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Newsletter

T O G E T H E R W E E X P L O R E , D I S C O V E R , A C H I E V E A N D G R O W



**The last day of
school is
Wednesday
20th Decem-
ber**

**We come back
to School
Thursday 4th
January**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term! We have finally come to the end of Autumn with so many celebrations and events. We hope you enjoyed the Nativity at St Mary's Church last week and the Trust carol concert at St Nicolas Chapel which included our Y2 singers. Families with children in Preschool have also had plenty of opportunities to watch their little ones sing in the Nursery. The film night was a great success and it was great to see so many of you come and snuggle up! Thank you to our PTA for arranging this. The PTA has been doing an incredible job over many years. They have worked tirelessly to support the children of Heacham, raising substantial amounts of money since my first year as Headteacher in 2010. The grounds and activities have been vastly improved by the money raised with some fabulous donations like the taxi ride ons. Now, as some long standing members pass the baton on to our new supporters we are going to receive a new large scale climbing frame in the Preschool garden. The PTA are paying over £4,000 for this new play item which should stand for many years to come. New generations of children will benefit and learn to build strength, confidence and stamina thanks to the hard work of these PTA members. You are all an amazing bunch!

We are also pleased to share the results from our recent survey with you. There were 19 responses overall.

Things you think are going well -

95% of families say their child is happy at this school

100% of families think that pupils feel safe

95% of families think that pupils are well behaved

95% say concerns have been dealt with properly

100% of families feel that their children do well at this school

100% of families think there are a good range of subjects available to pupils

Things we can improve-

Consider breakfast and after school clubs

Thank you for giving us this useful feedback - we will be using this advice to create some family workshops next term! Until then please have a very happy Christmas!

The Nest and Sparrows

In Nursery this half term we have been learning about Day and Night and their differences.

We have looked at planets and what's in our night sky.

Bedtime routines and how we need to sleep to help our bodies grow and recharge.

The children have learnt about different occupations, who works in the day and who works at night.

And of course lots and lots of fun Christmas activities, including the story of Christmas, some special things to bring home and lots of singing and dancing.

Goldfinches

In Goldfinch class we have been super busy learning about different celebrations, including bonfire night and Diwali. We were lucky enough to have a dance workshop too.

The children have been making huge strides with their phonics and we're very proud of them.

Kingfishers

This half term - we learnt about animals and their needs, how to look after them and some very interesting animal facts! We wrote animal 'Who am I?' poems and learnt to write an information text - and even had a surprise visit from a wolf! In Maths we have been exploring numbers to 20, comparing and ordering them. We have really enjoyed learning about history from different sources and had our own archaeological dig in the school grounds! Kingfishers have been working really hard with all their learning and have made some great progress this half term.

Next half term - Fables and stories with meanings, shape and addition/subtraction to 20, learning about the parts of the UK, weather & seasons, Bible stories about friendship and our first bit of Design Technology (DT) about food!

Owls

Owls are continuing to work hard and are already making so much progress, well done! In English the children have been learning how to write an explanation text, we had great fun explaining how our own machine would work. Why don't you ask us about it? In maths we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes and talking about how many faces, edges and vertices they have. We even learnt the name of a 7 sided shape! They have also looked at money and how to make different amounts. In Science we have continued learning all about plants and animals in their habitats and how humans are destroying some habitats.

In DT we have been learning about levers and mechanisms. We made a moving picture book for Miss Johnson's baby. In History the children have been learning all about the Stone Age, they have enjoyed finding out lots of new facts.

We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.



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.





Tuesday—SSP Dance with Mrs Munro-Rix

Wednesday—Construction with Miss Bennett FULL

Thursday—Art Club with Mrs Waters (Preference will be given to those who missed out last time) FULL



25 January—Active Kids Festival KS1

17 January—Year R Vision & Hearing Checks

12 February—Professor Pancakes Emotion Potion Performance

19 February— Start of Half Term

26 February—Back At School

6 March - Year 2 SSP Dance Festival 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.





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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