

# Ilketshall St Lawrence Primary School Newsletter



## **Welcome Back**

I hope you had a lovely summer. The term is already in full swing here and the children have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying their learning.

This term, each class will be sending home a newsletter about this term's learning and this will include suggestions for how to support your child in school.

## **Lunchtimes**

Please can I remind you that we have children in school with severe nut allergies, so could we politely request that you do not put anything into your child's lunchbox which contains nuts. This does not include food items labelled 'may contain traces of nuts.'

## **Behaviour Matters**

As a result of parental feedback, we have completed a review of the management of behaviour in school. From this term there will be several new procedures in school. Details of these will follow shortly. Part of this includes the introduction of Jigsaw PSHE throughout the school. This is a mindful approach to PSHE and focuses on self-awareness, social skills, managing thoughts and feelings and developing empathy.

## **Keeping in touch**

If you haven't yet signed up for Our Schools App and you have a smart phone (either android or Iphone) you can download Our Schools App from Google play or Apple Store for free. Access is also available on a tablet or iPad by following the same download process. It is a quick and easy way to keep up to date with what is happening in school.

### Instructions for download

1. Using your device (iPad, iPhone, smart pad, tablet or android phone), visit the relevant marketplace for your product (Apple Store or Google Play).
2. Search for 'Our Schools App' and download the app.
3. Once downloaded, use the search bar within the app and enter the postcode or the name of the school.
4. Hit the search button.
5. Once you see the school name displayed, just touch the screen on the school name.
6. Confirm your choice by pressing 'OK'.
7. You will now be presented with the correct app for your chosen school which contains news, information, calendar events, contacts and any other relevant details.

If you do not have a smartphone you can still view the app and the information online at [www.OurSchoolsApp.com](http://www.OurSchoolsApp.com).

Please let the school office know if you wish to receive paper copies of newsletters if you have not already done so.

## **It's a Boy!**

Elijah Benjamin Briggs-Mee was born on 17<sup>th</sup> August at 10:07 a.m He weighed in at 7lb and 5oz. Mum and baby are both doing well.

## **Other staffing news**

Mrs Navarro has settled in well in Barn Owls and is really enjoying her new class. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Jacqui Blyth who will be joining us in the next few weeks. Mrs Blyth is a trainee teacher and she will be working in Eagle Owls with Mr Stone, learning from the excellent practice which takes place in his classroom.

Unfortunately, Mrs Hewitt will be leaving us at the end of next week having secured a place at the UEA to study English literature and Film Studies. She is very sad to be leaving and we are very sad to see her go, but we wish her well with this wonderful new adventure.

### **Long hair**

A polite reminder please. Long hair needs to be kept tied back at all times, not just for PE. This is for both Health and Safety reasons and to avoid the creepy crawlies!

### **Homework**

Again following the recent pupil and parent surveys, homework is changing. Rather than sending home formal learning tasks each week, we will expect children to read at home, practise their spellings and do their times tables. Children can also independently research the class topic which can then be shared in school. We have signed up to Spelling Shed and Times table rock stars which children can also access online to support their learning.

### **Dress like a Rockstar**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September we will be launching Times Tables Rock Stars across the school. In order to make this into a fun and memorable event, we would like everyone to come dressed up as a 'Rock Star'. Staff are already searching for their sparkly jumpsuits and platform heels!

### **Welcome meeting for parent of Little Owls**

This will be taking place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9a.m in the library. It will allow parents the opportunity to come and have a chat with the teachers, find out a bit more about what the children are doing and answer any questions that may arise.

### **Seesaw**

If you haven't already done so, parents of Key Stage 1 and 2 will soon be receiving a log in for Seesaw. We use seesaw as a method of recording practical learning and sharing this with parents. It is also a great way to pass on messages to the class teacher and vice versa. Tapestry will be used in Little Owls to share learning.

### **GDPR**

We will be resending the GDPR consent forms this term, so that if you wish your child to continue to access online learning etc. these will need to be signed and returned.

### **Date for the Diary**

19<sup>th</sup> September – Rock Star Day

25<sup>th</sup> September – Pupil Parliament at Whitton

- Reception – Meet the Teacher

27<sup>th</sup> September – Yr 5 and 6 girls football Edgar Sewter

2<sup>nd</sup> October – Barn Owls and Eagle Owls Story Café

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Tawny Owls and Little Owls Story Café

5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival

15<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening

18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening

19<sup>th</sup> October PD Day

**Mrs Winter 13-09-18**