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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have nearly come to the end of another busy and successful year. Time is flying and I am aware you will want an update! So this letter will clarify classes, dates and events for the next few weeks before the end of term. It is also an opportunity to explain some of the exciting developments in learning for next year and to express some words of thanks to those who are leaving us.

West Norfolk Academies Trust – New Directions

Joining as three schools within the Trust has changed the way we work – there are fresh opportunities for teachers to share views in a larger forum on learning, teaching, resourcing and special needs. We meet frequently to share our policies and to agree on what good standards in learning look like across subjects for different age ranges. In January 2019 our Trust appointed our Primary Director, Becky Steed. She is in charge of teaching and learning in all seven Trust Primary Schools, she also links with our High Schools. She works with the school leaders and trustees to ensure we continue to promote and deliver high standards in education. Becky is often on site and visits each school every week – please say “Hello” if you see her – she would like that! Last week Heacham Junior School was visited by Sue Baldwin, who is the Regional Schools Commissioner for East England. She enjoyed her tour around school (and her toasted marshmallows from forest school) and gave us really positive and encouraging feedback on our journey so far. She acknowledged our capacity as a trust to keep improving rapidly. The training opportunities are frequent and well trained staff means well educated children. Genuinely exciting times for us all!

Our New Curriculum

All the schools are working together within our Trust to develop an ambitious and high quality curriculum to reflect our values, our coastal context and engaging units of work that will interest and challenge your children. There is plenty of knowledge woven into the broad curriculum – so that children are taught to Read, Write and be Mathematicians but they will also know more about British/World History, Geography, Science, Art and Music to name a few areas. We are developing our curriculum across the seven West Norfolk Academy Trust schools – from 2 years old to 11 years. Our secondary schools are also developing this knowledge rich approach so that transition between schools will ensure better progress and excellence for all. We will be ready to share our curriculum with parents in the Autumn Term. We will host Parent Forum sessions to share the knowledge organisers with you.

EXECUTIVE HEADTEACHER
Ms L Jackson



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Ofsted:

Thank you for your support during Ofsted. It is lovely to know that parents are proud of our school too and care deeply about their children's learning. The comments in the Ofsted report about having caring relationships and promoting good behaviour and inclusion for all mean the world to us. We are so pleased that the school retained its GOOD grading and thank everyone involved – especially the children.

Full report can be seen on the Ofsted website
<https://files.api.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/2473618>

Behaviour:

Our children are well behaved and show high levels of kindness, respect and positivity for the vast majority of the time. The children are praised on trips, hold doors open for each other, use their manners and take pride in their work and appearance. However, we are finding increasingly that children come into school having had emotional experiences out of school or conflict through games consoles played at home and social media Apps that may well be too old for them. Please make sure that children are supervised as much as possible during online gaming sessions and are not exposed to bad language or inappropriate behaviour. We have PC Heath and PC Kerr in school currently working with Y4,5 and Y6 to continue the Police community work with Primary schools. The workshops they are starting to run across West Norfolk will touch on these issues.

Classes for 2019/20

Children will be told of their new classes before move up day next week on 26th and 27th June. Split classes can be tricky so we have done our very best to ensure year groups are split with friendships and learning needs in mind. We have five classes only next year with two new teachers joining us. Louise Prosser works currently at Snettisham Primary and will lead our PE provision. Yazzmin will start her NQT year with us having completed her training year as an outstanding student. Congratulations!

Year 6	Royal Terns Class with Ellie Jones, Fiona Nurse and Andy Feeney
Year 5/6	Oystercatchers Class - Gemma Wilkinson, Nina Taylor, Andy Feeney
Year 4/5	Albatross Class with Louise Prosser, Kirsty Kerr and Jo Ranson
Year 4	Avocets Class with Yazzmin Ward, Carol Jones and Di Roper
Year 3	Sanderlings with Jess Morgan and Natalie Manning

Goodbyes and Thank You

So we have to say goodbye to some members of staff who are leaving us for pastures new at the end of term. Thank you to Mrs Debbie Seymour for all she has given to the school, including the choir and sports provision, Mr Dan Bloxham who has helped children for many years master their ICT skills and Mrs Michele Timson who has been successful in her appointment as Assistant Headteacher at North Wootton Primary. We wish you all the very best with your new work and best wishes for the future.

Diary Dates: Please see the calendar of dates for West Norfolk Academies Trust next academic year on our school website as this is different from Norfolk County Council

20th June Pelicans trip to Lynn Museum – Flooding in Heacham

21st June Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis – bring a donation please
26th June Cluster Area Sports at Smithdon High School 4-6pm
26th June Move Up day – new Y3 meet after school
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28th June Y6 Maths Challenge Team at Springwood High School
3rd July Cluster Junior Swimming Gala
4th July Rollercoaster STEM project with Y6 team at Springwood High School
5th July Reports out across schools
9th July Mini Tennis Y5/6 at KES
10th July Cluster Water Polo 9am- 12am
16th July Shakespeare Workshop at Smithdon High Y6 Mid-Summer Nights Dream
17th July Heacham Schools Joint Sports Day at HJS 1-3pm (weather permitting)
19th July Y6 leavers with presentations from Rotary and Rev Wilson 1:30pm- 2:30pm
24th July Last day of Term
2/3rd September INSET Training New Curriculum
4th September Children back

Phew- hope that's the year covered!



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Executive Headteacher



Emma Hunt
Executive Deputy Headteacher