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**The last day of school is**

**Friday 19th July**

**We come back to School on Wednesday 4th September**

Dear Families,

As we come closer to the end of term we would like to thank you all for supporting us through the year. This term has been extremely busy with additional events and activities to enhance our curriculum. Some of these extra fun activities have been organised by the PTA who have been brilliant, working with Mrs Dack to make the school feel at the heart of the community. Thank you very much to our wonderful PTA and all their hard work.

We are delighted to announce that we have recruited a new teacher for September to add to our teaching team. Olivia Hardingham will join us officially for Move Up Stay Up week but you might see her visiting us before then!

We say goodbye temporarily to Mrs Munro who will be leaving us to have her baby in September. Mrs Tilbrook will also be leaving us as she is expecting her second child in December and will start the term at Juniors. Mrs Gee will also be moving to Heacham Juniors to help the new Y3 settle in well.

Finally, we would like to invite any interested people to consider joining our governing body. We have a dedicated team of governors that challenge and support us but we need some new members. There are 4 meetings each year between 5-6.30pm and scheduled termly deep dives during the school day to check the quality of teaching and learning. It is a voluntary but vital role. If you would like to find out more please contact our Chair of Governors, Barbara Herring on [b.herring@westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk](mailto:b.herring@westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk)

**Have a great summer – see you in September!**

Best Wishes

*Louise Jackson*

## The Nest and Sparrows

The nursery children have been learning all about minibeasts in the first half term. . We have had visits from the Bee lady, showing us all of her bees and honeycomb. The children learned how the bees construct their homes and the different sections of a hive. We have looked for bugs in our nursery garden and have been very lucky to get a new bug hotel for them to live in.

In the second half term we have been learning about our beaches, how to stay safe in the water and how to look after our environments to help our sea creatures to be safe. We had a visit from the local coastguard to teach us how to stay safe on the beach and in the water. The children have enjoyed dressing as pirates for pirate week too. We have said goodbye to our older children and wish them all the happiness in their next adventures.

## Goldfinches

News from Goldfinches... We have been focusing on the sea; keeping the sea clean, protecting sea life, and the importance of lighthouses. We even heard the story about Atlantis and thought about whether it was true or a myth. We were lucky enough to have visited the Sealife centre and RNLI earlier in the term, and would like to thank the PTA again for helping us.



## Kingfishers

This half term Year 1 have enjoyed exploring materials and magnets in science. We had a super visit from Marsha and her husband who explained all about the Jewish celebration of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We have learned about changes in our Jigsaw PSHE lessons, including thinking about changes in our bodies as we grown up. Our art work has focused on looking at sculptures such as the Angel of the North and local statues, we made our own sculptures from clay and tin foil. Kingfishers have worked really hard in English, writing instructions and thinking about searching for gold - we even had a treasure hunt to find gold buried in the sand! In maths we have been using 100 squares to help with addition and subtraction, finding fractions such as a half and quarter, telling the time and practising our number bonds to 20. And our history learning has been around Parliament and how decisions are made in our Country.

We are al looking forward to our new classes in September and learning what we will be doing there!

## Owls

Owls have been amazing and have made so much progress this year. They should all be so proud of themselves, as we certainly are. They have had a fantastic last half term and squeezed in lots of new learning! In English the children have enjoyed writing a non-chronological report all about Bob, the Man on the Moon. In maths we have been getting ready for year 3 and looking at adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers using the column method.

In Science we have enjoyed learning all about space and enjoyed a visit from the planetarium, it was amazing!

In DT we have been learning all about vehicles and designed and made our very own Roman Chariots! In History we have been learning all about Powerful Voices and found out lots about David Attenborough, Rosa parks to name a few. We loved learning about these famous people, ask us about them.

We would like to wish you all a lovely Summer break. Good luck at the Junior school, you will be amazing!



## **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/freeschoolmeals>



# After School Clubs

**Tuesday— TBC**

**Wednesday— TBC**

**Thursday— TBC**

**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.**



04.09.24—Back at School

30.09.24—KS1 Active Kids Lynnsport

15.10.24—Y2 Cross Country

24.10.24—NHS Flu Vaccine

05.11.24—Individual School Photos

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.



It is school policy that we hold at least TWO emergency contacts for every child.

### **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)

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 informed.



### **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.

Phone: 01485 570357 Email: [office@heachaminfant.co.uk](mailto:office@heachaminfant.co.uk)



## PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!

**Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:**

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

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missed minutes = missed learning opportunities!

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