

Newsletter – December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been so busy with a real buzz around the classrooms as children continue to enjoy their learning across the curriculum. There has been a strong focus across the school on reading, talking and kindness as we support young pupils' development. As we learn from the knowledge rich curriculum, we find our pupils are keen to share their new found knowledge with anyone who will listen. So please take a look at the Knowledge Organisers on our websites and chat with your child about their learning and new vocabulary from this term. Areas of knowledge have been based on nocturnal animals, night and space in Preschool, Diwali, weather, Guy Fawkes in Reception. Animals, discovering history in Key Stage 1 with learning in animals and habitats too.

Our parent workshops on Fridays have continued this half term and have included Phonics, Read Write Inc, Reading for Pleasure, Maths Mastery, Behaviour for Learning and Enrichment! Presentations are now on the school website so please take a look if you couldn't attend. Please remember to help your child through daily reading, chatting, playing and interaction. This goes a long way!

The children have enjoyed some fantastic workshops across the school this term, including a dance workshop for Diwali, Autumn Fireworks and Classical Music Rocks. Author, David Bedford, delighted the children with some of his wonderful stories too! Our Junior Leaders helped us learn about kindness during Anti Bullying Week and about UK Parliament Week. We even met MP James Wild! Miss Bennett also organised a wonderful zoom event "bedtime stories" which was very special and relaxing. Amazing how much we all love hearing a great story! The children were also thrilled to dress up for Children In Need and with your generous donations, we managed to raise £50 for this worthy cause. We even had a surprise visit from Pudsey himself – what a treat!

So as we get closer to Christmas we are starting to feel the magic with the arrival of a beautiful tree ready for decoration. Rev Wilson is leading our Christmas Assembly and each class will prepare and share a video of Christmas messages for you at home. These will go on Class Dojo and the website before the end of term.

Enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break and we cross fingers that we can look forward to welcoming you back into school in 2022!

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 Friday 17th
December. Children return on
Wednesday 5th January 2022!**

Twitter

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

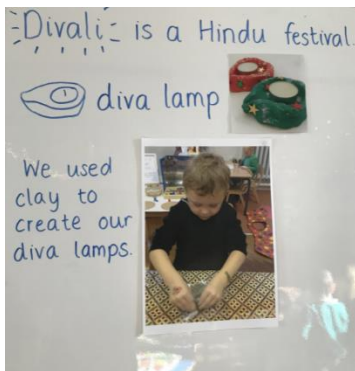


If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher Emma Hunt, or our Assistant Head, Catherine Bennett, please make an appointment at the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to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

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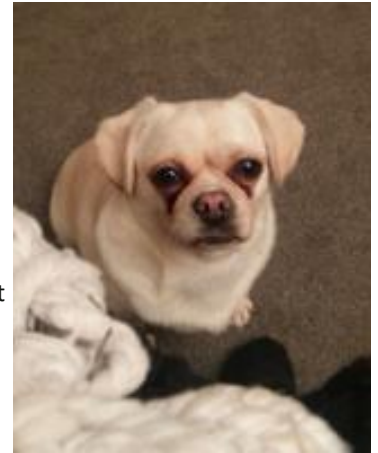
Our Learning

Nursery have spent some time looking at what happens at night time and nocturnal such as hedgehogs, foxes, badgers and bats! The children also made their own tents and created a play campfire to roast their marshmallows on. The lights were turned off and they used torches to search around the room. A member of Sparrows and her mummy very kindly brought their pony, Stanley, in to say hello! The class have been doing yoga or Zumba almost every day. It's lots of fun and good for our core muscles. We've also had a great time getting Christmassy, creating lots of lovely decorations and cards to take home.



Goldfinches have learnt the story of the 3 little pigs and have even drawn their own story maps. The class have learnt about Diwali, the festival of lights, the Rama & Sita story and made diva lamps from clay. Guy Fawkes visited the classroom and the children learnt the poem 'Remember, remember the 5th of November' which they recited in assembly for the rest of the school. Goldfinches have also looked at the seasons and how the weather and signs of seasons change around them. They have been learning their speed sounds, Fred talk and are beginning to read some words. In Maths, the class have been adding and subtracting using 10 frames and making up number stories. They have also loved rehearsing their Christmas songs and preparing gifts to take home.

Robins have spent some time in English and Science looking at animals. They have learnt about different habitats, whether animals are wild or domesticated and their babies. They have even written fact sheets about Wolves. The class were lucky enough to meet a lovely little dog called Stella, who belongs to a member of staff. The children became local historians as they researched the old fishing community in King's Lynn, the North End slums and talked about True's Yard. They have also created some amazing art after learning about Cubism and have discovered what an artist is. All the Robins, and teachers, have had great fun practicing their Nativity play and have filled the halls with their beautiful singing.



Owls have been learning about information texts and discovering incredible facts about the endangered Giant Panda in English. They have also begun to explore and read Olga da Polga together. In Maths the class have had great fun exploring money, using coins to make different amounts in as many different ways as possible! Art has allowed the class to explore pivots and levers and have used this new knowledge to build a pop up book History has seen the children researching prehistory, learning how life has changed from the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age! They have explore many artefacts that have been discovered across Britain and have used these objects to help piece together what life must have been like in these times. In

Science the class have continued exploring living things and habitats. They have focused on ocean habitats, learning about animals in the deep ocean, food chains and the impact overfishing has had on ocean food chains. Zoo Lab came to visit the classes and the children were able to experience some amazing animals like snakes and geckos and learn about their food chain and habitats!

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Next Term

Sparrows will be learning about fairytales next term, starting with Goldilocks and the 3 bears. They will learn about bears and maybe even try some porridge!

Goldfinches will be looking at London and talking about the Royal family, different types of buildings and various modes of transport.

Robins will investigate plant products and where food comes from, the UK and it's native plants and the land. They will learn about the weather and seasons, bible stories and architecture.

Owls will visit the human body, the British Isles, Muslim beliefs and portraits and self -portraits. They are also hoping to organise a visit to the Sainsbury's Art Centre in Norwich!

School Dates and Events

After school clubs January 2022

We hope to be able to offer some more after school clubs when we return in the New Year, however this will be confirmed at a later date, following any government updates in regards to COVID.

National Storytelling Week 30th January - 6th February

We'll be sharing lots of stories in school this week and encourage you to join in at home and share your favourite stories with us on Dojo.

Online storytime TBC.

Other Important Dates:

World Book Day 3rd March

Red Nose Day 19th March

Heacham Infant School Winter Activity Challenges

Have a look at these fun activities! Send us photos on Dojo and let us know how you got on! You could also share your beautiful Christmas trees!



A message from Revd Veronica Wilson

Thank you for the bells which are decorating the Parish church, they look fab! The church is open everyday from 10-4pm if you'd like to come to see them.

We are looking forward to the children singing Away in a manger at this special outdoor carol service. The poster is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Our Christingle Service is on Christmas Eve 24th Dec at 4pm ... if you can please bring a bell to ring!

Happy Christmas from Revd Veronica Wilson and everyone at Heacham Parish Church, and every blessing for 2022.



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](https://www.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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Think before you post



Don't share images of gifts



Remember your surroundings



Think about what you are wearing



Do you have permission to share



Don't share personal information

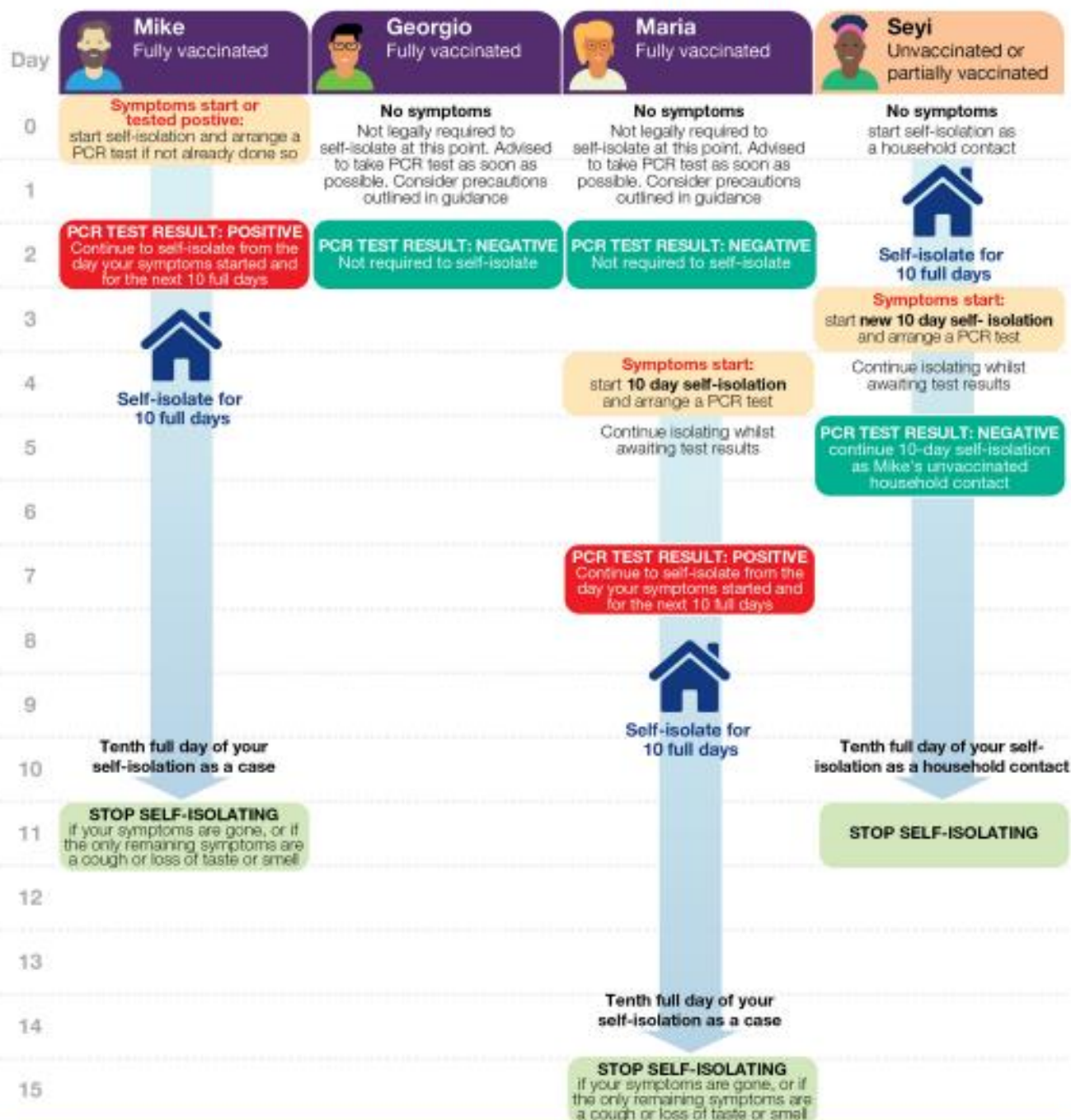


UK Health
Security
Agency

Stay at home and self-isolate.

Please see [detailed guidance online](#).

In this household, Mike lives with Georgio, Maria and Seyi. Mike is the first case of COVID-19 in this household and is required to self-isolate. This illustration provides examples of when other household members would, or would not need to self-isolate.



Self-isolate for 10 full days.

You need to self-isolate from the day the first person in your household started symptoms and for the next 10 full days. If they did not have symptoms, self-isolate from the day of their test and for the next 10 full days.

To self-isolate means:

Do not go to work, school, or public areas and do not use public transport or taxis. Only leave your home to get to your test if you need to, observe strict social distancing advice and return immediately afterwards.

See [detailed guidance online](#) for contacts that are not required to self-isolate.

HEACHAM VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 21st December at 6.30pm

With Kings Lynn Town Band



This year our annual village carol service will be outside at
Heacham Club, on the Bowling Green.

Come and sing carols and celebrate Christmas as a village
community.

Everyone welcome, dress warmly!

Standing room only on the bowling green itself, but wheelchairs,
buggies and deckchairs welcome on the paths around the green.

Followed by festive refreshments in the public hall

Donations for Hunstanton RNLI



Heacham Parish Church

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
FROM HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH**

At the heart
of Christmas



SANTA'S TOUR OF HEACHAM



THURSDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2021

Starting 5pm

*Exact Tour Route and times will be published
nearer the date*

*If you would like Santa to call in your street
contact the Charity Shop.*

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