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**The last day of school is Friday 20th December**

**We come back to School on Tuesday 7th January**

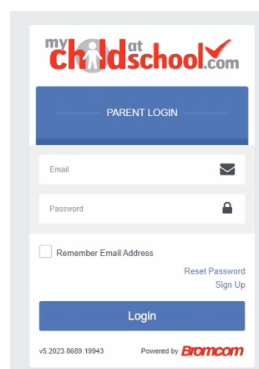
Dear Families,

This term has been so busy and everyone is ready for our Christmas break. It has been a pleasure to see the children become settled into class as we come to the end of term. It's also wonderful to see their progress within our knowledge rich curriculum since September. On a recent visit to Flag Fen, our Y2 pupils were praised for their understanding and use of vocabulary to describe the past. Well done Y2! We really enjoyed the Christmas performances and I would like to thank all the staff for working so hard to organise and practice these events. A huge thank you too goes to our PTA who organised a wonderful disco this week! Santa came to school too to give everyone a present so it felt very special. We would also like to thank the 'Friends of Heacham Junior School' for paying for and inviting Year2 to their annual festive panto 'Cinderella'.

Please remember if you would like to meet me or Mrs Hunt to discuss your child then please contact the office. Enjoy your festivities and see you in January.

Warm wishes

*Louise Jackson*



**Reminder about our new MCAS app—if you haven't yet downloaded it please do so at your earliest convenience. If you need a re-activation email please contact the school office who will be able to re-issue this for you. Or you can visit <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSForgottenLogin>**



## Sparrows

We have had a very busy half term in Nursery. We have learnt about bedtime routines, the importance of sleep on our bodies, who works at night and animals who come out at night. The children have also enjoyed dressing up for children in need, helping the PTA to make flowers from recycled materials, looked at fireworks and the Diwali festival of light. We have played different instruments and drawn large pictures together and of course we have enjoyed lots of Christmas celebrations. We had a visit from father Christmas, a disco, Christmas lunch and lots of crafts. The children have also put on their very own show for the parents to come and watch! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Nursery team x

## Goldfinches

This half term we have been thinking about light and dark. We started with Diwali and Bonfire night, and moved on to seasons, weather, and then day and night. We have had lots of visitors too; Helen who runs dance workshops, Tony who sent a rocket up for us, the man from the Lynn News and Mrs Bower who runs special PE lessons.

The children are a credit to you. They are kind to each other and eager to learn. Have a super Christmas xx

## Kingfishers

Kingfishers have been doing some super hard work and making some remarkable progress! Well done for the consistent effort and enthusiastic attitude to all learning! In science we have been learning all about animals and their needs, this topic really sprung up an interest with the class. We were lucky enough to have a real-life pet Dougie (Miss Minns dog) come and join us to aid our learning. From having the real life experience it strongly benefitted our work and we made some fabulous posters on what pets need to survive. In Maths we have been focusing on shapes and place value within 20. It was safe to say we enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes and even included these in our gymnastics lessons. Onto PE we have been learning gymnastics and we have been performing lots of challenging holds. We have even been performing our own mini routines to the class. Well done! In Computing it is safe to say our ICT skills have flourished as we have been creating our own digital paintings of famous artists work such as Piet Mondrian and finding out which tools are best to use. This half term has been a great one for all the children in Kingfishers and I am over joyed with all the progress that has been made and hope they have thoroughly enjoyed the term! Staff in Kingfishers would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## 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 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. We have thought very carefully how we can help look after our environment.

In DT we have been learning about levers and mechanisms. We made a moving picture book based on the Teacher Pleaser Machine, it was really fun.

In History the children have been learning all about the Stone Age, they thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Flagfen.

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.

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## After School Clubs

**Tuesday— SSP Dance with Miss Johnson** (this will run until March, with a performance at the Corn Exchange at the end. For further details please speak to Miss Johnson)

**Wednesday— STEM with Mrs Dack**

**Thursday— Drawing Club with Mrs Steel**

**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.**



**08.01.2025—YR Hearing & Vision Checks**

**27.01.2025 KS1 Active Kids Festival**

**21.01.2025—Y1 Mini Medics**

**31.01.24—Author Visit –Steve Clifford**



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](mailto: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**



### **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.

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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