



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 Friday 14th February

We come back to School on Monday 24th February

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. As we move through the Spring Term I want to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic achievements of our pupils and share some important updates with you. Last month, every class enjoyed meeting the author Steve Clifford, who visited us recently. He led workshops based on storytelling and art which were well received by the children. Every child in KS1 were able to create some writing with illustrations and in EYFS children created stories with pictures that showed some great imaginative thinking skills. Thanks to you and the PTA for supporting the event.

Reminders & Notices

- Attendance Matters – Regular attendance is vital for your child’s learning. Please ensure they arrive on time at 8.30am each day. Occasional lateness cannot always be helped but regular lateness causes gaps in learning and routines
- Supervising children - Some families arrive early before the bell goes, please supervise them closely before the bell and when they line up to avoid bumps, pushes and stumbles. Do help us by encouraging positive behaviours.
- Uniform Reminder – As the weather is cold and wet currently, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, including a coat for outdoor play, spare shoes or trouser. Spare clothes is useful if your children get wet or muddy outside.
- School Safety – Many of you will have read the facebook thread recently around the schools parking. We urge you to walk to school as much as possible, if you do drive, take the time to find a space. Parking on yellow lines /zigzags is prohibited.

A Big Thank You!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, pupils, and parents for their ongoing support and enthusiasm. It is truly wonderful to see our school community working together to create a happy and enriching environment for our children. We look forward to updating you soon with more events from our PTA. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We value your feedback and partnership in your child’s education.

Best wishes, *Louise Jackson*

Sparrows

This term nursery children have been listening to lots of stories with a special focus on fairy tales. We have tried porridge along with Goldilocks trying the 3 bears porridge, grown our own bean stalks to see if we can grow ours as high as Jack's in the Jack and the beanstalk story and we have tasted gingerbread and looked at why the gingerbread couldn't get wet in the story and swim across the river. Learning about how the sugar in the biscuit dissolves in water.

We celebrated the lunar new year by having our own party, decorating nursery with lanterns and gold streamers and eating noodles, rice and prawn crackers at snack time.

Goldfinches

Goldfinches have had a wonderful half term. We've had some wonderful handwriting and number sentences. We had a visit from Mr. Steel, who works at RAF Marham and often supports schools with STEM projects. He talked to the children about Tower Bridge in London and helped the children to make their own. We learnt all about the Chinese new year, made lanterns and had a Chinese Banquet, where the children used chop sticks to try the different food. We looked at different kinds of precious stones and gems and the children thoroughly enjoyed trying to remove them from ice! To top it all the children had a Royal Banquet. We learnt about Kings and Queens and had a fabulous dance lesson with Miss Helen. Goldfinches have worked really hard, keep up the fabulous work and enjoy a restful half term.

Kingfishers

Firstly, I would just like to say I hope kingfishers have enjoyed all their learning this term and a huge well done for all the hard work and effort you have put in. This term has been an interesting term with lots of exciting topics! In DT we have been learning about Food Technology and have been practising our kitchen skills! We have been making our own smoothies and sandwiches. Kingfishers had fun experimenting with different ingredients and learning about healthy choices. In maths we've been focusing on length and height. Kingfishers have enjoyed measuring objects around the classroom, measuring themselves, comparing sizes and using rulers to develop their understanding on these concepts. Our science lessons have been all about weather and we have been outside putting our new knowledge into practice. We made our own rain gauge and tested it out. We have learnt about different types of clouds and done some cloud spotting in the playground and discovered how and why the weather changes through the seasons! Lastly, in RE we have been exploring Judaism. Kingfishers have discovered some important symbols and what they mean to Judaism, we had the opportunity to also look at the Torah in one of our lessons. We have also learnt all about the 10 commandments and thought which ones we believed to be important. Well done! From Miss Hardingham, Miss Minns and Mrs Francis

Owls

Owls have settled in brilliantly after their Christmas break and are making great strides in their progress. They have had another fantastic half term and squeezed in lots of new learning! In English the children have enjoyed writing a recount in the style of a letter. They have enjoyed learning the model text Superworm and used this to help innovate their ideas. In maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide as well as learning how to measure length/height, mass and capacity/volume.

In Science we have enjoyed learning all about the human body and completed some really fun investigations. We have learnt all about our skeleton, muscles and our digestive system.

In art we have been learning all about portraits and self portraits. We have learnt how to plan a portrait, mix colours for skin tone and how to represent ourselves. We have also studied the artist Picasso and learnt all about cubism. In Geography we have been learning all about the British Isles and discovering lots of new facts about the different places. We have had fun exploring the atlases and locating places on a map.

We would like to wish you all a lovely February half term break and look forward to welcoming you back in the 2nd part of the Spring term.



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! For more info / to apply visit <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/38166>



After School Clubs

Tuesday— SSP Dance continues with Miss Johnson

Tuesday— Paint The Story with Miss Hardingham

Thursday — Lego Club with Miss Bennett

Please email the school office to book a place. Preference will be given to those who did not take part last half term. 1 club per child.



PTA Sponsored Pancake Flipping 04.03.25

World Book Day 06.03.25

Yr2 Kings Lynn Museum Trip 13.03.25

Book Fair Arrives at School 19.03.25

SSP Dance Festival Performance 25.03.25

PTA Easter Fayre 04.04.25

Tempest Class Photos 08.05.25

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-learning/free-childcare-for-all-3-and-4-year-olds>

Early Years Finance can be contacted on 01603 222300.



Emergency Contacts

If any of your details have changed or you would like to add or remove an emergency contact please email the school office with the details—office@heachaminfant.co.uk

It is school policy that we should at least 2 emergency contacts for every child.

Please also remember to let us know any address changes ASAP



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 in-



Heacham Infant & Nursery School

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.

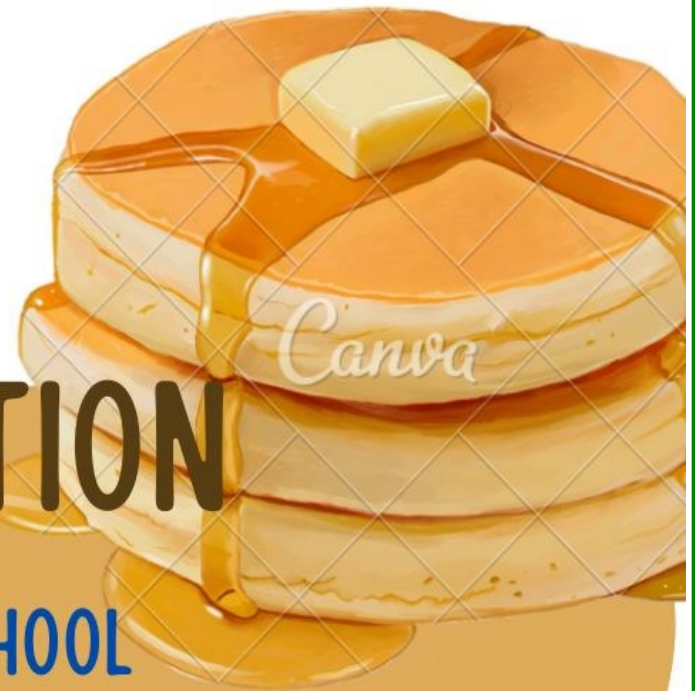
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