

Newsletter – October 2021

Heacham Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this term. The children have enjoyed being able to mix with other bubbles at playtime and come together for assemblies. It has also been great to welcome families back into the playground at the start and end of the school day at last!

We have also welcomed families into school for workshops to talk about reading for pleasure and to take a look at the lovely reading spaces that we have around the school and in classrooms. Reading regularly and exploring books both at home and school is so important. It doesn't just have to be about books... words are everywhere! Encourage your child to read whilst out and about; this could include: reading signs (such as shop signs, road signs) and notices (or spotting letters) when out and about or around the home, or sharing the menu with your child when out for a meal, looking at a magazine together, reading information leaflets about places or information boards on daytrips. Our local libraries are also a wonderful free resource and often run events during holidays. After half term we will run further sessions including Maths Mastery, behaviour and home learning and enrichment – all welcome!

Our 'Hello Yellow' day in support of Young Minds on Friday 8th October was successful – we raised £67 here at the Infant School which is fantastic! The children enjoyed dressing in yellow to mark the occasion. Many thanks for all your kind donations.

Engagement in learning has been good and pupils continue to benefit from our knowledge curriculum, which has enabled them to study the works of Henry Moore and Paul Klee, discover what makes a good map and find out about compass points, learn about online safety and explore the creation story among other exciting things!

Enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on 1st November.

Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt and Catherine Bennett

Term Dates

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.

Please see our website for information

The Last day of Term is Thursday 21st October. Children return on Monday 1st November 2021!



Twitter

Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than Facebook.



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@heachamjunior

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher Emma Hunt, or our Assistant Head, Catherine Bennett, please make an appointment at the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority ☺

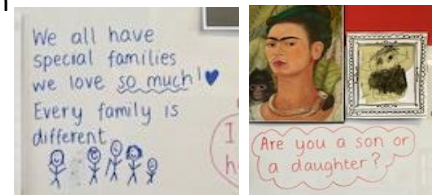
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Our Learning

Nursery have had a happy start to the year. The children have been very busy bees! Their focus has been around being a kind friend and it has been lovely to see how beautifully the children play and learn together. They have turned their focus to 'Owl Babies' because it's important to remember that Mummy (Daddy/ Nanny..) always comes back. They have made nests, retold the story with puppets, enjoyed owl yoga and made little owl babies of their own. Alongside this they always spend lots of time in the garden, planting, finding ladybirds, collecting conkers, sweeping leaves and so, so many other busy jobs. The children, and staff, really should sleep very well after a day in Nursery!



GOLDFINCHES have been learning about themselves, their families and how they look and feel. They have drawn their self-portraits and discussed how different emotions look on their faces. They have also been looking at where they live and have been for a walk around Heacham. They looked at different homes; detached, semi-detached and bungalows and have designed their own buildings. They have also been participating in Dance in PE, and have been practising lots of different dance moves.



ROBINS have got the year off to a great start by using our Fred Talk for reading and writing and producing some great sentences about our visit to Sandringham. In Maths they have been recently focusing on place value and part whole models. They are getting speedy with our counting in 2s, 5s and 10s as well! They've enjoyed learning about primary colours and different lines in art including the work of Mondrian, Hockney and Miro. They have been cartographers in Geography and have produced some excellent maps and in RE they have been learning about the creation story. The class have been really grateful being able to use the new laptops in computing. It is great to see the reading, writing and work they've been doing at home so please do remember to upload activities to Dojo!



OWLS have had a fantastic start to the term! They have worked super hard in English to write some amazing journey tales about transporting animals across different habitats, inspired by 'Zeraffa Giraffa'. In Art they have explored colour and texture and have created some fantastic cut-outs inspired by Matisse. In Geography they have been learning how to draw maps and navigate with a compass. They had a great time applying our map reading skills on our trip to the park!



School Dates and Events

Parents Evenings Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November

Our autumn term parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November between 3:30pm and 6:00pm. For this parents' evening we will be arranging phone calls or Zoom meetings with the hope of returning to face to face in the Spring term if the situation allows. Please message your child's class teacher on Dojo to say whether you would prefer a phone call or a Zoom meeting between 3:30-5:00pm or 5:00-6:00pm and on which day. We will do our very best to accommodate your preferences. Teachers will allocate you a time and send you this information in a Dojo message. All meetings will be a phone call, unless you specify on Class Dojo that you would prefer an online Zoom meeting.

Special Menu: Bonfire Night Friday 5th November

Sausages or Vegetable Nuggets served with chips and baked beans, with a Rocket lolly for dessert.

Children in Need Friday 19th November

Children are invited to wear stripes, spots, yellow or bear themed clothing to support Children in Need. Clothes should be suitable for the cold, wet weather. A donation of £1 can be paid online to our school account.

Tempest Individual Photographs Thursday 25th November

School photographs will take place in the morning, starting with Nursery children at 8:30am. Photographs will be able to be ordered for delivery before the Christmas period.

Flu Immunisations Friday 10th December

The new date for the Flu Immunisations has been booked. This is for Goldfinches, Robins and Owls classes. If you have not previously completed a NHS Immunisations form, please contact the school office.

We hope to be able to offer more events as the term continues and are currently looking into how we can safely celebrate our usual Christmas School Traditions. We will advise in due course.

Heacham Infant School Autumn Activity Challenges

Have a look at these fun activities!

Leaf art, pumpkin carving and conker animals.

Why not have a go? Send us photos on Dojo and let us know how you got on!



Little Princess Trust Donation Fundraiser

A member of Goldfinches class has done something amazing! Jessica decided that she would like to raise money for the Little Princess Trust by cutting her long hair to a short, and very cute, bob. Jessica's mummy arranged the event on the 16th October and even cut Jessica's hair herself.

Jessica has raised £409.25! Well done Jessica! 😊

If you would like to contribute to Jessica's fundraising, donate on:
www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stephanie-ireson



Cashless Payments

All payments can be made via the school's bank details or through the card machine held at the office.

We do not have ParentPay.

Payments include Drop in Club, Nursery Fees, Charity collections and other chargeable items.

Contactless Card Payments:

Payments via the card machine held at the school office.

Bank Transfer payments should be made to:

Heacham Infant and Nursery School

Sort code: 30-99-77

Account Number: 35469768

*Please add a reference to your bank payment e.g. 'Surname Nursery'.

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 10 days and/or take a test if you have a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste. Those that are fully vaccinated or under 18 may not need to isolate providing they have no symptoms. Remember to:

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.



West Norfolk Academies Trust is now on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on easyfundraising.com

Have you checked for funding?

You might be eligible for Free School Meals/Early Years Pupil Premium funding.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying! Pupil Premium can cover Nursery sessions too!

You can apply online:

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

Or email the office for an application form.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Just One from the Children's and Young People's Health Service has lots of useful information on pregnancy, children's health and developmental needs, activities and more. They also have a very helpful section about starting school – how to deal with any worries or concerns, how to get organised and where you can get some support.



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