



Newsletter ~ October 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this term. The children have enjoyed being able to mix with other bubbles at playtime and come together for assemblies. It has also been great to welcome families back into the playground at the start and end of the school day at last!

We have welcomed families into school for workshops to talk about reading for pleasure and to take a look at the lovely reading spaces that we have around the school and in classrooms. Reading regularly and exploring books both at home and school is so important but shouldn't be a chore. It doesn't just have to be about books. Encourage your child to read whilst out and about; this could include: notices when out and about or around the home, or sharing the menu with your child when out for a meal, looking at a magazine together, reading information leaflets about places or information boards on daytrips. Our local libraries are also a wonderful free resource and often run events during holidays. After half term, we will run further sessions including Maths Mastery, behaviour and home learning and enrichment – all welcome!

Our 'Hello Yellow' day in support of Young Minds on Friday 8th October was very successful – we raised £200 which is fantastic! The children enjoyed dressing in yellow to mark the occasion. Many thanks for all your generous donations.

Engagement in learning has been very good and pupils continue to benefit from our knowledge curriculum, which has enabled them to study the Islamic Golden Age, William Morris, the periodic table and the Muslim holy book the Qu'ran among other exciting things.

Enjoy the half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on 1st November.

Louise Jackson & Emma Hunt



Lunch Menu

November's menu is now on our website.
Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions available on request. <https://www.heachamjunior.co.uk>

No need to book online



Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for further information.

Last day of this Half-Term is Thurs 21/10/21.
Children return on Monday 1/11/21.

Our Learning

Year 3 – Oystercatcher

Year 3 have settled really well into their new school and have been working incredibly hard! We have been looking at the composition of numbers and have moved onto addition and subtraction and practised exchanging between different place value columns. We are continuing to work on our times tables and any practise you can do at home will help the children enormously. We are working on 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 tables. In English we have written warning tales based on Icarus and are now working on persuasive adverts. In history we have been learning about the ancient Greeks and have learnt some amazing facts about the Spartans. In geography we have learnt all about compasses and grid references and I've discovered we have some very talented artists after looking at the children's amazing art work. We also have some very talented sports people - perhaps there are some future England cricketers in Oystercatchers!



Year 4 - Avocet

Avocets have had a great first half term. We have been to an amazing Olympic sports festival at Smithdon High school taking part in various sports. The children loved it and we will hopefully get to go again in the Summer term. In Geography, we have been exploring our local area and developing our map skills such as finding the scale and working out the distance between two places. On the other hand, our RE lessons were learning about Buddhism and as a class we have created a happiness mobile that represents Right Speech, Right thought and Right action, which are parts of the Eightfold path. The last picture shows how excited and passionate Avocets were about our new English unit as our high quality text is Dr Ernest Drake's Dragonology- such a great interactive book! In this lesson, they had to activate their prior knowledge and they thought of some great connections linked to a picture of a creature's eye and wrote such detailed descriptions of what they thought the creature would look like- I was so impressed. Super efforts this term Avocets, keep it up! Looking forward to next term learning about The rise and fall of Ancient Rome in History and Mediterranean Europe in Geography- we even get to try some of their cuisine!



Our Learning (cont'd)

Year 5 – Albatross

We've had a very busy first half term in Albatross Class learning about some fascinating topics in all of our foundation subjects. In history we've been learning about the Islamic Golden Age and the creation of the progressive 'City of Peace' Baghdad in 900 CE where people would travel all over the world to learn, study and share ideas. In RE the children now have a great understanding of the importance of Muhammad to Muslims and why the Muslim holy book the Qu'ran is so precious to all followers of Islam. These have linked perfectly with our Art where we've learnt about the intricate nature of Islamic Architecture. The children have designed and created their own clay tiles influenced by the patterns in the architecture we've been studying. We've also conducted some super science experiments in class measuring our lung capacity and making blood using marshmallows and cheerios to represent white blood cells and platelets!! We have packed in so much this half term also enjoying a fantastic day out at Smithdon High School for the KS2 Olympic event where the children got to experience lots of different sporting opportunities and we've also supported the 'Young Minds' charity by all wearing yellow and discussing the importance of looking after our mental health. The children have consistently demonstrated excellent learning behaviours and we're so proud of them for all their hard work during this first half term. We can't wait to see what exciting things we'll get up to next half term!



Year 6 – Royal Tern

This half term in English we have been studying the book 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan which is a beautiful and very moving book with no words. It follows the story of a man who is an immigrant and how he builds a new life for himself and his family. Royal Terns wrote amazing poetry using this book and our 'hot writes' were a meeting tale. In History, we have been learning about World War One and the consequences of the war. They have learnt all about the periodic table in Science! In Art, we enjoyed learning about William Morris and 'decorative arts'. Children designed and printed their own wallpaper. PE has also been thoroughly enjoyable this half term; learning to play rounders and developing fitness in cross-country. The children were excellent at working together to create their own cross-country course which they then took it in turns to try with the class.



Our Calendar



2021/2022

Every Wednesday – Swimming/Music Tuition
 20/10/21 – Y6 Ken Hill Trip
 20/10/21 – Croydon Cup @ Smithdon 4-6pm
 22/10/21 – Closed Inset Day
 25/10/21 – Half-Term (children return 1/11/21)
 02/11/21 – Cross Country @ Snettisham AM
 02/11/21 – Parents' Evening phone calls
 04/11/21 – Parents' Evening phone calls
 05/11/21 – Parent Workshop 10-11am
 08/11/21 – Y4 Ken Hill Trip
 11/11/21 – Armistice Day – 2 mins silence
 16/11/21 – Multi-skills Festival @ Hunstanton Y34 AM
 17/11/21 – Y3 Ken Hill Trip
 18/11/21 – Y6 Measurement Programme
 19/11/21 – Children in Need £1 dress-up day
 26/11/21 – Parent Workshop 10-11am
 26/11/21 – Y4 Norwich Castle Museum Trip
 30/11/21 – Boccia Festival @ Dersingham AM
 10/12/21 – Wizard of Oz Panto @ HJS
 14/12/21 – Y6 Trip to Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts
 17/12/21 – Parent Workshop 10-11am
 20/12/21 – Christmas Holiday (children return 5/1/22)
 09/02/22 – Tag Rugby Y56 @ WNRFC
 14/02/22 – Half-Term (children return 21/2/22)
 29/03/22 – Netball Y34 @ KES
 31/03/22 – Tri-Golf @ HJS
 28/04/22 – Y6 Leavers' Photo (Tempest Photography)
 04/04/22 – Easter Holiday (children return 20/4/22)
 18/05/22 – Y56 Kingswood 3-day Residential Trip

Twitter Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook



Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior _WNAT
 @heachamjunior

MP Christmas Card Competition



If you missed the deadline to bring your artwork into school, you could still post or email it direct.

Send your design to James Wild MP, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA or

james.wild.mp@parliament.uk

Entries must arrive by **3/11/21**. Please clearly state your name, class, school name and school email address (office@heachamjunior.co.uk)

Good Luck!

Health Support & Advice for children and young people

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

0300 300 0123

This is a very helpful service provided by NHS and Norfolk Children's Services. If you need help and support with anything from pregnancy to child anxiety, child development and additional needs, Covid FAQ. Please visit the website or give them a call for support.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools.

The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) and **book a PCR test** if you have a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste. Lateral Flow Tests are for asymptomatic testing.

Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>



Hands



Face



Space



Fresh air

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS Nov-Dec

Next half-term we will be offering the following after-school clubs starting w/c 8/11/21 (3-4pm). ***Please note that children in Years 3 & 4 should be collected by an adult.*** Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There will be no charge for these clubs.

MONDAY

Board Games with Mr Feeney open to all year groups x 12

~~Art Club with Mrs Manning open to all year groups x 15~~ CLUB FULL

TUESDAY

Gardening with Mr Feeney open to Year 4 only x 10

Multi-Sports with Miss Prosser open to Year 3&4 x 18

WEDNESDAY

Cookery Club with Miss Roper open to Year 6 only x 10

Football run by Heacham Minors FC open only to those **NOT CURRENTLY** a member of a local football club x 30

To apply for a space please email office@heachamjunior.co.uk and state the following

I give permission for (Child's Name) to attend the following clubs

Club Names:

Medical Condition:

Name of Parent:

Emergency Contact phone no:

I will collect my child from the back playground at 4pm or;

My child has permission to walk home alone (Y5/6 only)



<https://home.classdojo.com>

We continue to use Class Dojo to keep you informed and post homework etc. - it has proved to be a very good communication tool. If you would like a second parent to have access, please email their name along with their email address to office@heachamjunior.co.uk and we will add them to your child's account. Contact us if you have any problems connecting to ClassDojo.

School Events

Just a few important updates on some of the usual planned events for this term:



Children in Need Friday 19th November

£1 via ParentPay – No cash please

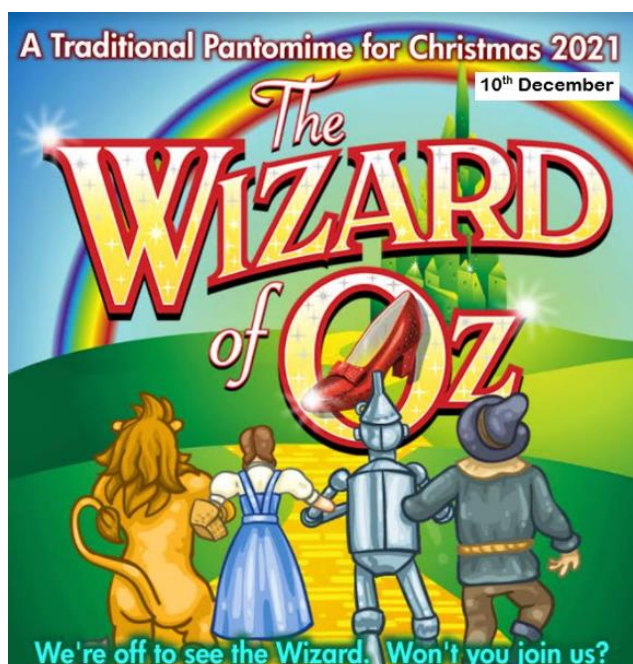
Children are invited to wear something Yellow, Spotty, Stripy or Bear-themed into school. Clothes must be suitable for the cold, wet weather.

School Photographs

Hopefully you have all received a link from Tempest Photography with links and instructions on how to purchase school photographs. If you've missed the deadline for free delivery to school you can still order your photos but will have to pay a delivery charge.

Christmas

We are currently looking into how we can safely celebrate our usual Christmas School Traditions and will advise in due course.



YOUNGmINDS
fighting for young people's mental health
YOU RAISED £200



Friends of HJS (PTA)

Thank you for supporting all of our fundraising last year. We are planning some exciting things for this year including the return of Dame Kitty Litter for a Panto Performance of the Wizard of Oz in school on 10th December!

The Friends of HJS have launched our School Lottery. We will be in touch with the next draw date and further details

Kelly Hall, Chair of PTA

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with Mrs Bridge in 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 the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. 😊

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are entitled to FSM, your vouchers will be issued for October half-term. Please check your inbox/spam as they will be emailed directly from Edenred. Many thanks!

Have your circumstances changed recently?

You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31j-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSlcQ>

Don't forget to let us know if any of your contact numbers or addresses change during the holidays. Please inform Denise Bridge in the office, (office@heachamjunior.co.uk) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.

Parents Evenings **Tues 2/11/21 & Thurs 4/11/21**

Our autumn term parents' evenings will take place on **Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November between 3:30pm and 6:00pm**. For this parents' evening we will be doing phone calls home with the hope of returning to face to face in the Spring term if the situation allows.

Please message your child's class teacher on Dojo to say whether you would prefer a phone call between 3:30-5:00pm or 5:00-6:00pm and on which day. We will do our very best to accommodate your preferences. Teachers will allocate you a time and send you this information in a Dojo message. All meetings will be a phone call, unless you specify on Class Dojo that you would prefer an online Zoom meeting.

Term Dates 2021-2022 – Trust Primary Schools



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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL GATES & ARRIVAL TIMES – FROM MON 18TH OCT.

We are very pleased to inform you that from Monday 18th October, we will be opening up all of the school gates and returning to our pre-covid morning/end of day arrangements. Children/Parents may use any gate to access the school and should wait on the BACK PLAYGROUND (where the trim trail and picnic tables are). A member of staff will be on the playground from 8.30am each morning. Children are not to arrive before this time unless they are going to Breakfast Club. We would encourage parents to wait with their children on the playground until 8.40am when the children will be led into class by their class teacher. All gates are locked during the school day and access will only be via College Drive carpark gates to the School Reception.




Parentline
07520 631590

Parentline is a text service for parents/carers to get in touch about any parenting questions or concerns.

If you need advice about your child or young person's health or wellbeing, simply send a text and one of the team will text you back.

You can text at any time. A health professional from the 0-19 team will reply during opening times. You can have the whole conversation by text if that works best for you, or the practitioner can call you.

Just one Number

online Learning

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easyfundraising.com

PROVISIONAL SWIMMING ROTA – not finalised

Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
5	03/11/2021	Royal Terns
6	10/11/2021	Royal Terns
7	17/11/2021	Royal Terns
8	24/11/2021	Royal Terns
x	01/12/2021	Pool Closed
x	08/12/2021	Pool Closed
x	15/12/2021	Pool Closed
x	22/12/2021	Xmas
x	29/12/2021	Xmas
9	05/01/2022	Albatross
10	12/01/2022	Albatross
11	19/01/2022	Albatross
12	26/01/2022	Royal Terns
13	02/02/2022	Royal Terns
14	09/02/2022	Royal Terns
x	16/02/2022	Half-Term
15	23/02/2022	Avocet
16	02/03/2022	Avocet
17	09/03/2022	Avocet

Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
18	16/03/2022	Avocet
19	23/03/2022	Avocet
20	30/03/2022	Avocet
X	06/04/2022	Easter
X	13/04/2022	Easter
21	20/04/2022	Oystercatcher
22	27/04/2022	Oystercatcher
23	04/05/2022	Oystercatcher
24	11/05/2022	SATS Oystercatcher TBC
25	18/05/2022	Oystercatcher
26	25/05/2022	Oystercatcher
x	01/06/2022	Half-Term
27	08/06/2022	Catch-Up
28	15/06/2022	Catch-Up
29	22/06/2022	Catch-Up
30	29/06/2022	Catch-Up
31	06/07/2022	Catch-Up
32	13/07/2022	Catch-Up
33	20/07/2022	Catch-Up

Children should bring a snack to have at morning break as they will return late for lunch.

Children must bring Trunks/1pc swim-suit and a towel. A lightweight waterproof coat and sensible walking shoes. Earrings must be removed. *(They may choose to bring a swim hat & goggles but not compulsory)*

Please ensure all items are named and in a waterproof bag.

AUTUMN COLOURING PAGES





Norfolk Lavender are holding our first ever Conservation Day on Wed 27th Oct. 10am - 4pm. There will be Stands and Talks and Activities on throughout the Day. Something for everyone.



PUMPKIN MUFFINS

Method

STEP 1

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Line a 12-hole muffin tin with muffin cases. Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and both sugars together in a large **bowl**. Break up any lumps of brown sugar by rubbing them between your fingers.

STEP 2

Whisk the purée and eggs together in a jug, then add to the dry ingredients with the melted butter. Whisk for 1-2 mins with an electric hand whisk until just combined.

STEP 3

Bake for 15 mins until golden and risen and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Lift onto a **wire rack** to cool completely. *Will keep for three days in an airtight container.*

Ingredients

225g plain flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 tbsp ground cinnamon (or 2 tsp pumpkin spice)

100g caster sugar

50g soft light brown sugar

200g pumpkin purée (from a can or homemade – see 'goes well with' below)

2 large eggs

125g slightly salted butter, melted