



Heacham Junior School Newsletter

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Newsletter

Dear Families,

The Summer Term is flying - it is hard to believe that we will wave goodbye to our current Y6 soon. We are so proud of their effort this year and their responsible attitudes, look out for the leavers' assembly date for the end of term.

We work hard to promote good attitudes and personal development for every child. We have organised another Apprenticeship Day on 20th June with the intention to help to raise aspirations for our pupils regarding their future directions. We are so grateful to those families who have let us know they can help by coming into school to talk about their careers.

We have also welcomed local business into school this term with special assemblies on Pottery, Freelance Design and Architecture and an award assembly for the Writing Competition organised by Hunstanton Rotary.

In addition to this, we take every opportunity to enrich the curriculum so there is something for everyone - e.g. clubs, sports events, a planetarium onsite, public speaking, trips to Art galleries. There is much to look forward to!

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please email the office with any questions or queries.

Best wishes

Louise Jackson

Executive Headteacher

Our Learning

Year 3 – Oystercatcher

This half term we have been exploring 'Light' in Science and have had great fun through investigation - exploring reflection and looking at how we can change the size of shadows. In history, we have been learning about the War of the Roses, through role-play, hot seating and debates developing our own opinion of what we think happened to the two Princes in the Tower. Whilst our geography topic has taken us to East Asia, learning all about the 'Land of the Rising Sun', Japan. In English, our class texts 'Dear Greenpeace' and 'There's a Rang-tan in my Bedroom' have not only developed the children's explanation text skills but inspired minds in helping the environment. Maths has seen Oystercatchers move on from fractions to time and in PE, the children have been making a splash in the pool starting their first swimming lessons!



Year 4 – Avocet

Avocets have loved English this half term, learning about the Great Plague. We have been investigating electrical circuits in Science and predicting which materials were conductors or insulators. In Art, we have made our own looms out of cardboard and weaved ribbons and wool into our designed tapestries. To end this half term we went to Norwich Castle Museum and experienced a day as Romans and Iceni. Being able to see real Torcs that have been found in Snettisham, making their own torcs and taking part in Roman shield formations. Next half term in Design and Technology, we are going to make our own night light using all our knowledge from Science about Electrical circuits. In Science, we are going to explore astronomy and universe beyond earth.



Our Learning (cont'd)

Year 5 – Albatross

We have had a marvellous half term in Albatross! It has been non-stop learning and the content covered the children have really engaged with. In English, we loved reading the book 'Floodland' and used it to inspire some fabulous recount writing. We have been learning all about New Zealand in geography, including, what the islands are like and some of traditions of the Maori people. Did you know that they greet each other by touching foreheads and noses together? We studied the Industrial Revolution, learning all about the invention of steam power and Stephenson's Rocket – such an amazing invention that changed the world! Our PE lessons have focused on gymnastics and cricket, giving us all a chance to show off our amazing flexibility in gymnastics, and our throwing, catching, bowling and batting skills in cricket. In computing, the children have had the chance to enhance their programming and circuit skills by building a Crumble Controller into a circuit. They have learnt how to write algorithms on a computer and then upload their inputs onto the Crumble device, then using a variety of outputs (motor, sparkle LED etc.) to test their input/s (algorithms).



Year 6 – Royal Tern

Wow! What a half term! Royal terns have worked so hard during SATs week. It was great to see so many in Rise and Shine Breakfast Club for pain au chocolat, toast and bacon sandwiches! We are so proud of them for the hard work they put in! It was lovely to finish the week with a big coronation celebration lunch! The following week our leavers' hoodies arrived – the children look great in them! We have also enjoyed more fascinating units of work across the curriculum. In Art we have been studying the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood and recreated paintings such as 'Ophelia' and 'Light of the World.' In Geography, we have studied Britain and discussed important issues such as climate change, air pollution and litter. We have become experts on the human body after looking at the different systems in Science such as our nervous system, circulatory system, muscular system and digestive system. Royal Terns have also developed an incredible understanding of the Cold War in history – their knowledge and ability to explain events during this period of history is amazing! We also had a great trip to 'Crucial Crew' where we learnt how to keep ourselves safe. We finished this half term with an art-based trip to the Sainsbury.



Year 6 – Well done

There is so much to celebrate for our Year 6 this half term. They worked hard for their SATS - most attended some of our morning Booster Drop-In Sessions, some attended all of them! Ms Prosser cooked up a storm with breakfasts each morning before the exams; toast, croissant, crumpets, fresh fruit and even a bacon sarnie on the last day!

They had treats at the end of the tests each day as a reward for their hard work and commitment to their learning all year – they really have worked hard this year, well done year 6!

Leavers' Hoodies



Crucial Crew Trip 28/04/23



Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts Trip 23/05/23



Rise & Shine Breakfast Club



DIARY DATES 2023

Every Wednesday – Swimming AM
Every Thursday – Music Tuition TBC
Please check PE days with your class teachers

29/05/23 – Half-term Holidays

05/06/23 – Children return to school
05/06/23 – Kwik Cricket Y56 Final @ North Runcton
06/06/23 – Performance to Y56 – Midsummer Night's Dream
09/06/23 – Y34 Mini Tennis @ Lynnsport
12/06/23 – Girls Dynamo Cricket @ North Runcton CC
13/06/23 – Smithdon Art Visit Y5
14/06/23 – Y6 Soroptomists Public Speaking Competition
15/06/23 – Cluster Cycle Races @ Glebe House 6pm
16/06/23 – Day of Welcome – Non-Uniform (Any Flag Colours)
19/06/23 – Whole Trust Spelling Bee Final @ HJS
20/06/23 – Apprenticeship Day
26/06/23 – Kooth Workshop Y6 @ HJS PM
22/06/23 – Smithdon Art Exhibition 4-5pm
27/06/23 – Special Lunch
28/06/23 – Y6 APhS Transition Days (3 Days)
29/06/23 – Area Sports @ Smithdon 4.30-6.30pm
30/06/23 – Y34 Primary Sports Festival
03/07/23 – Primary Maths Challenge @ Springwood
04/07/23 – Brilliant Club Graduation Trip to Magdalene College
04/07/23 – Special Lunch – Taste of America
05/07/23 – Y4 Planetarium Experience @ HJS all day
05/07/23 – Primaries Summer Concert TBC
06/07/23 – Y3 Trip to Sedgeford Archaeological Dig
06/07/23 – Quadkids Athletics Y56 @ Lynnsport
06/07/23 – Smithdon Starter Band Concert TBC
07/07/23 – SSP Sports Festival TBC
11/07/23 – Y6 Smithdon Transition Day
12/07/23 – Y6 Swimming for 2 weeks
12/07/23 – Girls' Football 'World Cup'
12/07/23 – Disco 4.30pm-6.30pm – TICKET ONLY NO CASH
13/07/23 – Joint Sports Day HJS/HINS PM
14/07/23 – Y5 Smithdon Experience Day & Parent Presentation
17/07/23 – Move Up, Stay Up Week (move into next year's classes)
19/07/23 – Leavers' Y6 Parent Assembly 9-10am
20/07/23 – Last Day of Term
06/09/23 – Children return to school



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.



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Inspiring Visitors!

Pottery assembly - Ben Emerson



Classical musical rocks performance



Please check our lost property for any mislaid items of clothing or equipment. Our storage is currently bursting at the seams! You will find it in the Y34 Corridor leading from Reception.
Any unclaimed items will be recycled/sold to raise funds for the PTA.

We have been busy!

Tri-Golf Festival 26/4/23

Many schools from the Smithdon Cluster took part in the Tri-Golf festival, which Heacham Junior hosted again. Some of our Y3/4 took part in the competition and our Sports Leaders helped run the event. There were a couple of medal winners too! Well done everyone, great sportsmanship all round!



Heacham Sports Leaders



Y3/4 Tri-Golfers

26/04/23 - Spelling Bee Round Two

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in round two, but especially to our three finalists who will represent Heacham Junior at the Final in June where pupils from every primary school in the Trust will compete – Good luck!

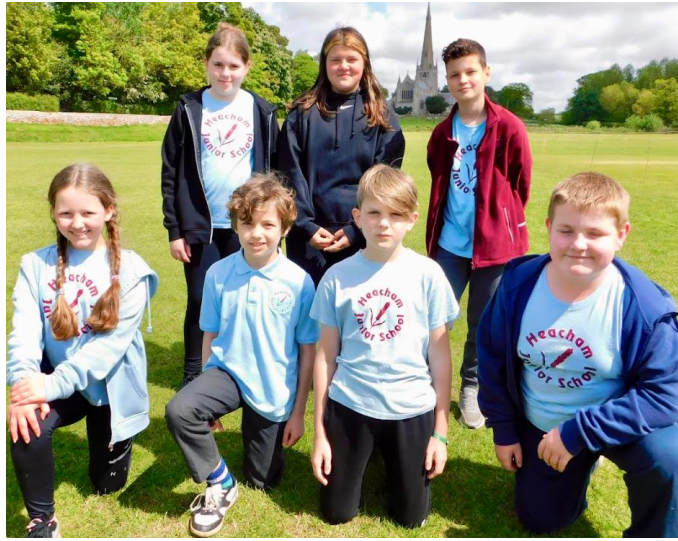


Coronation Celebrations & 'Street Party' Lunch 12/5/23

Years 3-5 made Coronation Crowns, which were displayed in St Mary's Church during the Village Coronation Events. They were returned in time for the children to wear them proudly during our Coronation 'Street Party' Lunch



15/05/23 – Dynamos Cricket @ Snettisham Memorial Field



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Love of learning, bright futures, happy memories!

* Subject to changes *

Term Dates 2022-2023

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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, 3rd January and Monday 17th April

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

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Staff training days are – Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September, Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 28th March 2024 as whole training days.
Monday 22nd July 2024 is disaggregated.

Swimming Rota

May be subject to further changes

| Wk No. | Date | Class/Year |
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| 28 | 07/06/2023 | Oystercatcher |
| 29 | 14/06/2023 | Oystercatcher |
| 30 | 21/06/2023 | Oystercatcher |
| 31 | 28/06/2023 | Oystercatcher |
| 32 | 05/07/2023 | Oystercatcher |
| 33 | 12/07/2023 | Royal Terns |
| 34 | 19/07/2023 | Royal Terns |

Swimmers leave at 11am and return for lunch at 1pm. They need a one-piece swimsuit/trunks, towel, waterproof bag (hat and goggles are optional).

Earrings must be removed.



The children would benefit from a good breakfast and a morning snack on the days that they Swim.

Fundraising



Thank you for continuing to support our chosen charities by joining in with donations and dress-up days. We appreciate that not everyone can afford to give money – we would still want your children to join in with the event. So far this academic year we have raised **£273.00** for charity:

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| £105.00 | Hello Yellow for Young Minds 20/10/22 |
| £ 38.00 | Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Alliance 14/11/22 |
| £ 72.00 | BBC Children In Need 18/11/22 |
| £ 58.00 | Red Nose Day 17/03/23 |
| £273.00 | Total raised for Charity since September 2022. |



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Equality and Diversity Pledge

H - Heacham Junior School's Equality & Diversity Pledge

J - Justice for all students

S - Skin makes no difference

P - Prejudice will not be tolerated

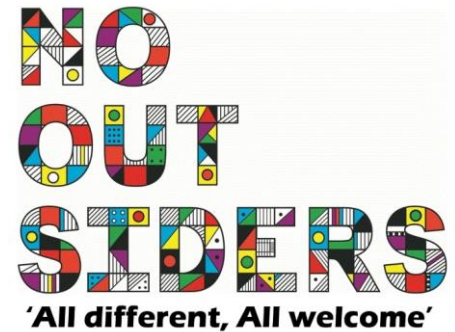
L - Let everyone have equal rights

E - Everyone should be respected and treated equally

D - Differences are important and should be respected

G - Grow together

E - Everyone is always welcome



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Next term:

Mad Science Club

The link below will take you to their booking and payment page. The sessions will run on Tuesday from 13th June for 4 weeks 3.25pm to 4.15pm £28 total. It will be all new lessons, which means that all students are invited: Those that attended this time and new students too!

This is the direct link to book:

<https://madsciencenorfolk.class4kids.co.uk/info/46>





No Dogs Allowed

A reminder that for children's safety, dogs are not allowed on school premises under any circumstances.



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Consider using filtering software to block unwanted content. In addition to filtering, remember that discussion with your child, and involvement in their internet use, are both effective ways to educate them about the internet.

Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils – April 2023 to March 2024

Support has been extended until March 2024 for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM). Families who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive Edenred vouchers for April to August next month and then more in September. The Vouchers can be spent at many major retailers including supermarkets.

Families in hardship and needing wider support In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Families may get in touch with NAS via their website which includes an online application form, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

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>