

Heacham Infant & Nursery School

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Newsletter

TOGETHER WE EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ACHIEVE AND GROW



**The last day of
school is Fri
20th October**

**We come back
to School Mon
30th October**



Dear Parents and Carers,

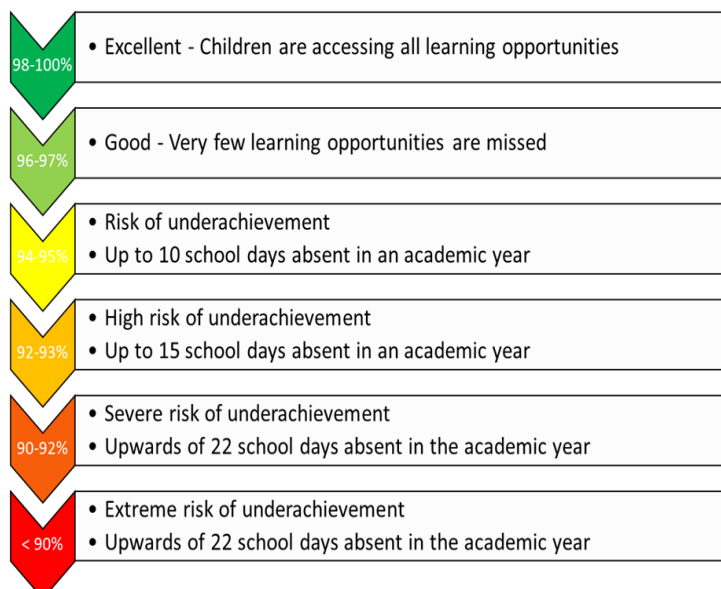
We hope you and your children have settled back into school happily. Reading and chatting with your children after school can boost their confidence and help their social skills. If your child can't remember what they have done at school then show them the knowledge organisers from the website or dojo. They should soon be able to talk to you about what we are teaching in class with these prompts. Our RWI programme is also having a real impact so its great if you can read the book bag books that come home daily. Check out the reading record in the planner too - some great ideas for stories to share on our reading passport.

It was lovely to see you at the Harvest Festival this week! It has been a while since we travelled to the Church and the children were so excited. We are very grateful to Rev Wilson, Rev Rich and to you for supporting us. We have booked in again for Christmas with dates being announced after half term. We hope to see you there.

All of us have times when we struggle- as children and as an adult. Therefore, support for learning and wellbeing is important – we have dedicated pastoral care, nurture sessions, sensory circuits and trained assistants and a SEND team that can help you. Please contact us if you have any concerns. We will send a parental questionnaire to you after half term and encourage you to complete it so we can learn about your views and build on these.

Finally - little ones tend to catch more bugs than their older peers - however please take a look at this research based poster. Attendance at school really makes a difference. Good routines and habits started at this age can really help in later life.

Have a great half term! Best Wishes Louise



The Nest and Sparrows

This half term in Nursery we have been building friendships. We have helped each other and worked together to complete tasks and share toys. We have been talking about good and bad choices and how to be kind. We have spoken about our families and we have even made Pizza!

Goldfinches

This half term the children in Goldfinch class have made us very proud! They have settled in really well and have shown us how grown up and clever they all are.

We have been learning about our bodies; what different bits are called and how to stay healthy. We have been thinking about numbers to 5 and which numbers go together to make 5.

It's been a busy, happy start to the year!

Kingfishers

This half term we have been busy retelling the story of Tom Cat and creating our own fast forward stories. We have learnt place value and addition within 10. We have used 10 frames, part whole models and learnt that addition and plus can mean the same thing. We've enjoyed learning about the human body and our 5 senses of taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing and how these can sometimes be impaired. In Art we have looked at primary and secondary colours, mixing shades and tints, looking at art by Mondrian, Klee and Van Gogh. We've also looked at maps and aerial views, creating our own maps, compass directions and learning how to make a key.



Owls

Owls have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and settled into Year 2, learning like super-stars! In English the children have been learning how to write a Journey story, thinking about a character going on an exciting journey and something unusual happens! In maths we have been looking at numbers to 100 and mental maths and fluency. In Science we have been learning all about animals and living things and enjoyed finding out about different habitats such as the rainforest and a desert. Did you know that deserts are not always hot?

In Art we have been learning about colour, shape and texture. We created some fantastic art work to share in our harvest celebration. In Geography the children have been learning all about maps and globes. The children have worked extremely hard and are looking forward to a new half term of fantastic learning. Keep up the hard work.

Have an amazing break!



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 e-mail the office for an application form.





Events and Activities



After School Clubs:

3.10-3.50pm

Cookery with Mrs Munro-Rix Tuesdays

Lego with Mrs Dack Wednesdays

Disney with Mrs Steel Thursdays

Dairy Dates:

31st October—PTA Halloween Craft Café

2nd November—2.50pm Open Classroom

6th & 8th November—Parents Evening. Sign up sheets outside classrooms.

7th November—Tempest Individual School Photos

11th November—PTA Pre-loved Sale

16th November—NHS Flu Immunisation (please give consent using the link already issued)

17th November—Children In Need

7th December—Christmas Jumper Day

11th December—Christmas Craft Café

12th December—Christmas Movie Night

TBC Christmas Church Service

25th January—Active Kids Festival KS1

12 February—Professor Pancakes Emotion Potion Performance

Please see this useful link to Norfolk County Council's website for any Nursery application or funding queries—

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/free-childcare-and-early-learning/free-childcare-for-all-3-and-4-year-olds>

Early Years Finance can be contacted on 01603 222300.



Don't forget
parents
evening!

PARENTS EVENING

Parent consultations will take place on Monday 6th November and Wednesday 8th November. Sign up sheets will be located outside class rooms for you to book a time slot. If you would like an appointment with your child's teacher but you can not find a suitable time slot please liaise with the school office and we will do our best to come up with a more suitable appointment.

Prior to parents evening you are invited in to our Open Classrooms on Thursday 2nd November from 2.50pm. Come and look at your child's books and discuss their learning with them. We hope to see lots of you there!

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 them 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.



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If you have a matter that 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 children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority.

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Dear Parents & Carers

James Campbell visited our school the other day. James is a children's author, storyteller and comedian. He made us all laugh; the children loved listening to his stories; and many of you bought some of his Funny Life books.

One of the stories James told to the younger children was The Umbrella Tree. He actually wrote that story in 1996 and has since performed it pretty much every single primary school he's visited. He estimates that over a quarter of a million people have heard the story of the cat and family that get stuck up a peculiar tree.

James is now publishing The Umbrella Tree as a book, illustrated by Christie Felton. You can see from the image what a beautiful book it is going to be.

James has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise the money for the first print run. This is one of the many different crowdfunding devices people use.

If your child would like a signed and dedicated copy of the book the best way is to pledge to buy a copy through Kickstarter. The book is suitable for children between ages 3 and 7.

Here is the link you need to go to:

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/jamescampbellauthor/the-umbrella-tree>

You can now also watch a video of James performing The Umbrella Tree on his website. So have a look if your child would like a reminder as to what the story is all about.

www.jamescampbellauthor.com/videos

The Kickstarter has already launched and only lasts until the end of October so please head on over there and support this wonderful project.

PTA Message



Upcoming PTA activities:-

Halloween Crafts - 31st Oct in school time.

Nursery & reception 1:15-2

Yr1 & Yr2 2:15-3

We will be looking for two parent volunteers for each class to come in and help out.

Preloved sale - Saturday 11th November 11:30-1:30.

Children in Need - Friday 17th Nov

All children invited to wear yellow/spotty/colourful clothes and donate £1 for CIN.

Christmas craft session - Monday 11th Dec 2:15- 3pm. Parents welcome. Please let us know if you would like to attend.

Christmas Film Night - Tuesday 12th Dec 4-5:30. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

Many thanks

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