



Newsletter ~ December 2021

Heacham Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has been so busy with a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school as pupils continue to enjoy learning across the curriculum. There is a strong focus across the school on reading, respect and kindness as we support our pupils' development. Pupils have been learning well through the knowledge rich curriculum, so please take a look at the knowledge organisers on our websites and chat with your child about their learning and new vocabulary from this term.

Our parent workshops on Fridays have continued this half term and have included Reading for Pleasure, Maths Mastery and Behaviour for Learning! During these sessions we have also been able to complete a learning walk around the school with families and the feedback we received has been wonderful. The presentations are now on the school website so please take a look if you couldn't attend. Please remember to help your child through daily reading discussions, chatting and times table quizzes. This helps practise and adds learning into long term memory.

The children have enjoyed some fantastic workshops across the school this term, including a Greek workshop, Classical Music Rocks and a visit to the Mosque. Our Junior Leaders helped us learn about kindness during Anti Bullying Week and about UK Parliament Week. The children were also thrilled to dress up for Children In Need and with your generous donations we managed to raise money for this worthy cause. We even had a surprise visit from Pudsey himself – what a treat!

So as we get closer to Christmas we are starting to feel the magic with the arrival of a beautiful tree ready for decoration. Please send in your homemade creations for the tree. Rev Wilson is leading a Christmas Assembly and each class will prepare and share a video of Christmas messages for you at home. These will go on Class Dojo and the website before the end of term. Enjoy a well-deserved Christmas break and we cross fingers that we can look forward to welcoming you back into school in 2022!

Louise Jackson & Emma Hunt



Lunch Menu

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

Not bookable online



Term Dates:

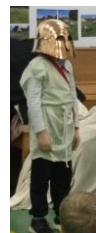
Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for further information.

**Last day of Term is Fri 17/12/21.
Children return on Wed 05/01/22.**

Our Learning

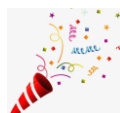
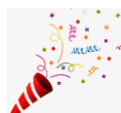
Year 3 – Oystercatcher

We have had a very exciting half term so far with several trips and visits which have enriched our learning. We had an amazing trip to Wild Ken Hill where we learnt about different farming processes and crops, we completed a bug hunt, learnt about the importance of trees and most importantly we had fun! On children in need day we did some Pudsey bear activities and the children were delighted when the famous bear himself popped into our class! Our third exciting visitor allowed us to step back in time to ancient Greece. The children (and Mrs Feeney) dressed in Greek costumes and took part in a range of activities including story-telling, drama, maths puzzles and even an Olympic games! This workshop really brought our history learning to life. Back in the classroom, the children have been learning to multiply and divide and are now concentrating on learning their 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables and finding patterns between them. In English, we have been writing wishing tales, learning about Western Europe in geography, the true meaning of Christmas in RE and investigating the water cycle in science.



Year 4 - Avocet

Avocets have shown great efforts in all subjects this term leading up to Christmas. They loved the Norwich Castle trip learning about the Romans and Iceni life. We got to experience shield formations (tortoise) as soldiers, touch Roman objects and act out jobs that the Iceni would accomplish each day. We have also learnt about Mediterranean Europe in Geography, alongside Ancient Rome in History. The children tried various Mediterranean food like olives, oranges, feta cheese, apricots and tomatoes. Great to see them trying different food to what they're used to!



Congratulations to Daniel in Avocets who is a runner up in James Wild MP's Christmas Card competition this year. Daniel will receive a certificate and prize soon.

Our Learning (cont'd)

Year 5 – Albatross

We've gone full throttle into the second half of our Autumn term in Albatross Class and the children have been working so hard throughout producing some wonderful pieces of work. We've covered a lot of the globe with our foundation subjects, studying African art and the importance of ceremonial headdresses in some parts of African culture. We've studied lots of mountain ranges in Asia, Europe and South America - perhaps you could ask your Albatross what facts they can tell you about Mount Everest or where the ancient mummified body of Otzi was discovered and how old he was? In history we've also looked at how far the British Empire spread across the globe and how we gained so much power and control to enable us to become so hugely successful. In science, our minds have been tested as we've studied how small an atom is creating our own oxygen atoms with protons, neutrons and electrons. Finally, as we head towards the festive season our RE lessons have linked in nicely as we've revisited the Christmas story and investigated varying details in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. The children also very much enjoyed their trip to a Mosque in Peterborough to support their RE learning on Islam and the importance of the Qu'ran from last term. As always we're so proud of the Albatrosses for all their continued hard work throughout the whole of this half term and we're excited for some festive fun during the final few weeks before they can enjoy a well earned rest over Christmas



Year 6 – Royal Tern

We have had another busy half term in Royal Terns! We have been working on fractions in Maths and persevering when adding, subtracting, ordering and comparing fractions! In English, we finished our Suffragette biography work and have since been studying discursive texts using the novel 'Stay Where You Are and Then Leave.' We have been learning all about Suffragettes in History; the NUWSS and the WSPU. We struggled to decide if we would have been pacifists or militant activists in the battle for equality! The children have really enjoyed art this term. We have been looking at the Renaissance and have studied artists like Michelangelo and Leonardo di Vinci. We sketched our eyes, drew landscapes using perspective and created sun discs which we will paint before Christmas. We enjoyed Children in Need day, Parliament week and we are now looking forward to Christmas! We have our trip to the Sainsbury Centre in the last week before the term ends too!





2021/2022

Every Wednesday – Swimming/Music Tuition

01/12/21 – Kingswood 2nd instalment now overdue

10/12/21 – Wizard of Oz Panto @ HJS

10/12/21 – Christmas Jumper Day £1.00

14/12/21 – Y6 Trip to Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts

15/12/21 – Flu Immunisation

15/12/21 – Christmas Lunch & Festive Tops

16/12/21 – Heacham Talent Show

17/12/21 – Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw

17/12/21 – Parent Workshop 10-11am

21/12/21 – Village Carol Service 6pm (Bowling Green)

20/12/21 – Christmas Holiday (children return 5/1/22)

05/01/22 – Swimming resumes

08/01/22 – HJS Lottery Drawer

09/02/22 – Tag Rugby Y56 @ WNRFC

14/02/22 – Half-Term (children return 21/2/22)

01/03/21 – Kingswood Final balance payable in full

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

30/05/22 – Half term (children return 6/6/22)

01/07/22 – Yr 3/4 Mini Tennis @ KES

21/07/22 – End of term



West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on

easyfundraising.com

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



Snettisham, Heacham Infant and Junior WNAT

**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 the latest advice and updates

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



Hands



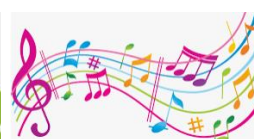
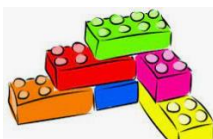
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Space



Fresh air



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS Jan-Feb

Next half-term we will be offering the following after-school clubs starting w/c 10/1/22 (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. Clubs run by school staff are free, Clubs run by visitors may be chargeable (see below).

MONDAY

Art with Mrs Manning open to Year 3/4 x 15 spaces

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

Not confirmed – Street Dance Club open to Year 5/6

TUESDAY

Gardening with Mr Feeney open to Year 3 only x 10 spaces

WEDNESDAY

Cookery with Miss Roper open to Year 5 only x 10 spaces

Drama run by John Giller £40 payable in cash for 10 sessions open to all x 30 spaces

THURSDAY

Singing Club with Mrs Bridge open to Year 6 only x 12

Science Club with Mr & Mrs Feeney open to Year 3/4 x 14 spaces

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 as our main communication tool to keep you informed and post homework etc. - it has proved to be very successful. 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. Please let us know if you have any problems connecting to ClassDojo.

School Events



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

We are collecting donations on ParentPay for Save the Children. Please donate a minimum of £1.00 to wear your Festive Jumper to school (with uniform) on 10th December.



PANTO – FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

Dame Kitty Litter will be visiting us again this year along with the rest of her friends for a performance of The Wizard of Oz on Friday 10th December.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

The date to book a Christmas Lunch has now passed. If you did not book, please send a packed lunch with your child on this day as there are no other meals available to book on the day. Please wear your Festive tops.



TALENT SHOW - THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER

Our talented children will be entertaining the staff and pupils with an afternoon of talent. Remember to send in any costumes, props, music etc. the day before please.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for your donations, we raised £145.50 and was surprised with a visit from Pudsey! Thank you to the Hunstanton Rotary Club for arranging this special surprise for us, the children were so excited.



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 the Christmas holiday. 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.



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!

Further details are included in the newsletter about our Christmas Hamper Raffle Drawer and our School Lottery

Kelly Hall, Chair of PTA

Term Dates 2021-2022 – Trust Primary Schools



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PROVISIONAL SWIMMING ROTA

Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
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
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

Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
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

Albatross will be swimming on the first day back to school on 5th Jan.

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

• Earrings must be removed.

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

These dates may be subject to change

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

HEACHAM SCHOOL LOTTERY

The next Lottery drawer will be held on Saturday 8th January 2022.

You can buy tickets now for £1 each by visiting:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/heachamjunior>

Heacham Junior School

8 Jan 2022

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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It's A WIN-WIN Situation!

BOOST School Funds
WIN up to £25,000

BUY TICKETS

TICKETS
£1 EACH


<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/heachamjuniorschool>

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

The Friends of HJS are raffling off Christmas Hampers again this year in a Covid Secure way. Tickets can be purchased on ParentPay. They cost £1 per ticket – buy as many as you can.

Online via Parent Pay only – No cash in school



(please don't bring donations for Hampers into School) ★

Christmas raffle

Winners to be drawn by the wheel of numbers online!

Friends of Heacham Junior Covid Safe Christmas Hamper raffle.


Draw date – Friday 17th December

Donations to be dropped at 29 Meadow Road
Alternatively email at: Kelly.hall.1@talktalk.net
[01485 572969](tel:01485572969)

£1 per number
Buy as many as you want

Enter via ParentPay!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



★ ALL ITEMS GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS ★



Heacham Parish Church



Thank you to Heacham Junior for the bells which are decorating the church, they look fab. The church is open everyday from 10-4 to see them. I'm looking forward to the children singing Away in a Manger at the Village Carol Service on 21/12/21. Our Christingle Service is on Christmas Eve 24th Dec at 4pm ... if you can, please bring a bell to ring!

Happy Christmas from Revd Veronica Wilson and everyone at Heacham Parish Church, and every blessing for 2022.



HEACHAM VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 21st December at 6.30pm

With Kings Lynn Town Band



This year our annual village carol service will be outside at

Heacham Club, on the Bowling Green.

Come and sing carols and celebrate Christmas as a village community.

Everyone welcome, dress warmly!

Standing room only on the bowling green itself, but wheelchairs, buggies and deckchairs welcome on the paths around the green.

Followed by festive refreshments in the public hall

Donations for Hunstanton RNLI



HAPPY CHRISTMAS

FROM HEACHAM PARISH CHURCH



Heacham Parish Church

WINTER COLOURING PAGES





MERRY CHRISTMAS



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CHRISTMAS TREE
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STOCKING
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ANGEL



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Christmas Rocky Road

Method

STEP 1

Butter and line a 20cm square tin, or use a 20cm square silicone mould. Break the biscuits into pieces – they need to be no smaller than a pea, but not too chunky or your rocky road won't hold together.

STEP 2

Halve any larger nuts either by snapping them or carefully cutting with a [knife](#), then combine them with the biscuits. Halve any large pieces of dried fruit and chop or snap sweets into smaller pieces, then add these to the bowl.

STEP 3

Melt 300g of the chocolate, the butter and the golden syrup carefully in a pan set over a low heat, stirring occasionally, then pour this over the biscuit and nut mixture and mix together so the chocolate covers everything.

STEP 4

Tip the mixture into the tin, then level the top – it doesn't need to be completely smooth. Melt the remaining chocolate in the [microwave](#) in short blasts, or in a heatproof bowl over a small pan of simmering water, then drizzle this over the top and sprinkle with the decorations. Chill for at least 3 hrs or overnight before cutting into squares. *Will keep in the fridge for three to four days.*

Ingredients

100g butter , cut into cubes, plus extra for the tin

250g Christmas biscuits , such as shortbread or chocolate biscuits

75g shelled nuts (use up a bag of whole nuts, or bits and bobs from the baking cupboard)

100g mixed dried fruit (such as raisins, cherries or glacé ginger)

75g Christmas sweets (candy canes, marshmallows or jelly sweets)

400g milk or plain chocolate (or a mixture of both), chopped

140g golden syrup (weigh this straight into the pan you will use for melting)

2 tbsp sprinkles , or more sweets, to decorate