Little Melton Primary School



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Newsletter 6th May 2021

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Evening forms. There are still a few spaces left- please contact the school if you would like to be added at this late stage.

There have been lots of enjoyable events in school this week. Bike Day was a great success for Owlets, and so we have decided to run it fortnightly on a Friday for the remainder of the summer term. Eagle Owls also had a brilliant Anglo-Saxon day last week, including enjoying preparing and trying out a range of Anglo-Saxon food made from authentic recipes. Barn Owls have had a great time learning how to dance round the Maypole this week, and there is a large collection of interesting looking resources building up in Snowy Owls, for an exciting activity they will be working on soon, along with a really fantastic Bug Hotel (pictures later in the newsletter)!

The plans for various class trips later this term are now at an advanced stage. The funding for the travel for these trips will be kindly provided by the Friends of the school. Often with school trips it is the cost (and sometimes availability) of the transport that is the main barrier, and so we are very grateful that the Friends committee have agreed to help. I know also that the Friends are planning a meeting soon for preparations for next academic year, so if you want to get involved in future fund raising efforts, please look out for future details of the meetings.

Finally, well done to all of the children who have already entered the online Knowledge Organiser quizzes (links reproduced again below). These will be an ongoing regular feature designed to complement the taught curriculum in school. Closing date to be eligible for a prizes is Friday May 21st.





Anglo-Saxons!

Headteacher Knowledge Organiser Quizzes - online now!

Year 1 and Year 2 https://forms.gle/4K4WvfXzVTfc1tAY7

<u>Year 3 and Year 4</u> https://forms.gle/PE9zwdYiPuhB6PC49

<u>Year 5 and Year 6</u> https://forms.gle/TSkMcPJJXu3Rt67H7





Weekly Headteacher Zoom Meetings – every Friday 1.15-2.15pm

Starting April 23rd, I will be setting time aside each week to offer individual Zoom meetings with any parents who would like to discuss any whole school items with me. If you would like to take up this offer, please email head@littlemelton.norfolk.sch.uk and I will set up an appointment time and email a joining link.



Around the Classrooms:

This week:			
Owlets	Our new Blackboard Wall!	Barn	May Pole Dancing
Snowy	Making a 5 Star Bug Hotel!	Eagle	Anglo-Saxon Cookery
Next week:			
Owlets	 Sounds we already know Counting beyond 10 Real caterpillars in class! Butterfly sewing & puppets 	Barn	 Great Kapok Tree– fact or opinion Capacity– L/ml conversions Function of plant roots Stop go animation with plasticine and Ipads!
Snowy	 Mass– KG/g Multiplication Minibeast poems Mapping the school grounds– using a key 	Fagla	 Division methods Coastal erosion and weathering Mosaics to a finish



Emelia age 6



Housepoint Awards:
Gold

Thomas B. & Grace R.



Owlets - Astrid, Toby & Tabitha Snowy - Trixie & Ted Barn -Jamal

Eagle - Anglo-Saxon Day this week



Last week's attendance was: 97.57%

Years 1, 3, & 5 achieved 100% attendance

Attendance year to date is 97.21% (excluding self-isolation)



N.B. These dates/times could be subject to

Monday 10th May - School Photos

Friday 28th May - Eagle Owls Viking Day

May Half Term Mon 31st May - Fri 4th June 2021

Wednesday 9th June - Barn Owls trip to Gressenhall

Monday 14th June - Eagle Owls Bake-Off Thursday 24th June - Eagle Owls sailing trip at Filby Broad

Monday 28th June - Eagle Owls bikeability group 1 Tuesday 29th June - Eagle Owls bikeability group 1 Wednesday 30th June - Barn Owls trip to Amazonia Zoo

Friday 2nd July - Eagle Owls West Runton beach trip

Monday 5th July - Eagle Owls bikeability group 2 Tuesday 6th July - Eagle Owls bikeability group 2 Wednesday 7th July - Hethersett Academy transition day 1

Friday 9th July - Hethersett Academy transition day 2

Friday 9th July - Whole school orienteering day Friday 9th July - Year 6 leavers movie night Wednesday 14th July - (provisional) Eagle Owls canoeing at Whitlingham

Wednesday 14th July - Owlets & Snowy Owls trip to Banham Zoo

Friday 16th July - Year 6 leavers midnight game night

Monday 19th July - Year 6 leavers water fight

Summer Holidays commence Thurs 22nd July 2021

Yours faithfully

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Mr Pritchard <u>Headteacher</u>



Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Presented by The Reading Agency.

Delivered in partnership with libraries.

The Summer Reading Challenge is launching on July 10th!

The Facts:

- The Summer Reading Challenge is designed to prevent a dip in children's literacy levels over the summer holidays and encourage a reading for pleasure habit.
- This year the Reading Agency in partnership with libraries are aiming to reach 1 million children in the UK. The theme is nature and the environment and is also in partnership with the World Wildlife Fund
- Children are more likely to engage with the Summer Reading Challenge if it is promoted and celebrated within their school.
- · Libraries in Norfolk are open and want to encourage children back.
- The Norfolk Library and Information Service has stopped overdue charges from all children's cards in order to remove any obstacle to library membership.
- The Norfolk Library and Information Service has developed electronic joining and registering systems and improved the online services to improve access.

The Norfolk Library and Information Service will support school engagement by providing the following:

- Electronic promotional material to distribute with your newsletters including local events.
- Electronic forms to help families register with the Summer Reading Challenge at their local library.
- Electronic forms to make it easy for families to join their local library and borrow books from their local library or online e-books.
- YouTube video to explain the challenge to your students and/or virtual attendance by a library staff member at an assembly.
- · Top tips to support schools who want to engage children in the challenge



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What will happen next?

- · You will be sent your electronic pack via the Education Library Service
- You will be contacted by your local library to ask if you have received this notification, answer any questions and offer a chance for virtual attendance at an assembly, as it is always nice for children to meet local library staff.

What you need to know:

- Libraries are open but, for those of you familiar with the Summer Reading Challenge, it is still not quite business as usual. We will be keeping our community safe by not encouraging large gatherings so, sadly, will not be offering school visits this year.
- We will be holding live online author and interactive story events throughout the challenge that families can access via zoom. The popular storyteller John Kirk; author, vet and TV presenter Dr Jess French; and author and vet Gill Lewis.
- Every week a new activity sheet will be available from local libraries to pick up along with the next book to read to encourage families to visit regularly.







10th to 16th May is Christian Aid Week

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means people are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.

Here at Little Melton Church we want to help make a difference. We will be delivering envelopes to every house in Little Melton during Christian Aid Week. Please give if you can.

Envelopes can be taken to the shop or the address on the envelope.

We have children's activity sheets which you can collect from the church anytime it is open.

If you would like to know more about the work of Christian Aid visit www.christianaid.org.uk

THANK YOU!

