learning journey. If you are unable to make this time you are always welcome to come and view the learning journey any day after school.

Don't forget those WOW moments! They are so valuable in letting us know what learning is happening at home. If you have run out of WOW moment tickets please send a message via the home liaison book and we will get some more to you. Thank you.

Mrs Butcher.

Half Term Activities

We are sorry to inform you that Set Your Sights have decided not to run a holiday club for the cluster this February half-term.



Sign2Sing Day

On Wednesday 8th February at 2:45p.m we are taking part in a Sign2Sing world record breaking attempt.

Parents/Carers are invited along to this event in our school hall and are encouraged to do a 'little homework' by learning the song lyrics with their children and participate in the world record attempt. Full details and lyrics are attached to this newsletter.



Norfolk
Constabulary
Internet
Presentation

Children use the internet constantly in this day and age, both for fun and for school work.

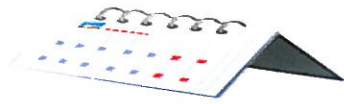
The only trouble is, they are often light years ahead of their parents in terms of online know-how, but blissfully unaware of the adults who might seek to take advantage of them, and naïve about the quantity of thoroughly unsuitable content on the web.

We have organised a presentation to parents delivered by Oliver Butcher from Norfolk Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Team on Thursday 2nd February at 7:30p.m in the school hall.

To book your place please complete and return the booking form attached to this newsletter by Tuesday 31st January.



A big THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in tissues this week. The office is still accepting contributions.



**Thursday 2nd February ~ Internet Safety
Presentation to Parents/Carers 7:30p.m**

**Tuesday 7th February ~ Internet Safety
Presentations to Children**

**Wednesday 8th February ~
Sign2Sing at 2:45p.m**

**Friday 10th February ~ Last day of school
Half term 13th to 17th February**

Wed 21st March ~ Parent Consultations

**Thursday 22nd March ~ Easter Assembly &
Cake Sale 9:30a.m**

Friday 23rd March ~

Chess Challenge at Hethersett High School

Monday 26th March ~

Eagle Owls PGL Residential (all week)

Tuesday 29th March ~ Norse Easter Lunch

Friday 30th March ~ Last day of school

Easter break 2nd April to 13th April

Summer Term 2012

Monday 16th April ~ Back to school

Monday 7th May ~ Bank Holiday

Tuesday 8th May ~ Class Photographs

14th-18th May ~ Assessments

Saturday 19th May ~ May Fair

May 21st - 25th ~ Activity Week

**Friday 1st June ~ Norse Queen's Diamond
Jubilee Lunch**

Friday 1st June ~ Last day of school

Half term 4th to 8th June

**Thursday 28th June ~ School closed - Royal
Norfolk Show Day**

Tuesday 3rd July ~ Norse Olympics Lunch

Monday 16th July ~ Whole School Trip

Friday 20th July ~ Last day of school

*Please note these dates/times could be
subject to change*

Yours sincerely,

Joan Hughes

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Head Teacher