



The **Short**
Stay School
for Norfolk

EARTHSEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Autumn 2 Newsletter!

Apologies for this being a bit late out.

Thank you for your support in making sure the children are ready for their school day by sending them in the correct uniform. They have been looking very smart.

As the weather is changing, please make sure they have waterproof jackets and warm clothing. The old heating system in this building is very sloooooow, usually by Thursday or Friday it's tropical!!

WARNING THE CHRISTMAS WORD IS
MENTIONED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Curriculum

This half term the Bridge class are learning about Earth and Space, The Warren class are learning about the UK and beyond and the River class are learning about our local environment.

Warren and River are hoping to go out locally to explore our local areas.

Breakfast/Snacks/Lunch

Breakfast – We are signed up to the National Schools Breakfast Programme, which provides all pupil with bagels or cereal for breakfast. We see this as a vital part of our day as we model and encourage the children to communicate with each other providing important social skills.

At Earthsea each class has snack and story time.

Please provide your child with a healthy snack, we are a Healthy School so we ask you to provide fruit or vegetable snack with water or squash.

Fresh water will be provided as and when needed during the school day.

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL AND CURRENTLY HAVE CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES SO PLEASE DON'T SEND ANY FOOD IN WHICH MAY CONTAIN PEANUTS.

Christmas comes to Earthsea

This year we are planning a Christmas Concert to be held at East Tuddenham Village Hall on the 20th December at 11am. Please pop the date in your diary.

There will be a raffle, craft stalls and refreshments.



Uniform

Please ensure that you encourage your child to wear our school uniform. Wearing uniform gives the children a sense of belonging.

The children should wear a white polo shirt, Black or grey trousers/shorts or skirt/dress.

Black school shoes or black trainers.

For PE its black shorts or jogging bottoms with a blue polo shirt. Children can come in dressed for PE on their PE days.

PE days are as follows

The Bridge has PE on a Wednesday.

The Warren have PE on a Thursday.

The River have PE on a Tuesday.

Class teachers and staff

The Bridge – Class teacher: Caro, TA's: James and Jess - Monday and Tuesday

The Warren – Class teacher: Michael, TA's: Emma, Nardia and Emmi.

The River – Class teacher: Yasmine, TA's: Charlotte, Gaynor - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sally - Thursday and Friday

This is subject to change as we will move staff where needed.

School Council news

We now have an up and running school council; we now have representatives from each class. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 14th November.

Watch this space for more info. . . .

Behaviour

At Earthsea we value your contributions to supporting your child with their education. There has been an increase in difficult and harmful behaviours in school recently. If your child has been having difficulties at home with sleep or family illness/circumstances or has an upcoming event which may impact on your child's learning and behaviour please contact the school so that we can work together to support them.

We track the children's behaviour lesson by lesson so we can try and see if there are any patterns.

If we are concerned we will contact you to discuss how we can work together to best support your child.

Please ring or email the school office on 01603 881045 or email office@ear.unity-ed.uk

The behaviour scores are

- 5 – Following the rules, being kind and taking care of others, listening to adults, ignoring poor behaviour, be safe, try your best to be polite and stay in your chair.
- 4 – Some reminders, checking and changing behaviour, listening to adults and take space.
- 3 – Not listening, being disruptive, calling out, shouting out and wandering around the classroom, being rude, being selfish, winding others up and taking 2 minutes.
- 2 – Not listening, having to take 3 minutes, swearing, spitting, threatening, throwing things and name calling.
- 1 – Significant incident, punching, kicking, breaking toys or resources, absconding, climbing, dangerous behaviour and damaging property.

What we got up to last term.

On 28th September we celebrated European Day of Languages. All classes did something different, however they all learnt some Spanish and or French words/phrases. We did some food tasting, we had French onion soup, baguettes, a variety of cheeses, paté and snails. Yes I said SNAILS!! Most of the children tried a snail, it was a little tricky getting them out of the shell and caused some staff some injuries to their fingers!!



On the 20th October we helped raise money for 'Wear it pink day' – Now this was the day we had lots of rain and the roads were flooded, so we didn't have all children in school, but we carried on with our pink theme and we raised £10 which was sent off to the charity.

Bridge and Warren had Soup and Stories outside under the Pergola on a chilly morning!

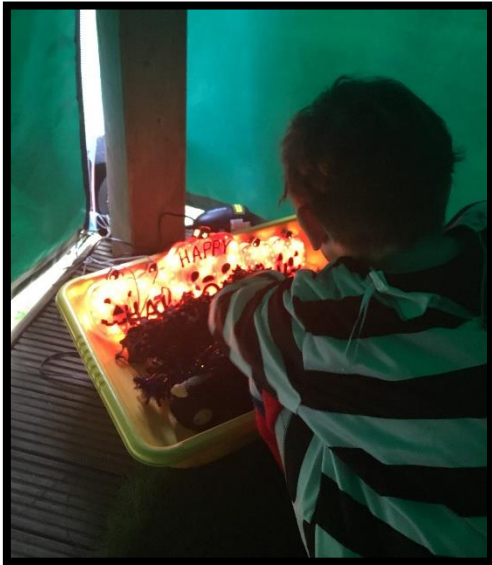
We sent Book Bags home for the first time. Pupils have commented on how they have enjoyed choosing books to take home and share with their adults. Thank you for taking the time to explore these books with your children.



River class went on a woodland walk to explore the signs of Autumn! All the pupils were really safe and had a great time. We collected Autumnal objects to make our own Autumn sensory tray.



Halloween was fun, we started off with green porridge topped with worms and spiders. We had spooky story telling with our resident witch in the pergola, with decorations, lights and sensory trays. We baked some *bootiful* biscuits, we took part in a Halloween hunt, some of the children had their face painted and we had some Halloween snacks. The children all went away with a crochet witches hat made by one of our very talented members of staff!!!



Dates for the diary

17th Nov – Children in need – Non-uniform – £1 suggested donation

20th Nov – World children's day – *"Children must be listened to and included in all decisions that affect them."*

W/B 27th Nov – Advent – (begins 3rd Dec)

W/B 4th Dec – Hanukkah (begins at nightfall on 7th Dec)

11th Dec – Christmas around the world – we will be looking at how different countries celebrate.

14th Dec - Whitwell Christmas Lunch – we will be taking the children to Whitwell Hall for a whole school Christmas lunch followed by activities.

20th Dec – EARTHSEA CONCERT at East Tuddenham Village Hall. Remember to book your tickets!!!

20th Dec – Last day of school – Enjoy the Christmas break!!

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Thursday 4th January – Happy New Year!! – We welcome the children back to school.

W/B 8th Jan – Modern slavery – The children will be learning about what this is and how we can help.

W/B 15th Jan – World religion day – we will be looking at how the Holy Book share elements with the Bible.

W/B 22nd Jan – Burns night – The children will be learning about Robert Burns and looking at some of his poems.

W/B 29th Jan – Rosa Parks Birthday – the children will be learning about how she stood up for equal rights.

W/B 5th Feb – Safer internet day - The children will be taught how to stay safe online.

W/B 12th Feb – Shrove Tuesday – I'm certain there will be pancakes for breakfast!!