

Heacham Infant and Nursery

School Newsletter

WINTER - DECEMBER 2022

TOGETHER WE EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ACHIEVE AND GROW

Welcome Message

The last day of school is Friday 16th December 2022.

We will see you back at school on Wednesday 4th January 2023!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of the Autumn Term with so much to celebrate!

We have had a very busy time with some really exciting and enjoyable experiences across the school. such as a visit from Twig the Stone Age man in Owls, Nicola **Marray Woods** delivering and art workshop in Robins, the Autumn sponsored walk and visits from Stanley the honorary 'reindeer' and Father Christmas!

We have started to deliver class assemblies using pictures from No Outsiders - whose motto is, 'Everyone Different, Everyone Welcome.'

Our assemblies use these materials to

discuss moral, social and values led discussions such as why Harry Kane wanted to wear an LGBTQ+ armband in the world cup.

We have also enjoyed some fantastic performances within the Trust where Infant pupils have made us proud with their contributions singing Away In a Manager at St Nicholas Chapel carol concert.

Classes are filled with great learning this term - the working walls are full of ideas from our curriculum and the pupil books really showcase learning.

Make sure you ask the children at home about their learning, and copies of the knowledge organisers are on the website so



you can see what we are learning too.

Thank you for helping your child access more reading in the school planners - it's making a big difference with reading across the school!

I hope you enjoy the break and have a very merry Christmas!

Best wishes

Louise Jackson

The Nest and Sparrows

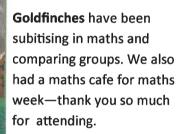


Nursery have been thinking about night time; bedtime routines, the moon and stars, nocturnal animals and people who work at night.

The children also had lots of exciting events to explore and celebrate; Hallowe'en, Diwali, Bonfire night and Remembrance day. All of nursery have had great fun learning festive songs and creating holiday crafts. It was lovely to welcome in so many parents to join us in making some decorations.







The children have learnt the 3 little pigs in English and are continuing to get speedy with speed sounds & blending to read words.

The class have increased their knowledge learning about light and celebrations. Everyone participated in a Divali dance workshop, made diva lamps, visited St Mary's church to learn

about the tradition of Christmas trees and created some wonderful candles for the church display.

The class also created art from natural materials reflecting the seasons and inspired by Andy Goldworthy's creations.



Robins

Robins have been learning about animals and their needs in Science. The class have learnt about wild, tame and domestic animals and can explain the difference between them.

The children have really enjoyed learning about The Graham Children in

Art and have planned pictures before drawing them. This helped the class to know where to put things and what size they should be. The class took part in an art day with local artist, Nicola Marray-Woods

In History, they have been thinking about

their families and drew their own family trees.

The class also looked at local history and visited True's Yard Fisherfolk Museum in King's Lynn. The children had a wonderful time inspecting tools and visiting Pilot Street.

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Owls have had another fantastic half term, with lots of amazing learning!

In English the children have been learning how to write an explanation text called the 'Teacher Pleaser Machine', they have found this very funny!

In maths they have continued to look at numbers to 100 and 2D and 3D shape and their properties.

The class have been learning all about living things and their environment in Science and learnt all about the impact of overfishing.

The children have been learning about mechanisms and made our own picture book with moving parts in DT.

And in History they have been learning all about the Stone Age and even enjoyed a visit from 'Twig' the cave man to experience life in the Stone Age.





The children have worked extremely hard, well done!

We wish you all very Happy Holidays and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Next Half Term

Sparrows will be entering the magical world of fairytales. The children will look at traditional tales and some modern versions too, and try to retell them together with drawings and puppets.

Goldfinches will look at addition and subtraction and finding one more and one less in Maths. In English, the class will learn the story of Quackling & make their own story maps. The class Knowledge topic will be about London. The children will look at some of London's amazing buildings and learn how city life is different to village life. Goldfinches will take part in a dance workshop too!

Robins will be looking at the United Kingdom in Geography and healthy foods in Design and Technology. In Science they will be learning about the weather and the seasons. The next RE unit looks at friendship and whether it was easy for Jesus to show friendship.

Owls will explore the British Isles in geography, create portraits and Self portraits in Art and talk about dreams and goals in PSHE.



Events and Activities

After school clubs

Please email the school office to book a place for your child. Spaces are on a first come, first served basis. Clubs begin on the week commencing Monday 9th January:

Tues - Mindful Drawing and Colouring with Katie Cornwell 3:10 - 3:50pm

Tues - Musical Theatre with Steph Johnson 3:10-3:40pm

Weds - Lego with Claire Dack 3:10 -3:50pm

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| Curriculum | nformation sessions | 8⁴ Feb | 2:30pm 3pm | Safer Internet Information Session – Come and learn more about keeping your child safe online and how to talk to them about Internet Safety. | Please contact the office to confirm attendance | | | |
| Curric | Inform | ТВС | ТВС | PTA Meeting – Currently looking at a new meet day, time and place TBC. We are always looking for people to join our PTA. come along to find out more. | The more the merrier! PTA dates to be confirmed via Class Dojo and the newsletter | | | |
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| ng Sh | Sessions | 17 th Jan | 8.30am - 8.45am | Year 2 Learning showcase for parents (children share work with their families) | sessions so please book via the office | | | |
| Learning Showcase | S | 16 Jan | 9.00am 1.30pm - 2.30pm | Nursery Stay and Play for parents (please choose a session that your child usually attends) | | | | |
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| | | 27 th Jan | 2:15pm - 3:10pm | Go Green Reading café – Come along to create a junk model, find out more about how you can recycle, re-use and reduce and help protect the environment and our planet. Please send in any loo rolls or cardboard boxes for us to use! | Please join us for a recycling themed story and craft session in the hall for Go Green Week, contact the office to confirm attendance maximum of 10 families per class | | | |
| | | 30° Jan – 5'' Feb | 2:30pm - 3:10pm | National Story telling week — Would you like to read or tell a story to our pupils? | If you would like to come into school to read or tell a story, or upload a story telling video to Dojo to share with the classes, please email the office or speak to your child's class teacher. | | | |



We look forward to seeing you back at school in the New Year!

Festive Holiday Activities

Have a go at these wonderful Christmas themed activities! Don't forget to share photos on Dojo, we'd love to see them!



Is there an Elf visiting your home for Christmas? Are they a little bit naughty or nice?

Have a go at making Christmas Tree Brownies! Decorate them with your favourite sprinkles.

We'd love to see all these yummy makes!





Are you hoping for snow this Christmas? Craft a snowman to keep inside!

You could create a snow animal too!

Local Events and Activities

Pensthorpe's North Norfolk Pole and Christmas Market - Meet Santa in the nature reserve's magical courtyard experience from Saturday 17th December until Friday 23rd December. All tickets are available to purchase from the website: www.pensthorpe.com Entry to the Christmas Market is £2 for adults (over 16s) and free for season ticket holders and children under-16, but please note this does not include admission to the reserve. Tickets for The North Norfolk Pole event are £7.95 for all children, which includes admission for one adult. Please note a separate ticket applies to enter the reserve.

• The Christmas Market runs from 10am-4pm, with grotto slots available from 1pm-4pm on weekends and 11am-4pm on weekdays.

Breakfast with Santa - Come along to Thaxter's Garden Centre in Dersingham to have breakfast with Santa! Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th December. Tickets available on Eventbrite, starting at £7.01.

Santa's Tour of Heacham - On Friday 23rd December at 5pm, Santa will be touring the village. If you would like Santa to visit your road, pop into The Youth and Community Charity Shop in Heacham High Street to register. Route TBC.

The Hunstanton Christmas Day Swim - Go and take the plunge at 11am on Sunday 25th December at the town's central promenade.

Cinderella Pantomime at The Princess Theatre, Hunstanton - Join Cinderella, Buttons and the Ugly Sisters for a magical pantomime! From Saturday 3rd December 2022 to Sunday 1st January 2023, Tickets: Adult £18.50 / £20.00, Child/Concession £16.50 / £18.50, Family of 3 Ticket £50.00 / £55.00 (2 adults & 1 child), Family of 4 Ticket £65.00 / £72.00 (2 adults & 2 children)

PTA News

Firstly, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone that took part in the Autumn Walk. Together, everyone raised over a wonderful £542.50! We are putting this amount towards some new educational playground paintings.

We would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

PTA Meeting

Please join us!
Your voice is important.

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 be confirmed in the New Year.

The Importance of Good Attendance

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.

Excellent - Children are accessing all learning opportunities

· Good · Very few learning opportunities are missed

Risk of underachlevement

· Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year

· High risk of underachievement

Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year

Severe risk of underachievement

Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year

Extreme risk of underachievement

Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year

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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.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

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.



Cashless Payments

We are a cashless site (unless specifically stated).

We now have ParentPay.

Your child will have been sent home with an activation letter. If you do not have one, please contact the school office.

Payments include Drop in charity collections, trips and

other chargeable items.

Contactless Card Payments and Bank Transfer payments :

Payments can be made via the card machine held at the school office or paid through BACS. This should only be for nursery fees or other specified costs.

BACS Information:

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'. If this is not editable from a previous payment, please create a new payment so the reference is correct.

Promoting 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 to you, to someone else or even to a pet! Or sharing a story with a family member. It doesn't matter if it's a school book, or a home book—all reading is great!

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.



Christmas Donations for local care homes

A huge thank you to everyone who donated some gifts to the residents of our local care homes.

Our JLT with Miss Thrower, Miss Minns and Zoe from our PTA, delivered two of the four boxes today and they were gratefully received by Fridhem and Millbridge.







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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.

IT'S TOTALLY

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.

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

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.

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.

REASONS TO JOIN THE PTA

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.

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

2 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.

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.

No Outsiders



We encourage you to explore the website for yourself! We have created a display in our hall where we have also put our Diversity and Equality pledge. If you agree with the pledge please sign the signature book.

This year we are using the website 'No Outsiders' which we discuss during assembly time. The website is to prepare children for life in modern Britain. Our discussions promote a sense of inclusion and belonging; we want to empower our children as they articulate themselves.







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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.

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

Term Dates 2022-2023

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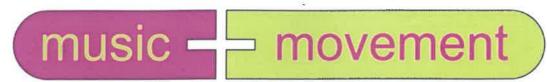
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Key: White dates – school open to pupils Orange dates – pupil holiday Purple dates – staff training day Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are:

Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Friday 23nd October, 3nd January and Monday 17th April



dance - drama - music

Christmas Dance Workshop

@ Dersingham Social Club

20th December 2022

10am-2.30pm (bring a packed lunch) £22.00 Per day per child AGE: 5-11years

LIMITED AVAILABILITY - BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Call Helen: 07929324965

www.musicandmovement.org.uk admin@musicandmovement.org.uk



Better Food, Brighter Futures

Are you a local resident? Are you finding it hard to afford your weekly shop?



Join as a member and you could benefit from:



Discounted or free food, household products and toiletries



Help and advice on cooking, recipes, meal planning and reducing food waste



Additional support from other organisations, helping you build a brighter future

Call 01328 711996
Website: wellshospital.org.uk
Facebook: @coastalcommunitysupermarket





Norfolk County Council

Helpwith living costs

Updated October 2022



Help with utility bills

- List of services and organisations who can help you with utility bills
- Citizens Advice can help if you're struggling to pay your energy bills.
 Visit the Citizens Advice website or call 0808 223 1133
- Community Action Norfolk community oil buying scheme.
 Visit the Community Action Norfolk website or call 01362 698 216
- Insulation and renewable heating grants through Norfolk Warm Homes.
- <u>LEAP is a free service</u> that is helping people keep warm and reduce their energy bills without costing them any money.

Toiletries

 All libraries have free bags of winter essentials, including Toiletries Bags, Tricky Period bags and Keep Warm and Well bags for adults and children

Baby Banks

- Baby Basics West Norfolk offers essential equipment, clothing and toiletries for babies. Referrals by professionals only. Find out more through the Baby Basics Facebook page.
- **Southery Baby Bank** offers baby essentials, clothing from 0-5yrs, toys, maternity clothing. Find out more through the Southery Baby Bank Facebook page
- NCT West Norfolk Toddler clothing bank is for children aged 3 months to approximately 5 year's (although it's worth asking as they do have some bits for older children too). Find out more through the NCT West Norfolk Clothes Bank Facebook page.

Grants

- Norfolk Assistance Scheme helps people in financial hardship who cannot pay their living costs. Visit the <u>Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS) website</u> or call 0344 800 8020
- **The King's Lynn and West Norfolk Charity** helps residents in need or hardship For more information visit <u>The King's Lynn and West Norfolk Charity Trust website</u>.
- BBC Children in Need Emergency Essentials Programme supports children and young people facing exceptionally difficult circumstances. Referrals via a professional.
 For more information visit the Family Funds Service website.
- The Household Support Fund can help people experiencing immediate financial hardship to pay for food, household energy bills and other essentials..
 For more information visit the <u>Household Support Fund website</u>.
- **Buttle UK** helps children and young people who have experienced crisis, living in financial hardship and dealing with multiple challenging social issues. Referrals via a professional. For more information visit the Buttle UK website.
- <u>Turn2us Grant Search Tool</u> allows you to search for charitable and educational grants.
- Norfolk Grants Directory allows you to search for charitable and educational grants.
- **Digital Poverty Alliance** provides laptops for families in West Norfolk. They work with Currys to provide vital Tech4Families through the <u>Digital Poverty Alliance website</u>.
- Help paying for childcare through the Childcare Choices website.

Debt advice

- CAP is free debt help service. Visit the CAP website or call 0800 328 0006
- Money Advice Hub offers debt advice and an income maximisation service. Visit the <u>Money-Advice Hub West Norfolk website</u> or call 01553 970 004
- Step change is a free online debt advice service offering expert debt advice.

Broadband/Phone

• Cheaper broadband and phone packages for people in receipt of benefits. Visit the <u>Ofcom Website</u> for cheaper broadband and phone packages.

Community warm spaces

- Warm Spaces is an online directory of warm spaces for anyone in need of warmth spaces
- All Norfolk libraries are providing free hot drinks during staffed hours.
- Find a Warm Welcome Space Today

General Advice

- **King's Lynn Citizens Advice** is open for limited advice and appointments on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday: 10am 2pm at Hanse House, South Quay, King's Lynn PE30 5GN. You can email them, visit the Citizens Advice website or call **03444 111 444**
- If you receive a social care package from **Norfolk County Council (NCC)** you can contact the Welfare Rights Unit for free specialist help and advice by calling 01603 224 447 or emailing <u>welfarerights@norfolk.gov.uk</u>. More information can be found on the <u>Norfolk County Council website</u>.
- Norfolk Community Law Service offers free legal advice, welfare benefits advice and immigration advice for those who cannot afford access to justice and representation Visit the Norfolk Community Law Service (NCLS) website for free, independent and confidential legal advice or call 01603 496 623
- Money Helper offers free and impartial help with money and is backed by the government. Visit the <u>MoneyHelper webiste</u> or telephone 0800 138 7777
- **Money Saving Expert** offers advice on Energy Help, Credit Cards, Flight Delays, Shopping and more. Visit the <u>Money Saving Expert website</u> for more information.
- Help with Living Costs and information on the help available can be found through the Norfolk County Council website.



Food

Food banks:

- **Hunstanton and District Foodbank** helps local people in crisis. Visit the <u>Hunstanton and</u> District Foodbank webiste or call **07795 491 154**
- **Downham Market Foodbank** helps local people in crisis. Visit the <u>Downham Market</u> Foodbank webiste or call **01366 384 474 or 07707 191 674**
- **King's Lynn Foodbank** helps local people in crisis. Visit the <u>King's Lynn Foodbank webiste</u> 0782 558 143

Community food hubs:

- Hunstanton Town Hall Community Hub is open Mondays 10am-2pm offering affordable food, household items, free fresh fruit and vegetables, and free hygiene products. Visit the <u>Hunstanton Town Council Facebook page</u> or call **01485 532 402**
- North Lynn Food Hub is opening soon at the old children's centre, Walpole Road.
- Love Downham will be found at 27 29 Bridge Street and will offer a warm space, affordable food and re-loved clothes
- **Feltwell Food Pantry** in St. Mary's Church, Feltwell. Visit the <u>Food Pantry Feltwell</u> Facebook page for more information.
- Breckland Mobile Food Store. Visit the <u>Breckland Mobile Food Store Facebook page</u> or call 01362 699 923
- **King's Lynn Foodshare.** Visit the <u>King's Lynn food share Facebook page</u> for more information.
- The Cake Initiative is a community of voluntary bakers that share a passion for helping financially struggling families by providing a birthday cake for their child free of charge. Visit The Cake Initiative website for more information.
- **Healthy Start** vouchers for people that are pregnant or have an under 4. Visit the <u>Healthy Start website</u> or call **0300 330 7010**

Clothes/School uniforms

- RABI offers a 'return to school' grant for farming families. Visit the <u>RABI website</u> for more information.
- Norfolk Assistance Scheme provides emergency financial need to people in financial hardship. Visit the <u>Norfolk County Council website</u> or call **0344 800 8020**

Housing advice

- Shelter (King's Lynn) 0344 515 1860
- West Norfolk Housing. Visit the West Norfolk Housing website or call 01553 616 200
- **Victory Housing** support tenants in applying for benefits. Visit the <u>Victory Housing</u> website for more information.
- **Broadland Housing** can support tenants with welfare benefits, money and saving energy along with other issues. Visit the <u>Broadland Housing website</u> for more information.
- **Flagship Homes** offer guidance on budgeting and welfare benefits to their tenants. Visit the Flagship Homes website for more information.
- Freebridge Community Housing welfare benefit advice, assisting with making a claims and grant applications. Visit the <u>Freebridge Community Housing website</u> or call 03332 404 444
- **Longhurst Group** support tenants in claiming benefits, maximising income and paying rent. Visit the <u>Longhurst Group website</u> for more information.
- **Cotman Housing** help their customers complete application forms for Discretionary Housing Payments. Visit the <u>Cotman Housing website</u> for more information.
- **Clarion Housing** offer guidance on budgeting, debt advice and by helping people to manage their use of energy. Visit the <u>Clarion Housing website</u> for more information.
- **Hastoe Group** help residents to understand financial matters so they can take control of their own money. Visit the <u>Hastoe Group website</u> for more information.
- **Housing 21** signpost and provide advice and information on a variety of benefits for tenants. Visit the <u>Housing 21 website</u> for more information.
- **Orbit** can help tenants if you need advice and help claiming benefits. Visit the <u>Orbit</u> website for more information.
- **Sanctuary Housing** calculating benefit entitlement, provide help and advice on completing application/claim forms, advice on problems with benefit entitlement including challenging decisions and helping residents deal with any debt or budgeting problems. Visit the <u>Sanctuary Housing website</u> for more information.
- Metropolitan provide tenants with support with benefits, including working out what
 you might be entitled to and help with applications. Visit the <u>Metropolitan website</u> for
 more information.