



TOGETHER WE EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ACHIEVE AND GROW

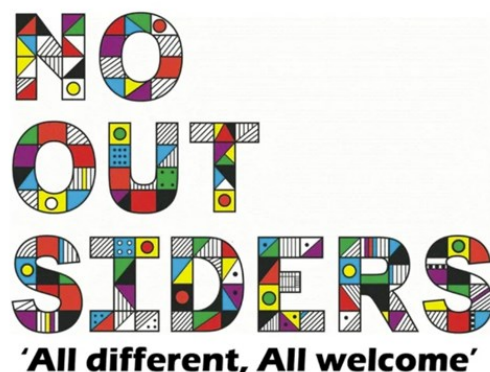
The last day of school is Friday 24th May

We come back to School on Monday 3rd June

It has been a busy half term as usual with plenty of learning, trips, activities and clubs planned into the first half of the summer term. As we move towards the end of the year, it is wonderful to see how each class is ready for the next stage in their development. So, we are planning and organising transition times across the school with a Move Up and Stay Up period at the end of term. This will help each child meet their new teacher and be within their new class environment. We find this helps pupils to be really positive over the holiday about returning in September. Details will be shared across schools after the break.

In the last few weeks we have invited families into school to join in with our life skills curriculum. These have been brilliant! Pupils and staff really enjoyed this and we hope you did too. Thank you if you were able to attend one of the workshops – it will be a regular event. It is really important to us that our school curriculum embeds plenty of opportunities for wider personal development. We passionately believe in developing the whole child to be happy, kind, tolerant and respectful. Promoting these attitudes of tolerance and respect is a priority for us, ensuring our whole school community understands the relevance of equality and diversity. We use “No Outsiders” to teach pupils to understand the attitudes necessary to prepare for life in modern Britain.

Finally, we recently consulted with families on our Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy – shortened to RSHE. Content information is being shared with you, ready for lessons next term.



The Nest and Sparrows

This term the children have been learning all about minibeasts. We have had our very own caterpillars to look after. We watched as they built their cocoons and now they have hatched into beautiful butterflies, we hope to release them in the last week when their wings are strong enough. The children have built bug hotels, spotted allsorts of insects and spiders in the garden and have been very gentle when handling lady birds and woodlouse etc.

We have looked at patterns and spirals in nature, replicating our own and looking at some famous art work, matisse snail and spirals by Kandinsky Spirals.

We have enjoyed the story of the hungry caterpillar, drawing story maps, retelling the story and coming up with new ideas and different foods for the caterpillar to enjoy.

The older children in nursery have been learning a letter a day following the Read, Write, Inc. programme. as they prepare to start school in September. Most of all it has been lovely being able to enjoy the sunshine and spending more time in the nursery garden, planting flowers, having picnic snacks, water play and lots of running around.

Goldfinches

It's been a lovely Springy half term in Goldfinch class. We've grown sunflowers and butterflies. We have explored life cycles of butterflies and frogs and learned some interesting words, like 'metamorphosis'.

In maths we started by practicing teen numbers. We moved on to measuring height, distance and weight.

We only have half a term to go. Becca, Sara and I feel so proud of everything our goldfinches have achieved.



Kingfishers

This half term we;

- enjoyed learning about plants in science and had a letter from Sir David Attenborough
- had extra PE sessions with Tracy Bower
- learnt about and created fast forward stories in English
- built skyscrapers and bridges in DT
- worked with Tony on a STEM project, linking science and DT
- trip to Sandringham
- put posters up around the village to remind people to put rubbish in the bins

We are looking forward to lots of exciting things next half term, our last term in Kingfishers!

Owls

Owls have had yet another busy half term and done some super learning! In English the children have been learning how to write an information text. They have learnt lots of animal facts. Ask us what we know. In maths we have been looking at time and statistics. The children have enjoyed reading tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms too!

In Science we have enjoyed learning all about electricity. Owl's have even had a go at making their own working circuit and investigated materials that are conductors and insulators.

In art we have been learning about murals and tapestries. We have made our own class Ocean Mural and had a go at weaving using our own looms. In Geography we have been learning all about Northern Europe. We have learnt lots of fantastic facts.

We would like to wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming you back for the children's final half term as Year 2's and children of Heacham Infant School.



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— SSP Dance continues with Mrs Munro

Wednesday— Nature Club with Mrs Dack

Thursday— Singing 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.



5th June—Owls swimming at Oasis (runs for 6 weeks)

6th June—PTA Planting & Planting Event

18th June—SSP Dance Competition (PM performance)

20th June—PTA Whole School Picnic TBC

25th June—Area Sports 4.30pm

4th July—Little City in School for Apprentice Day

4th July—Trust Summer Concert @ Springwood 5pm

5th July—Sports Festival @ HJS Y1 & 2

11th July PM—Sports Day

W/C 15th July Move Up Stay Up

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 hold at least TWO emergency contacts for every child.

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

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.

19 days lost a year through being late means 90% attendance.



missed minutes = missed learning opportunities!

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As we approach half term please can you check ParentPay balances for any outstanding Nursery Lunches and make sure these are brought up to date. Many thanks for your co-operation.

