Heacham Junior School Newsletter

March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing this on the anniversary of the first lockdown. Its a beautiful day and pupils are enjoying learning together, having their freedom and fun. The pupils across the school continue to make great progress and make us proud even after the difficulties of the last two years.

This term we have celebrated success in many ways. Our football achievements shone through within our cluster as Heacham Junior took the Croydon Cup. One pupil said "its like winning the world cup!" Other pupils performed at the Literacy Festival at the Corn Exchange in Lynn and another group played instruments at Gaywood Primary. Lyra in Albatross Class won a writing award in a competition for talented pupils and a group of Y5 pupils also achieved great success in the National Maths Challenge.

We continue to deliver our knowledge rich curriculum across year groups and provide enrichment activities and clubs after school to make sure every pupil can shine. If you want your child to experience one of our clubs or special events but haven't yet been able to manage this then please do get in touch. It's important to us to give every child opportunities to shine. You can also reach Teresa or Alison (SEND and Pastoral Team) via the office for any advice or support to help you and your child. Just get in touch and we will get back to you!

We wish to prepare our Y6 students for next term by asking that you continue to support your children at home for the SATS week commencing 9th May. Our booster classes are advertised at the bottom of the newsletter and Mrs Jones has shared important information with you via dojo. Please read it carefully and do what you can to help your child succeed. Y6 pupils should not take a holiday during the first two weeks of May as this month is crucial for Statutory Assessments. The data is not published this year but high schools use SATs to arrange classes in Y7 so these outcomes will help your child on their life journey.

Finally - a huge goodbye to Gemma and Andy as they leave us for Shetland! What an adventure for them both. We will miss them greatly and wish them well for the future.

Louise Jackson & Emma Hunt

LUNCHTIME Co

Lunch Menu

The summer menu is due to be published shortly. Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions available on request. https://www.heachamjunior.co.uk

Not bookable online

West Norfolk Academies Trust

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 01/04/22.
Children return on Wed 20/04/22.

Love of learning, bright futures, happy memories!

Our Learning

Year 3 – Oystercatcher

This half term we have been working really hard on our fractions in maths and we can now count in fractions and recognise equivalent fractions. Our times tables recall is also continuing to improve. We will be focusing on our 6s and 9s next. In English we have been writing our own very exciting adventure stories and recounts of events. In art we have looked at mythological paintings, especially some of the minotaurs Picasso was famous for painting. We have learnt about some of the major rivers in Europe in geography and in history we have been learning about the crusades and the Magna Carta. Finally in science we have been learning about the importance of a healthy diet and how to keep our bodies healthily and in in PE we have been performing robotic dances and improving our football skills.

Year 4 - Avocet

We have had an excellent half term in all subjects but the children have especially enjoyed our music lessons with Ms Berners. In the pictures below the children are practicing the beat and rhythm to the fish and chips song. In our Science lessons, we have been investigating how sound is made. This picture below shows the children predicting and then observing what happens when you tap a drum with rice on top. Can the children remember if the vibrations were greater when tapping the drum lighter or harder? Lastly, we have been exploring interactive times tables games to help us make connections and improve our knowledge ready for June. Next term, we are going to learn about 'The Great fire of London and the Plague' in History and English lessons. We also get to develop our sewing techniques too!

Year 5 – Albatross

What a busy half-term we have had in Albatross Class! We enjoyed our learning with Mr Agate and were really sad to see him go but we made sure he had a great send-off with a fantastic party in the forest! Our learning has again been so broad and engaging, with the children producing amazing amounts of work full of new-found knowledge. We've had a fascinating topic in History learning all about the African slave trade and the horrific atrocities and brutal treatment that many thousands had to endure during this terrible period in our history. We were relieved to learn that slavery was finally abolished in 1833 with the help of many devoted campaigners; why don't you ask your child to describe some of the conditions and punishments that so many slaves were subjected to? In Geography we've expanded our knowledge about the natural biomes in Australia and how very different and vast the landscape is, whilst in RE we've been trying to find evidence from the Bible that Jesus was aware of God's plan for him – some very deep and thought-provoking questions for us all to ponder. As with last term we've again conducted some super science experiments in class to test forces. The children were tasked to design their own ways to prove that forces exist. We had parachutes to show the effects of air resistance as well as toy cars showing us the effects of friction using different surfaces as ramps – we can confirm we definitely have some super scientists among us! In PE we've been enjoying creating our own dances using the 'Dance by Chance' method and we've also been improving our netball skills. Phew! Well done, as always, Albatrosses!

Our Learning *(cont'd)*

Year 6 – Royal Tern

We have had a great half term in Royal Terns! We have been revising in Maths in preparation for the SATs tests; the children have shown great resilience and determination to be the best they can be! In English, we finished our non-chronological report work and have since been studying cumulative diaries using the beautiful book 'Rose Blanche' which also links to our history unit about Adolf Hitler, World War Two and the Holocaust. We have been looking at impressionism in art lessons and have studied artists like Monet and Manet and even managed to paint and sketch outside when the sun was shining. It has been great singing 'Happy!' in music lessons. In Science, we have been learning about electricity and light and have experimented with voltage and circuits. In Geography, we have studied the continent of Africa and how desertification has affected areas. We have also been improving out fitness in PE – we did a Mexican wave of press-ups! We enjoyed Red Nose Day, 'Twosday' and World Book Day and were very proud of Logan, Jude and Keeley when they represented the school in a public speaking event.

Y34 STEM & Science Clubs

In STEM club we have continued to build our remote control car, adding the wiring and electrical components. We are looking forward to test driving them soon! In Science club we have had great fun creating coke and mento explosions, making slime and experiments with non-Newtonian fluids!

Singing Club – Mrs Bridge

Disney's latest film, Encanto, has proved very popular in our singing club this term. We have been working on one of the songs 'We don't talk about Bruno!' which they will perform in assembly at the end of term. It's very catchy and has been firmly stuck in my head for weeks, and probably theirs too! Other songs that we've started include 'How Far I'll go' from Moana, 'Crocodile Rock' by Elton John & 'Price Tag' by Jessie J. Their confidence has definitely grown and I'm very pleased with them.

Cookery Club – Ms Roper

You can see in the photo above that Year 4 were very proud of their Cheese & Ham Tartlets, Mrs Bridge can confirm that they were delicious! Budding Cooks will find a recipe for Hot Cross Buns at the end of this newsletter and other tasty recipes in previous editions which can be downloaded on our website.

2021/2022

Every Tues/Wed – Y6 Booster Drop-in 8.15am FOC
Every Wednesday – Swimming/Music Tuition

24/03/22 – Y56 Musicians performance @ Gaywood
28/03/22 – Football Y34 @ Smithdon *
29/03/22 – Netball Y34 @ KES
30/03/22 – Last day to purchase Raffle Tickets
31/03/22 – Tri-Golf Y34 @ HJS
31/03/22 – Easter Hamper Raffle Draw
01/04/22 – Ukraine Appeal (Non-Uniform £1+)
04/04/22 – Easter Holiday (children return 20/4/22)
20/04/22 – Y3 commence swimming
24/04/22 – Friends/PTA meeting via messenger
28/04/22 – Y6 Leavers' Photo (Tempest Photography)
29/04/22 – Y6 Crucial Crew Trip TBC
09/05/22 – SATS week
18/05/22 – Y56 Kingswood 3-day Residential Trip
30/05/22 – Half-Term (children return 6/6/22)
29/06/22 – Y6 Ken Hill Trip
01/07/22 – Yr 3/4 Mini Tennis @ KES
06/07/22 – Day to Create – Artsmark
18/07/22 – Dance Festival Rehearsal & Performance
21/07/22 – End of term
***No spectators permitted**

Term dates for 2022-23 can be found on our website.

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Key:	
White dates – school open to pupils Orange dates – pupil holiday Purple dates – staff training day Red dates – bank holiday	Staff training days are – Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Friday 21st October and Tuesday 3rd January as whole training days. Friday 21st July 2023 is disaggregated.

BOOSTER DROP-IN FOR YEAR 6

We are currently running Y6 Booster Sessions leading up to the SATS exams. All year 6 are invited to attend every Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 8.15. These sessions are free and are for children to come and work quietly using their CGP books or on SATs Companion on the school i-pads. This is an optional drop-in, they might come a few times or regularly - I will be there every morning to help them with whatever they would like support with .
Mrs Jones.

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

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 child anxiety to pregnancy, child development and additional needs, Covid FAQ. Please visit the website or give them a call for support.

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

While you're no longer required by law to self-isolate if you have COVID-19, the Government still recommends that you stay at home for at least 5 days until you have 2 negative LFT and avoid contact with other people. This helps reduce the chance of passing it on to others.

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools.
Please see our letter dated 27/2/22
https://www.heachamjunior.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=165&type=pdf

For further information please visit:
https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/21/what-thelatest-advice-on-testing-and-self-isolation-means-for-education-settings/

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Next half-term we will be offering the following after-school clubs starting w/c 25/04/22 (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).

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN ONE OF THESE CLUBS YOU WILL NEED TO RE-APPLY

MONDAY
Street Dance Club with Jess Skipper open to all x 30 spaces **£30 payable on ParentPay for 10 sessions**

TUESDAY
NEW Yoga with Kyra Cruise open to all x 20 spaces children will need a small blanket and cushion (funded by HJS)
NEW Drawing with Mrs Tilbrook open to all x 12 spaces

WEDNESDAY
Cookery with Miss Roper open to Year 3 only x 10 spaces
Football run by Heacham Minors FC open to all x 20 spaces

THURSDAY
Singing Club with Mrs Bridge open to all x 12 spaces
NEW Summer Sports with Miss Prosser open to all x 18 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)

ClassDojo

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.

Let's Celebrate!

Croydon Cup 2/3/22

What an evening we had on 2nd March. Miss Prosser took two teams to compete in the Croydon Cup – a prestigious local Y56 Football competition. Our Y5 Hotshots were outstanding and we are so proud of them finishing with Silver Medals. Our Y6 Hurricanes were exactly that – unstoppable hurricanes, winning every single game and won the Croydon Cup. Well done!

Heacham Hotshots Y5

The Croydon Cup

Heacham Hurricanes Y6

World Book Day – Potato Character Competition 3/3/22

Well done everyone, your spuds were amazing. Congratulations to Dominic in Year 4 who was our overall winner. Our runners up were Katie, Jessica, Freya & Keeley.

WNAT Literary Festival 8/3/22

On 8th March, Keeley, Logan and Jude from Year 6, represented Heacham Junior at the West Norfolk Academies Trust Literary Festival at the Corn Exchange. They worked together to write a speech on their chosen Author, J K Rowling, and performed in front of the other Trust Schools, they were amazing and Mrs Jones was very proud. They had to stay within a time limit and ensure that they met certain criteria within their speeches. We are hoping that they will be able to represent us in the prestigious Public Speaking Competition in June where they will compete against all Norfolk Schools, again they will have to write and perform speeches but this time from memory!

Fundraising

Thank you for continuing to support our chosen charities by joining in with donations and dress-up days. So far in the last 12 months we have raised **£631.50** for charity:

£182.00	Hello Yellow for Young Minds 8/10/21
£145.50	Children In Need 19/11/21
£132.00	Xmas Jumper Day for Save the Children 10/12/21
£ 79.00	Children's Mental Health Week for Place2B 11/2/22
£ 93.00	Comic Relief 18/3/22
£631.50	**Total raised for Charity since September 2021.**

Our next Fundraiser is on Fri 1/4/22 raising funds for the Ukraine DEC appeal. Children can wear the colours of the Ukraine Flag (Blue/Yellow) or white for Peace.

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make an 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. ☺

End of Free School Meal Vouchers

To support children and families at the height of the Covid pandemic, the government provided additional funding to local authorities, this was primarily used in Norfolk to fund free school meal vouchers, for eligible children, during the school holidays. The fund was a one-off grant to bridge the gap between the end of furlough and the Universal Credit top-up and to give extra support to those facing significant hardship, as the economy began to recover from the pandemic. That funding has now come to an end, meaning that we are unable to provide free school meal vouchers over the upcoming two-week break. We would always encourage any parents who might need extra help to contact NCC on 0344 800 8020, so that they can help ensure that you are getting the support that you need.

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-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSIcQ

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

Being Involved Makes a Difference!

Thank you for supporting all of our fundraising. So far this year your donations have paid to subsidise the Y6 leavers hoodies, bought Christmas selection boxes and booked Pantomines last year and this year.

Further details are included in the newsletter about our next School Lottery Draw, tickets only cost £1 each! We have been trying to launch this lottery for 12+months, at the moment we do not have enough members to make it viable. Please encourage everyone you know to sign up!

We are always looking for new members to joing our existing team bringing new ideas for fundraising/events. If interested please email Kelly.hall.1@talktalk.net. The next meeting is via messenger on 24/4/22 at 8pm. It isn't a big commitment.

Kelly Hall,
Chair of the Friends of Heacham Junior School (PTA)

READING CHALLENGE The reading leaders launched a book competition just before half term. Have you started yet? There will be prizes in the summer term (final date to be confirmed) for those who have managed to complete the grid! Good luck!

Name: Class:	**20 books to read in 2022:** Can you read one of each type of book? In the box, write the title of the book you have read.		A book you like the front cover of:	A book with a female main character:
A book written by a BAME (black, Asian and minority ethnic) author:	A funny book:	A short story:	A book a family member remembers:	A book with an evil character:
A book set in the past:	A non-fiction book:	A poetry book:	A picture book:	A fantasy book:
A book with a one word title:	A book and its sequel:	A book set in the future:	A book set in another country:	A book you would recommend to your teacher:
		A book connected to a school value:	A book written before you were born:	A book you can relate to:

West Norfolk Academies Trust

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SWIMMING ROTA 2021-2022

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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

- Children must bring Trunks/1pc Swimsuit, a towel and a lightweight waterproof coat. They can choose to bring a swim hat and goggles but they are 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 mid-morning snack as they will return late for lunch and use a lot of energy swimming.**

Farewell

We say goodbye to Mr & Mrs Feeney at the end of this term. They will be moving to start a new exciting adventure on the Shetland Islands *(circled red on the map)* with their dog, Walter. Mr Feeney has been a TA at the Juniors since 2015 and Mrs Feeney joined the staffing team in 2019, they will be missed by us all. We are hoping to be kept updated with video diaries! We wish them both well.

The Shetland Islands is the northernmost part of the United Kingdom. The island's capitol is Lerwick. The largest island is known as "the Mainland". It has complex geology, rugged coastline, and many low, rolling hills.

Welcome

Miss Kissock joined Heacham Junior in February and has been teaching alongside Mrs Feeney and Mrs Manning in Oystercatcher Class. We are happy to announce that she will be the permanent class teacher in Year 3 Oystercatcher class after Easter.

Miss Rule has joined our 3 schools, Heacham Infants, Juniors and Snettisham, for a newly created role of Pastoral Support Officer. She will be supporting our children with their social, emotional and behavioural wellbeing.

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HEACHAM SCHOOL LOTTERY

The next Lottery drawer will be held in May 2022.
You can buy tickets now for £1 each by visiting:
https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/heacham-junior

EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

Friends of Heacham Junior School are looking for new members

We are always looking for new members to join our existing team bringing new ideas for fundraising/events

Next meeting via messenger 24th April 8pm

If interested please email Kelly.hall.1@talktalk.net

Thank you to all that have supported our fundraising over the years

Money raised in the last year has gone towards year 6 leavers hoodies, Christmas selection box's, & the Christmas pantomime.

Last chance!

your school lottery has been trying to get started for nearly a year, it keeps getting postponed due to not having enough members, please get signed up & buy some tickets at only £1 each open to parents/guardians/grandparents/neighbours/friends any profits go towards the above the more tickets we buy the more we raise 👍👍👍

** EASTER COLOURING PAGE **

Easter Word Search

Find the hidden words below.

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Easy Hot Cross Buns

Ingredients

For the buns

- 500g strong white bread flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 heaped tsp mixed spice
- 50g caster sugar
- 50g butter , chopped into cubes
- 200g mixed dried fruit
- 7g sachet easy-blend dried yeast
- 200ml milk
- 2 eggs

For the crosses & glaze

- 3 tbsp plain flour
- honey or golden syrup, for brushing

Method

Step 1 Tip the flour into a bowl and stir in the salt, mixed spice and sugar.

Step 2 Rub in the butter with your fingertips. Stir in the dried fruit, then sprinkle over the yeast and stir in. Gently warm the milk so it is hot, but still cool enough to put your finger in for a couple of seconds. Beat with the eggs, then pour into the dried ingredients

Step 3 Using a blunt knife, mix the ingredients to a moist dough, then leave to soak for 5 mins. Take out of the bowl and cut the dough into 8 equal pieces.

Step 4 Shape the dough into buns on a floured surface. Space apart on baking sheet, cover loosely with cling film, then leave in a warm place until half again in size. This will take 45 mins-1 hr 15 mins, depending on how warm the room is.

Step 5 When the buns are risen, heat oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Mix the flour with 2 tbsp water to make a paste. Pour into a plastic food bag and make a nick in one of the corners. Pipe crosses on top of each bun.

Step 6 Bake for 12-15 mins until risen and golden. Trim the excess cross mixture from the buns , then brush all over with honey or golden syrup. The buns will keep fresh for a day. After that they are best toasted and served with butter.

Happy Baking!

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