



# Gislingham and Palgrave C.E.V.C. Primary Schools Federation

## November Issue

Dear Parents,

Gislingham was one of the first schools to be inspected under the new Ofsted Framework earlier this month. We were not expecting an inspection until next year but were preparing ourselves for a very different kind of inspection from the one Palgrave had at the beginning of the year and Gislingham had two years previously.

Under the new framework the attainment of the Year 6 children over the past three years has to be consistently above average or the vast majority of progress made must be more than the national average for the overall school grade to be 'good'. Schools have been working to at least two levels progress over Key Stage two, eg. From 2B in mathematics at the end of Year 2 to level 4B in Year 6. This is sound or now 'satisfactory' progress. With cohorts of around 10-16 children the different composition of each year has a big impact on whether a high percentage of a group's results are below or above average. The number of children

**Gislingham**— I hope many of you will be able to come to the SHARE evening on Internet safety next month. We are keen to hear your views and concerns. Class 4 have been practising Wake and Shake activities after a visit from Miss Riches from the Sport Partnership. We hope they will soon begin to lead some sessions for the younger children.

David Cooper from the Diocese has visited both schools to introduce a school in Tanzania. We are hoping to forge some links there to help the children understand what education and life is like in other parts of the world.

### Palgrave

The new library area is now set up and the children are enjoying using it.

The SHARE evening on Internet Safety was not well attended but those who did come found it very helpful. The schools are going to be reviewing their internet safety policy and would be glad to hear of any concerns and ideas from parents.

with SEN also has an impact on the results. Our results for different subjects across three years have varied. We have not yet heard back from Ofsted so I have not received any final grades for the different aspects of school life or the overall grade. The inspector sends the school the final report for circulation to parents and a letter to the children. We will send these out as soon as we receive them.

We have had many absences this month and hope to see everyone back in school well recovered. The Year 6 children are now back after the Aylmerton bug and I would like to commend them all for their excellent week up in Norfolk. All the staff returned with reports of great teamwork and co-operation and excellent behaviour. I was very impressed to hear of the high marks achieved by the boys' dorm inspections—well done!

Yours truly,  
Angela Hall

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### Special points of interest:

#### Gislingham School:

**Midday Supervisors needed as soon as possible.**

The post is for five days a week from 11.55 am to 1.05 pm. The rate is set at Grade 1 point 7 £6.62 per hour with a holiday enhancement that brings the hourly rate to £7.51.

A job share opportunity is available if you are unable to do five days. If you are interested please would you contact Mrs Earl or Mrs Drax in the office.

Thank you.

Some staff have taken on new responsibilities this term and will be out of school for training days. We do try to use regular supply teachers but with illness so prevalent we have had some new faces, recommended by local schools.

Mrs Plastow and Mrs Playford are new and have been working in both schools. Mrs Howard— former Headteacher of Eye Primary, Miss Page, Mrs Rodd and Mrs Waters are now well-known to us.

If any parent would like to run a club after school please let us know— from the School Councils

# Governors

The Governors have planned the timetable for the two day interviews on 26th and 27th November. If you have any questions about the appointment please do not hesitate to ask one of the Governors. The candidates will be visiting both schools; Palgrave on Thursday and Gislingham on Friday. The children from both School Councils will be asking some questions and Mrs Brown and Mrs James will be taking part along with the Chairs of our Friends Associations, Liz Nugent and Hilary Hudson.

## Palgrave Class News

### Class 1

Class 1 have been learning about nocturnal animals and finding out how to feel safe when we are scared.

We all really enjoyed dressing up for Children in Need, and with our table-top sale and refreshments stall, our school raised over £90.00.

### Class 2

'In numeracy we have been adding 2 and 3 digit numbers. We have been learning about different artists including Francis Bacon, Paul Klee, Victor Vasarelle, Henri Matisse and Andy Warhol.' *Thomas and Harriet*

This week in history we have been advertising posters about WWII. In literacy we have been learning about myths & legends. We also did some vertical addition in numeracy.' *Ruby C. Florence, & Ruby A*

### Class 3

Class 3 have been learning about angles in maths. In literacy we have been talking about and watching 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. The Year 6s went to Aylmer-ton—we all thought it was an action packed holiday but it was a very tiring week! When the Year 6 were away the Year 5s were having a fantastic Book Week- we all liked the Book Week.

By Brooke Reeves, Victoria Goddard and Imogen Howard

## Friends of Palgrave School

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We are having tea & refreshments in school after the Christingle Service on 4 December. There will be a tombola & a produce stall. This Friday (27 November) will be a non-uniform day in school. Instead of paying 50p per child, please send in something suitable for our tombola stall (adult or child). All produce or tombola donations would be greatly appreciated. We still have draw tickets for sale.

# Gislingham News

## Class 1 & 2

The Reception and Year 1 children have had lots of fun exploring light sources in their dark cave. The Year 2 children have enjoyed finding out about electricity and have been busy making circuits. We have also started to learn some new songs for our Christmas production.

We have had lots of absences recently and hope that the children soon start feeling much better.

## Class 3

We have nearly finished our study of the Vikings and are looking forward to walking around the village to explore local history. In Science we have been studying the characteristics of materials and have investigated how to protect a meringue during a journey by post!!

## Class 4

Phoebe\_ The Year 6 children went to Aylmerton and we did lots of activities. The best ones were the owl and snake display, seeing the seals at Blakeney and the night walk. I also liked going to 'Splalsh' swimming pool. I did not like the mud walk because we had to walk in the mud in bare feet!

Molly—While the Year 6 children were away we had a Book Week. We worked on the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We made peach surprise and lighthouse sandwiches. We made model lighthouses.

## **FOGS and Playgroup- dates of fundraising events this term**

20th November- Bingo Night—a great night was had by all!

Children's Christmas Parties 16th December- Reception and Key Stage 1 3.30-4.30pm and Key Stage 2 6- 7.30pm

## Church

### Gislingham

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in St Mary's Church, Gislingham, Christmas Eve at 3pm.

ALL WELCOME! Collecting candles are available to children at the school, we have spare candles in Church. Those who are unable to attend can return their candles to school.

### Palgrave

Family Service every 2nd Sunday.

Christingle Service on Friday 4th December. Children are invited to bring a wrapped gift to be put under the tree for distribution to disadvantaged children.

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## Dates for Your Diary

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### Palgrave School

#### November

24—Governors Meeting at Gislingham 5.30pm

26 and 27 Headteacher Interviews

#### December

4—Christingle Service at the Church details following

9—Class 2 trip to Duxford

15- Christmas dinner

17- Christmas Open the Book Service 9.15am in the Church—all welcome.

17- Palgrave Christmas Performance 1.30 pm in the Community Centre- 'The Star Attraction'

18—Break -up

#### Reminders

Please remember to send your child into school with healthy snacks- fruit and vegetables are very welcome- we will ask the children to keep biscuits and other sweet items to the end of the day. Both schools are working hard to achieve 'Healthy school' status.

We have just received this years 'Severe Weather' procedures. In the event of very bad weather please listen to the local radio for advice from local schools. A school closes only when there are insufficient staff to ensure the safety of the children or the weather is so bad as to create a safety problem for children or staff getting to and from school. Our usual letter will be coming out to parents shortly.

Please make sure your child has a coat in school. Thank you

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26- Class 3 parents invited to lunch

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#### December

1- Year 5 Parents Afternoon and Evening

SHARE Internet Safety evening in Class 3 6pm.

3- Year 6 children to go to Hartismere for a maths morning.

9- Class 4 children invite parents to lunch

14- K.S.2 Christmas Concert afternoon and evening performances—2.30 pm and 7pm

15—K.S.1 Christmas Play 'Whoopsy Daisy Angel' in the afternoon- 2.30pm

16- Christmas Dinner for the children and parties after school.

17—Carol Service in Church 11.00am

18—Break up