



Aslacton Primary School

Half Term ending

Friday 31st March 2023

Deputy Head Teacher's Message

The Spring Term at Aslacton has been full and busy with lots of new core stories, learning cafés, parent project sessions, the return of Forest Schools and new clubs. Kestrel class have completed their swimming programme and have all been awarded their certificates. Due to the polite, hardworking attitudes of our children we have been offered the extra term of swimming we had this year again next year, so we hope to be taking Eagles in the Autumn term again. Well done to everyone who has represented our school at the pool, we are very proud of the way you have behaved and learned whilst you have been there.

Since half term the remodelling work has started on the kitchen at Manor Field and we are hopeful about a completion date a few weeks after we come back from the Easter break. Trevor, Steve and their team have worked with us and apart from staff parking spaces, there has been very little disruption to date. The completion of the new permanent kitchen will enable us to have more reliable kitchen facilities and will remove the problems we had before Christmas with frozen pipes etc. Please check the website for the new menu which begins after the Easter break.

Thank you to those who completed the parent questionnaire at the recent parents evening sessions. I am happy to say we received a very positive response and are now looking at the comments regarding 'what do you think we could improve?'.

As we look to the Summer term we will be thinking about our transition arrangements for September both for our new Reception who will join us and also our Year 6s as they prepare to leave us for their High School places. We have made plans for in school celebrations of the coronation of the King and we will be inviting you to join us towards the end of the day on May 5th to view our portrait gallery.

With the changes to the Trust which will happen over Easter I will be supporting Mrs Haines with my leadership role for an extra day a week during the Summer term but I am very pleased to say that Mrs Kirk is able to take on an extra day of teaching so we are able to keep it as consistent as possible for Owl Class. Mrs Kirk will now also teach on a Monday.

From all of the staff we wish you a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing everyone on TUESDAY 18TH APRIL for the start of term.



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Around the School

Owls have enjoyed our core story "The Last Wolf" this half term. We have found out about lots of traditional tales where wolves play a part as well as learning about the life-cycle and habitats of real life wolves around the world. We have written advice to the main characters and made wanted posters as part of our English. We have also learned about different landscape features ending in a project to create a landscape where our core story characters could live. In art we have been exploring painting and colour mixing, and were able to demonstrate our skills to our grown ups at our parent project session. In computing we have explored a new app -Scratch Jnr—where we have learned to code different characters called sprites. The children have really loved using this new technology and have made really good progress with it. Well done Owls—have a lovely Easter.

In **Kestrel** Class, we have had a busy final week of Spring term. We have finished off our topic learning about significant historical explorers: Christopher Columbus, Ibn Battuta, Amelia Earhart and Neil Armstrong. In our art lessons, we have practised developing our sketching skills by focusing on facial features, and applying these skills by completing self-portraits in the style of Quentin Blake. We have all really enjoyed reading our core story, The Green Ship, and have created story maps to help us verbally retell what happens. Our story has inspired our writing and we have completed brilliant diary entries, character descriptions and poetry. We have developed our performance skills by using our voices and bodies to perform our poems to one another. In our science lessons we have explored how we can stay healthy by looking at different food groups and healthy diets. In PE, we have worked hard on teamwork while playing tag rugby. A big well done to those in Years 3 and 4 who have been swimming this term; super progress has been made by all! Have a wonderful Easter everyone!

Eagle Class have thoroughly enjoyed reading both Harry Potter and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It has been brilliant to observe these texts encouraging imagination, fantasy and description. The children have written a range of genres this term from potion recipes to ghost stories! In Maths, we have worked hard to master fractions, decimals and percentages. We have improved our multiplication fluency and deepened our understanding of problem solving using a range of reasoning questions. In Science and Geography, we have enjoyed studying Evolution and the Galapagos Islands. An interesting topic and we clearly have lots of budding Marine Biologists! In Art, we have created and described our own mythical creatures, taking inspiration from our core-stories and film studies. A special mention to Year 6 for their effort and concentration in SATs practise and workshops. A hard-working term. Well done, Eagles.

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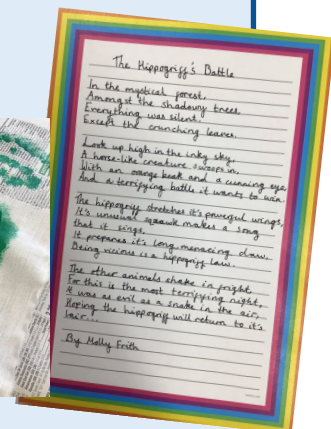
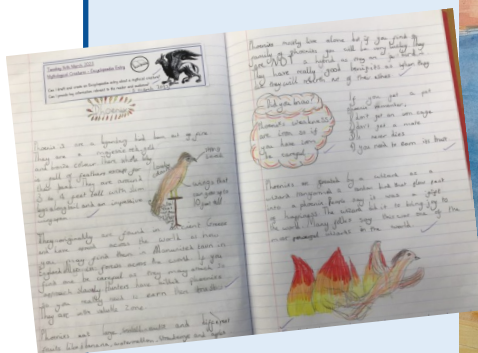
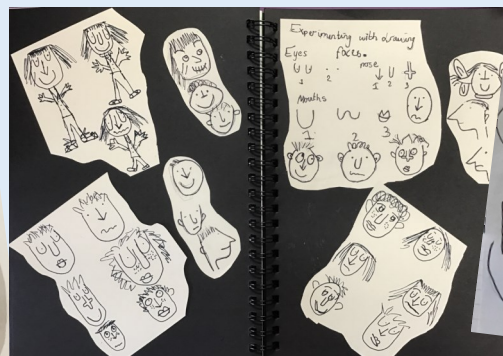
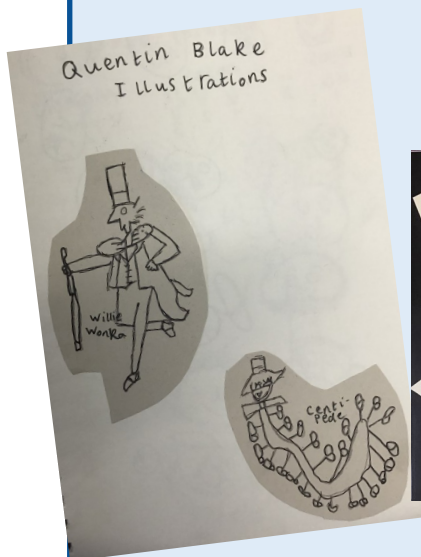
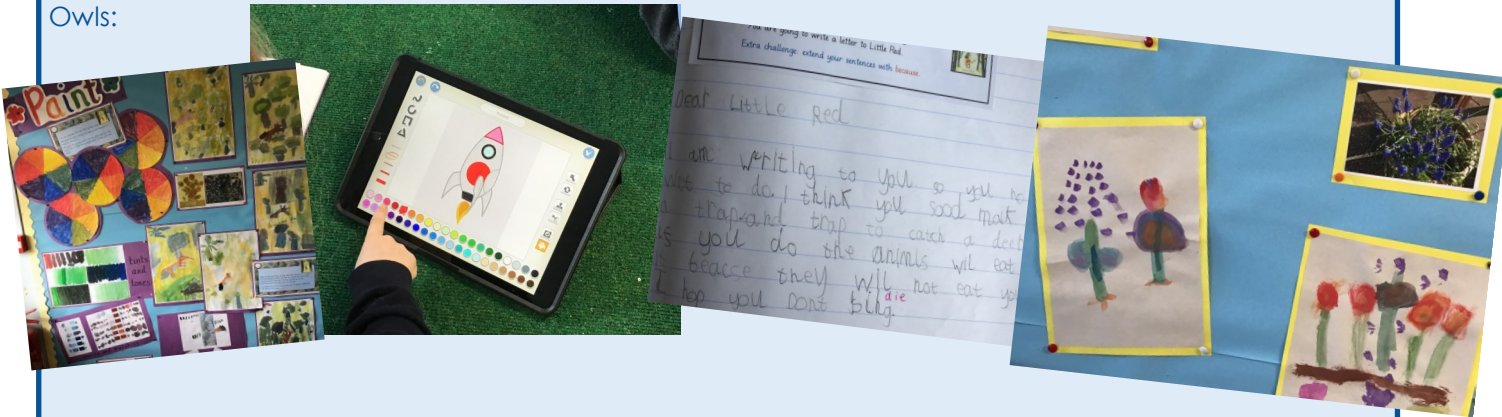
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Goodbye and Good Luck

It is with mixed feelings that we are letting you know Miss Bainbridge, our long standing SENDCO, is moving on to take up a SEN adviser post with the NCC Local authority. Her last day with the Trust will be Friday 31st March.

Miss Bainbridge started at Manor Field as a class teacher in September 2017 but her passion for special educational needs led her to become a full time SENDCO. Miss Bainbridge is very respected in the SEN community and has worked hard to ensure SEN pupils' needs are met throughout our Trust and beyond.

We will miss her expertise and support but all the staff at Aslacton wish her well for the future. We know she will excel in her new post.

As a Trust we have interviewed for the new Trust SENDCO and hope to give you more details regarding this next term.

I have met with Miss Bainbridge regarding actions that will be needed in the summer term for our SEN pupils, and therefore from the 17th April 2023 please direct any SEN related questions or concerns to myself at office@aslacton.norfolk.sch.uk

We will also miss Finley, the school therapy dog who belongs to Miss Bainbridge. We have thoroughly enjoyed our visits from Finley and the children will definitely miss seeing him in school.

We, once again, thank Miss Bainbridge for her dedication to SEN at Aslacton Primary School and we wish her all the best in her new role.

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Information

Sports Day -Advanced notice

Our sports day is scheduled for Monday 11th July, weather permitting. As with previous years you are invited to join us for as much of the day as you are able. The morning will be a carousel of activities with the "traditional" races in the afternoon. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch to eat on the field.

Parent Readers for the Summer term:

Owl: **moving to WEDNESDAY** at 2.50pm

Kestrel: Wednesdays 9am

Eagle: Monday morning 9am

Family Friday Dates for the Summer Term—

9am for 15 mins unless otherwise stated

April 21st—Eagle

May 5th—All classes 2.45pm to view coronation portrait gallery.

May 19th - Kestrel

May 26th - Owl

June 9th—Eagle

June 16th—Kestrel

June 23rd—Owl

June 30th—All classes 2.45pm final opportunity to see books for the year

Clubs for the Summer Term

Tuesday (3,4,5,6) and Thursday (R,1,2) **multisports** will continue starting the first week back - if you no longer want your place please let the office know. There are a small number of spaces for anyone who wishes to join.

Film club will continue for all years on Tuesdays.

KS1 **gym club** has finished on Mondays. After Easter it will be open to KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6) There are very few Mondays between Easter and May due to INSET and bank holidays so this will run to July to give enough sessions. Sign up will be available from the first Tuesday back at the office.

Y6 **SATs** and Y4 **Multiplication** clubs continue on Wednesdays.

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Save the date!

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April Easter Holidays. Children return Tuesday 18th April

April	
Monday 17th April	School closed to pupils—Staff INSET
Monday 24th—Wednesday 26th April	Horsted Residential Trip for Years 3-6
Tuesday 25th April	Owl Parent Project session—please sign up at the office.
Wednesday 26th April	Y2 parents meeting re Y2 SATs and assessment 9am in the hall
Friday 28th April	Skipping workshops (during school hours)
May	
Monday 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday—School closed
Friday 5th May	Non Uniform red, white and blue day for the Coronation. Parents are invited to come in at 2.45pm to view our coronation portrait gallery.
Monday 8th May	Coronation of King Charles III Bank Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th	Y6 SATs week
Tuesday 16th May	Kestrel parent project session—art.
Friday 19th May	Eagle Cake Sale after school (Friends of Aslacton)
Thursday 25th May	Y6 Crucial Crew trip - details to follow

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June May Half Term

June	
Thursday 8th June	Class Photos
Tuesday 13th June	Eagles parent project session
Thursday 15th June	Kestrel parents invited for a picnic lunch
Tuesday 20th June	Kestrel parent project session
July	
Thursday 6th July	Eagle parents invited for picnic lunch
Monday 10th July	Sports day—see page 5
Tuesday 11th July	No music lessons this week
Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July	Y6 transition days to LSHS
Thursday 13th July	Owl parents invited for picnic lunch
Friday 14th July	Family Fun Night (Friends of Aslacton) 4.30-7pm
Friday 21st July	Leaver's Service in church –parents of Y6 invited to join us. More information about Y6 leaver's events to follow in the Summer term.

Term ends for the Summer Friday 21st July



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Attendance

There is room for improvement to be made with pupil attendance at school. It is a legal requirement that your child attends school everyday unless they are genuinely unwell. IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL ON EACH DAY OF ABSENCE before 9.00am. In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised.

Our attendance:

Attendance target: 96%

This half term's attendance: 94.4%

Class with the best attendance: Eagle with 96%

Late pupils this half term: 0

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