



We come
back to
school on
Thursday 3rd
September.



TOGETHER WE EXPLORE, DISCOVER, ACHIEVE AND GROW

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy term! We have had plenty of successes over this year across the schools. Our achievement, sporting success, enrichment and learning have brought some fantastic moments where the children have shone. We aim to give every child opportunities whilst they are in Primary School to build confidence, resilience and skills. Thank you for supporting us with this.

In addition, our Chair Of Governors, Barbara Herring, will be leaving us this term. Barbara has worked diligently for our schools as a Governor starting in 2021. She took the role of Chair Of Governors in 2022 working to support our schools. I would like to thank Barbara for her dedication over this time. Barbara will hand over to our new Chair of Governors Mrs Emma Champion from September. All the best to Barbara from our governors, pupils, staff and families.

Finally, I hope you all enjoy a lovely summer break - see you on 3rd September as we start another academic year!

MESSAGE FROM MRS DACK

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families for making my time at the Infants School so special. It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Assistant Head, and I have so many happy memories filled with joy, excitement, laughter and unforgettable moments. I am incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved, and it has been a real pleasure to watch them grow in confidence, develop new skills and flourish throughout their time here. As many of you know, I will be moving across to Snettisham and beginning an exciting new adventure. While it is time for me to say goodbye, I am sure this won't be the last time our paths cross. I will miss you all very much and will always look back on my time here with great fondness. Thank you for your kindness, support and the many wonderful memories. I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday, and I look forward to seeing many of you again in the future. Mrs Dack

Sparrows

This half term we have been learning about the beach. How to keep ourselves safe in the water and on the beach, we had a visit from the RNLI. We have learnt how to look after our beaches, what belongs on them, by looking at man made and natural items. We have explored our own Heacham beach on Google maps and the groins. We have talked about different sea creatures and the oceans and seas they come from, where they live etc. This half term we have been very lucky with the weather and have spent a lot of time outside, we've had fun splash pool days, enjoying snack in the garden and the children have loved lots of water play area and the new mud kitchen area. We have been learning our phonics with our RWI programme. The children have been working very hard to write and blend sounds together. We have also had a visit to little city and been visited by dolly the dog. As this is our last newsletter of the year, the nursery staff would like to say thank you to all of our families for the continuing support and to wish our older children moving into reception lots of fun in their new classes. We have had an amazing year with you all. Have a great summer holidays everyone. Be happy and be safe.

Goldfinches

We have had a fantastic Summer 2 term with so many exciting learning opportunities! We explored all about the seaside, learning about the features of the beach, how lighthouses work, the amazing creatures that live in the ocean, and how to stay safe near water. We've also enjoyed another dance workshop with Helen and learnt all about the ocean, its creatures, pollution and lighthouses during our Knowledge sessions. Our tadpoles finally changed into froglets and we proudly sent them back to their pond where we hope they will live happily. We really enjoyed watching the metamorphosis and seeing them jump! We've continued working hard with our reading and speed sounds and we're really proud of all the effort the children have put in this year - well done Goldfinches!

Kingfishers

What a wonderful year it's been in Kingfishers! As we come to the end of Year 1, we're incredibly proud of how much the children have grown, not just in their learning, but in their confidence, creativity and independence. It's been an absolute pleasure to watch them explore the world around them and work together with such enthusiasm and curiosity. This term, our learning has been packed with excitement! In Maths, the children have been mastering the clock, learning all about telling the time. In Science, we transformed into real-life investigators to explore different materials. We tested their properties to discover which were flexible, waterproof, strong, transparent or opaque. The children loved experimenting and recording their findings like true scientists and they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of finding the most suitable material for Paddington's hat! In History, we discovered how the UK Parliament works and why voting matters. To bring this learning to life, we held our very own election with ballot slips and a realistic polling station experience! The children debated their ideas passionately and cast their votes, which was a brilliant way to understand fairness, choice and the importance of having a voice. Our Art lessons have been wonderfully creative as we explored sculpture. Kingfishers have used a range of material to create abstract art and unique monuments of their own. We practiced how to mould clay and add fine detailing to our sculptures, which was great fun for everyone! We've also had an incredibly active time outdoors recently! We enjoyed a fantastic Sports Day. Well done! Additionally, we had a brilliant time visiting the junior school for the KS1 Sports Festival, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and they all put in 100% effort! After such a busy, memorable and exciting term, we wish Kingfishers the very best as they take their next big step into Year 2! We will greatly miss their energy, bright ideas and big smiles. Have a fun and restful summer! Thank you Miss Hardingham, Mrs Varley and Miss Minns.

Owls

This half term we have learnt all about Astronomy. We have learnt about the planets, the different phases of the moon and the different patterns of the stars. In History we looked at the different powerful voices that have made a change during their lifetime. These included Gandhi, Rosa Parks and Sir David Attenborough. We have also enjoyed a trip to Pensthorpe and visits to our new schools.

Goodbye Owls and we wish you good luck in Year 3!



Tuesday— tbc

Wednesday—tbc

Thursday— tbc



October Half Term starts Friday 23rd October

4th November—Individual School Photos

5th November—NHS Flu Vaccine Team in School

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 informed.

Heacham Infant & Nursery School

If you have a matter that you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson, 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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ClassDojo

A gentle reminder about using ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a great way for us to share homework and home learning opportunities, and we love seeing families engage with it. To help communication run smoothly, please remember:

Important messages (such as illness, absence, changes to collection, behaviour concerns, or anything urgent) must be sent directly to the school office.

While teachers do their very best, we can't always guarantee messages on ClassDojo will be seen straight away or responded to promptly.

Teachers also have designated downtime and won't be checking or responding to messages in the evenings or at weekends – thank you for understanding .

Using the office for important information helps us make sure nothing is missed and that children are kept safe and supported .

Thank you so much for your continued support and cooperation

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? **YES** Keep them off school until it goes away. **NO** Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'



Heacham Infant & Nursery School Nursery Setting

We have places in Nursery for 2 and 3 year olds

**To arrange an informal visit or for further information please call
our office on 01485 570357 or email us at**

office@heachaminfant.co.uk.

Three-Year-Old Places

Our Pre School Admissions accept children from the term after their third birthday. Children can access free education up to 15 hours or 30 hours' provision (depending successful receipt of DFE 30-hour funding codes)

Two-Year-Old Places

We have some limited spaces for two year olds within our Pre School provision which are currently mornings only 8:30-11:30. We accept children from the term after they are two.



