Heacham Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

Autumn 1

Message From The Head

Dear Parents and Carers

A great start to the academic year as we come close to half term. Everyone has settled well and made a good transition into new classes for Autumn One. The routines are established and the behaviour and learning across the school is settled and calm. We have continued to develop the spaces around the school site to help children learn, enjoy and belong. We have built the library further and hope you can come in to see this after half term! We have an author called Pippa Goodhart coming to open this lovely reading room and Mrs Woodget will send more details via dojo.

Attendance continues as a priority for us. To reduce time missed, please make sure you bring your child to school first thing wherever possible, then collect and return to school if they have an appointment. This will ensure the children do not miss the important routines of the morning or afternoon sessions. A whole day taken for the dentist, hospital or GP is not usually authorised - however there may be exceptional circumstances so let us know if you have any questions about this.

We have had some fantastic enrichment and sporting results already this term - a joint trip to Holkham for y2/3 was lovely and Rowan and Hattie won medals at the Cross Country! It is a long run and they competed against all local schools – brilliant!

Mrs Jones is working across schools this term. She knows the Heacham schools as she previously worked as Assistant Head at Heacham Juniors before Snettisham. She brings great leadership experience and enthusiasm to our team.

Best wishes

Louise

Sparrows

We have had a great first half term at nursery. Our new children have settled well and the older children have been great friends and helpers. This half term we have been concentrating on being kind and helpful, our family and friends and people who help us. We have thought about kind things we can do for others and what they have done for us and been helpful in nursery, helping to tidy. We have looked at signs of Autumn and had lots of fun with the conkers and leaves in the garden.

We have looked at numbers 1-5, counting forwards and taking 1 away. We have been listening to different sounds from the world around us, singing songs and listening to stories. We payed special attention to the story of the Owl Babies. The children used puppets to retell the story and repeated key phrases from the story.

We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on the 2nd of November.





Goldfinches

What a fantastic first term it has been for our Goldfinches as they have settled so brilliantly into Reception! It is a huge milestone and the children have handled it with incredible confidence, enthusiasm and big smiles every day. The children have quickly embraced our daily routines and turned Goldfinch Class into a warm, happy learning community that we are so proud to be a part of. Our learning journey this term has been packed with fun and discovery. The children loved exploring all about our amazing bodies, learning how to stay healthy and comparing different types of houses and homes. We have also spent lots of time talking about our feelings, helping the children to understand and express their emotions. Outside the classroom, our walk around the village was a great way to explore the different types of houses people live in and their Monday visits with Dolly the therapy dog have been a pleasure that the children look forward to each week. Goldfinches have loved finding out about her! In English, the Goldfinches have truly shone with their incredible story retelling. It has been amazing to watch their imaginations light up as they bring stories to life and even invent their own fantastic new characters. They have achieved so much in such a short space of time and we want to say a huge thank you for your brilliant support during this special first term.Have a wonderful half-term and a happy Halloween! Miss Hardingham, Miss Minns, Mrs Chadburn and Miss Bateson.





Kingfishers

What a fantastic start to Year 1 we have all had! In English we learnt the story of Tom Cat and then created our own brilliant stories. In Maths we have been learning and securing our understanding of number and number bonds. We are getting very speedy with our bonds to 10! In Science we have learnt about our bodies and senses. We also explored materials to see which one would be most suitable to block out the light in Little Bear's bedroom. In Geography we have learnt about maps and used our new directional skills in PE to direct our partners around an orienteering course. We have loved visiting our new library and it has been great to see the children using their new reading records by recording the books they have been sharing at home. Have a lovely break and we look forward to lots more learning after half term where we will be leading up to Christmas!






Owls

Owl Class have had a fantastic half term filled with exciting learning and experiences! We enjoyed an amazing visit to Holkham Hall, which linked beautifully with our Science learning about animals and their habitats. We explored different environments and thought carefully about the animals that live there and how they are suited to their habitats. In Geography, we have been developing our map skills by drawing our own maps and locating important points of interest within our local community. In Art, we have been inspired by the work of Henri Matisse and have been exploring colour theory and how colours can be used creatively. In RE, we have been thinking about the importance of being kind and helpful to others, learning about the story of the Good Samaritan and how we can put its message into practice in our everyday lives. What a wonderful half term we have had in Owl Class!





After School Clubs

Tuesday – Christmas Choir with Miss Johnson

Wednesday- Christmas Crafts with Miss Hardingham

Thursday – Mindfulness with Miss Moore

Please email the office to book a place – office@heachaminfant.co.uk. Preference will be given to those children who have not taken part in an afterschool club previously.



October Half Term starts Friday 23rd October

4th November—Individual School Photos

5th November—NHS Flu Vaccine Team in School

25th November – KS1 Art Workshop

18th December – Year2 attend HJS for Christmas Panto

5th January – Back to school

15th January – KS1 Science workshop

5th February – Number Day

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.

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If you have a matter that you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Louise Jackson or our Assistant Head Maria Woodget 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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