



Heacham Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

AUTUMN — NOVEMBER 2022

TOGETHER WE EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ACHIEVE AND GROW

Welcome Message

**Dear Parents and
Carers,**

**Another brilliant start
to the year, we are so
proud of all our pupils,
staff and families.**

**We have continued to
develop our knowledge
rich curriculum this
term by promoting
excellent learning
behaviours, developing
music and celebrating
arts.**

**Everyone is really
settled in their class -
we think move up and
stay up has helped this
transition.**

**We loved seeing
everyone at our
Harvest event and at
bedtime stories.**

**Please help us! We
want our families to
really focus on reading
with their children
each day so Mrs Dack
will launch a reading
competition. Look out
for the details on dojo!
It involves encouraging a
pleasure for reading,**

**stamping the planner
and helping children
sound out quickly to
develop their fluency.**

**We have also
discovered an amazing
maths app which helps
children learn fluency
in their number skills.**

**Our maths lead,
Miss Cornwell will also
introduce this this half
term. Take a look by
downloading White
Rose Maths - 1 min
maths.**

**We have two new
Chairs for our Local
Governing Body across
Heacham and
Snettisham as Mr Gee
has stepped down to
focus on other
pursuits. I would like to
thank Andy for
everything he has done
for our school over the
years. Our new Chair
Representatives are
Barbara Herring and
Kirsty Kerr. We are
delighted to welcome
them on board.
Barbara has children at**

**Snettisham. Kirsty is a
parent of children at
Heacham and former
staff member.**

**Another big thank you
to our PTA Committee
who work tirelessly to
support our lovely
school. The cake stall
for Harvest was a
triumph! We are lucky
to have you all on
board.**

Best wishes

Louise Jackson,



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The Nest and Sparrows

Nursery children have settled in well this term. It's been lovely to welcome new friends, discover their interests and see relationships developing.

Last half term, the children learnt all about themselves and talked about important people in their lives and who they love. We talked about families and emotions.

We had two wonderful creature visits! Tortoise, Shelly and barn owls, Willow and Midnight came into Nursery and we learnt lots about them.



Goldfinches



Goldfinches spent time together looking at homes last term. They talked about different types of houses, made their own models and went for a walk around the village to identify bungalows, cottages, flats and houses.

They also thought about themselves and their families. The children looked at different parts of their bodies

and learnt about feelings. The class talked about how to stay healthy and which foods are healthy choices. They also looked at who makes up their families and how families can be different.

The children have all picked up on Phonics very quickly and are doing really well at practicing

their sounds. Do remember to have a go with your children at home and access the videos on Dojo.



Robins



Robins learnt about the human body last half term. They can name lots of different parts of the body and have learnt specifically about eyes and sight, ears and hearing.

This led the class to look at the other 5 senses. The children played a guessing game using their 5 senses to touch, taste and smell

different resources, this was really fun!

The class have really liked learning about Maps in Geography and can draw aerial maps with a key.

They enjoyed using the laptops in Computing to learn how to use the keyboard, mouse and how to be safe online.

The children also created wonderful sea pictures in Art using their knowledge of colour and shades.

Well done Robins!



Owls

Owls have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and settled into Year 2, learning like superstars!

In English the children learnt how to write a Journey story, thinking about a character going on an exciting journey and then something unusual happens!

The children have looked at numbers to 100 and practicing their mental maths and fluency.

In Science last half term, the children learnt all about animals, living things and their habitats.

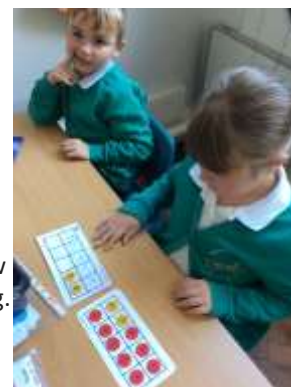
The class enjoyed a trip to Pensthorpe and they were able to explore animals and their habitats first hand.

They have looked at colour, shape and texture in Art and have created some beautiful artworks, and have also

In Geography the children have explored maps and globes.

The children have worked extremely hard and are already enjoying another new half term of fantastic learning.

Keep up the hard work!



This Half Term

Sparrows are now learning about night time and bedtime routines, who works during the night and space!

Goldfinches are looking at Diwali and celebrations, how they are celebrated and what they mean in different cultures. They have heard the story of Guy Fawkes and are also finding out about the seasons and weather, day and night.

Robins have started learning about what the past means to them, family trees and history in the local area. In Art, the children have experimented with line, colour and drawing – the artist they are focusing on is William Hogarth. Science sees the class learning about animals and their needs.

Owls have started to explore the food chain and predators. In History, they are visiting the Stone Age, and in DT the class will look at various mechanisms such as sliders and pivots.

Events and Activities

After school clubs

Clubs restarted on the week commencing Monday 7th November:

Mon - Music and Movement with Helen 3:10 - 4:10pm. This club continues from last term for those children that have already signed up. Please ensure you have paid your second instalment. **Last session on Monday 12th December.**

Tues - Singing with Catherine Clemente 3:10 - 3:50pm

Weds - **INVITE ONLY** Reading Support with Catherine Bennett 3:10 - 3:50pm

Thurs - Lego with Lauren Thrower 3:10 - 3:50pm

PTA Autumn Sponsored Walk 1st to 30th November

Are you taking part in our PTA sponsored walk? Don't forget to record your journeys and ask family and friends to sponsor you for as little as £1. Each child will receive a completion certificate and the class with the most completed records will receive a prize!

Cross Country Flu Immunisations Wednesday 9th November

The NHS Immunisations team offered all children from Reception to Year 2 the nasal flu vaccine. If your child was absent and you would like them to have the vaccine, please contact your GP.

Odd Socks Dock—Anti Bullying Association Monday 14th November

There's been a fabulous array of odd socks today! Thank you everyone for showing your support.

Tempest Individual and Sibling Photos Thursday 17th November

Please ensure your children are in school uniform for their photograph. Printed proofs with details of how to access and purchase photos will be sent home.

Children in Need Friday 18th November

Children can attend school in spotty, yellow or Pudsey clothing, £1 donation payable via ParentPay.

Year 1 Trip to True's Yard November 22nd November

Year 1, Robins, are going on a class trip to True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum in King's Lynn. Please ensure you have returned the slip and completed the consent and payment on ParentPay.

Christmas Diary Dates

Elf on the Shelf throughout December

Keep an eye out for our cheeky school elf. He'll be popping up and playing tricks in classrooms soon!

Monday 5th Dec Christmas Decoration Making 2-3pm

Come and join us to create some Christmas decorations, and listen to a story too! Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office.

Wednesday 7th Dec Year 2 WNAT Christmas Concert 6-7pm

Please bring your children along to participate in the West Norfolk Academies Trust Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church in King's Lynn.

Thursday 8th Dec Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and Father Christmas Visit

Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children. Christmas lunch will also be available on the day, menu to follow. Father Christmas will make a special visit to school today!

Friday 9th Dec Year 1 and Year 2 Pantomime and Reception Winter Wonderland

Workshop 1-2pm

Children are able to wear their Christmas jumpers again today. Years 1 and 2 will walk to Heacham Junior School to see Dame Kitty Litter in her Christmas Panto. Reception will take part in a Winter Wonderland dance workshop.

Monday 12th Goldfinches Nativity 2-15pm

Reception parents are welcome to come along and see the Nativity performance. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office.

Tuesday 13th Nursery Carols and Chaps 1pm

Heacham Methodist Church is running a fun session for Nursery children. Please come and join your children to walk down together. Children that are not usually in nursery at this time can come along too! Please meet us at the church.

Until Monday 12th Dec PTA Christmas Gift Box delivery to local care homes

We are accepting donations for Christmas gift boxes for local care homes. Sweets and snacks, books, blankets, etc are very welcome but please avoid nuts or any food with big chunks. A letter from the PTA will follow shortly. Our JLT will help to deliver these boxes on the 14th Dec.

Tuesday 13th Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance 2.15pm

Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to come along and see the Christmas performance. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office, limited spaces available.

Tuesday 13th Year 1 and 2 Christmas Second Performance 2.15pm

Year 1 and 2 parents are welcome to come along and see the Christmas performance. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office, limited spaces available.

Thursday 15th Nursery Songs and Mince Pies

Nursery parents are welcome to come along and join us for some Christmas singing and mince pies. Please confirm your attendance by contacting the school office.

*(Green header = Parents welcome to attend. Red header = Activity in school time, for children.)

PTA News

Some of you may have already met the members of our PTA. They have helped to organize some wonderful events this year and they have supported activities in school. They have also raised some impressive amounts to go towards future events or school resources.



We would very much like to see our PTA grow.

If you would like to join and help host and support events, fundraise for the school and enrich our pupils' experience, have a look at the '10 Reasons to join the PTA' flyer attached on of this newsletter and pop along to our next meeting.

The next PTA meetings will take place on:

Tuesday 29th Nov & Tuesday 6th Dec 2022 at 2:30pm

The Importance of Good Attendance

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."

The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance.

Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and

help find solutions.

Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage your child to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued new attendance guidance and targets to all schools, you may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days

that your child has been absent in a term/year.

The Government hope that this personal approach will make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up and help keep you informed.



Promote Reading

We love reading at Heacham Infant and Nursery School!

Children should be reading, or reading with family, everyday and recording this reading in their school planners.

Teachers check school planners at least weekly to make sure children are reading their books at home. This could be reading on their own, to someone else or even to a pet! Or sharing a story with a family member.

It really is so important to encourage your child to read and build a lifelong love of reading. It helps your children make great progress in their learning across all subjects.



easyfundraising
feel good shopping

West Norfolk Academies Trust is 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)

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SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

The PTA is vital to the success of the school. Funds raised enrich your child's learning and make every student's experience better. Be part of the group that pays for the playground your child loves or funds the library that's their favourite place to be.

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IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE

Whether you're a full-time parent or working the nine to five, anyone can get involved. It's less commitment than you think, and you don't always have to attend meetings. Small jobs such as designing a poster, distributing letters or running a stall keep everything running smoothly.

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MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

Meet and chat to a wider circle of families from different classes and year groups. Get to know other parents, and bond over exciting events, socials and get-togethers. Find a place to belong and spend time with others who share your values.

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BE BETTER CONNECTED

Create closer links with the head, teachers and staff. If you're new to the school, the PTA is an excellent way to find out how things work and become part of the community. If not, you'll still gain greater insight by seeing how things work from both sides.

PTA+
The home of school fundraising

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REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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BECAUSE IT'S FUN!

Be part of the team which organises the best events and get-togethers. Debrief over a glass of wine (or two). Suggest your most hare-brained idea and watch as it catches on and everyone wants a piece of the action. Laugh. Cry. Be there for each other.

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CHANGE SCHOOL FOR THE BETTER

Have your say on important decisions. Work with the school and other parents to see where improvements can be made, and implement them. Directly influence the experience of your child and hundreds of others.

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LEARN NEW SKILLS

Everyone has something they can bring to the PTA, but you can also learn new skills by trading with others. Always wanted to perfect that cookie recipe? Not sure how to design a poster? Want to hone your public speaking skills? You can do it with the support of the committee.

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IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Studies show that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. Engaging with the PTA shows your children's education is important to you. Play your part in improving the school and watch them

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IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS

Everyone is welcome, and it's especially important to have dads and male carers represented, as male role models are crucial in children's upbringing. Dads can bring different skills; they can bring a different perspective, and they can bring along other dads.

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CREATE LASTING MEMORIES

Our children are only at school for a few years, but they will remember the difference we make for a lifetime. They will cherish the activities and games we fund, learn using resources we buy, and remember the events we hold. Help keep the PTA going so future pupils can benefit too.

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Together we explore, discover, achieve
and grow: developing outstanding practice

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, our Deputy Headteacher, Emma Hunt or our Assistant Head, Claire Dack, 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.



Term Dates 2022-2023



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Key: White dates – school open to pupils
Orange dates – bank holiday
Purple dates – staff training day
Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are:
Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Friday 21st October, 3rd January and Monday 17th April



How are your Autumn Walks going? Send us photos on Dojo!