



Heacham Junior School Newsletter

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Newsletter

Dear Families,

It has been a very busy end to the year with a wealth of enrichment opportunities taking place. We were delighted to see fabulous performances at the Cluster Sports event at Smithdon recently - to name a few, Jasmine running well to come in 2nd place in the Y5 endurance, Olivia and Archie bringing home the winning cluster shields for Y6 sprint, Erin in Y4 for winning the Vortex Howler throw and Ella for supporting Snettisham School in their hour of need - proud of you all! Thanks to Louise Prosser and Nina Taylor for organising this.

Our public speaking team performed with confidence and skill in front of a large audience at KES high school, thank you Indie, Erin and Matilda! We were also successful in the Trust Spelling Bee Competition with Daniel in Y5 spelling so well that Heacham Junior came 1st out of 7 schools! Finally, the Heacham Junior team from Y5/Y6 came 2nd overall in the Springwood Cluster Maths Challenge, this time out of up to 12 teams. We are always impressed with how our pupils behave during these events and work together to do their best.

Katie Cornwell and Clare Enters are joining us while we await the return of Yazzmin Tilbrook and Naomi Cator who will spend time on maternity leave until 2024. Yazmin has welcomed her little girl and is enjoying her first weeks as a new mum - congratulations! Huge congratulations also to Naomi who welcomed her little boy last week.

Finally - have a great summer and see you ready for the new term in September.

Best wishes

Louise Jackson

Executive Headteacher

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Our Learning

Year 3 – Oystercatcher

Another half term done and it is hard to believe an end of another school year. This half term has been packed with lots of events and I have been really impressed with their enthusiasm. They enjoyed our 'Day of Welcome', creating a beautiful collage of welcome in all different languages and have had great fun at Smithdon sports festival. It has been great to see all of their progress and their maturity during assessment week – well done! We have explored the South East of England in geography looking at why the Romans decided to build in London, Canterbury and the seaside attraction of Brighton. We have loved learning about our local history and Snettisham Treasure as well as a fabulous trip to Sedgeford's archaeological dig, they are certainly historians and archaeologists in the making! In PE we have enjoyed making a splash in the swimming pool finishing off with the slide. I have been very proud to see them grow and wish them all success in Year 4!



Year 4 – Avocet

Avocets have had a great half term! We have all been really proud of them as they have completed their times table check this half term – they have all made great progress and did amazingly! In English we have been using the text 'Until I Met Dudley' and we have written great explanation texts using this interesting book. In Design Technology we have been designing and building our own nightlights! We have really enjoyed learning about Charles II in history – we have learnt all about the plague and great fire of London! Our geography learning has focused on China and India which has been really interesting as it is so different to Heacham! We had an amazing day when the planetarium came to visit! We went into a huge dome and could see all the stars and the planets! We have also been lucky enough to work with Lynnsport and had a day of sporting activities which was great fun! Avocets have had a great term and are going to be brilliant Year 5s.



Our Learning (cont'd)

Year 5 – Albatross

Wow! What a busy summer term we've had so far! Team Albatross have been super busy cramming in lots of learning from our Knowledge Curriculum. The children were particularly excited to be able to leave school and go on a local field trip to Hunstanton as part of our Geography learning. We gathered lots of data about local businesses, land use, population and leisure. There were some thorough observations going on which enabled us to see how many amenities we have on our doorstep and how much Hunstanton has to offer – we can all understand what makes it such a desirable place to live. This term in Science we've been learning about meteorology and found out some fascinating facts about the weather. Here we are making our own anemometer to measure wind speed – why don't you ask your child if they can explain the difference between a tornado and a hurricane? We've also been learning about printmaking in art and how Andy Warhol was very famous for his colourful screen printing method and was a pioneer of the 'Pop Art' movement. We've all had a wonderful last term with lots of exciting events still to come. We'll miss them all as the year 6's move onto High School and the year 5's move into their final year. They will all be amazing in their future journeys, but will always be our Albatross Allstars!!



Year 6 – Royal Tern

Royal Terns have worked really hard on their writing this term. We enjoyed studying Shakespeare and then reading the book 'Along on the Wide Wide Sea.' In History we have learnt about the Cold War and then looked at the Civil Rights Movement which we all felt very passionately about. In Design Technology lessons we built birdhouses! We studied triangulation before we sketched our own bird houses, used tools to create a flat-pack version and then put the birdhouses together! In Science we have studied Charles Darwin and evolution which has been really interesting. We have also enjoyed lots of other experiences, it was great to go to the Sainsbury Centre in Norwich – making art in the woods was a great change from the hard work of SATs last term! We enjoyed watching Midsummer Nights Dream and other special days like apprenticeship day! We were also really proud of our public speaking team! It is sad that we are now at the end of the year. This class of amazing year 6 pupils will really be missed but they are ready for high school and we know they will go on to do brilliant things! Good luck year 6 and keep in touch!



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Apprenticeship Day

Apprenticeship Day was a great success for the second year running! We had architects, bakers, authors, health care workers, artists and more! It was lovely to see the children have a great time while learning all about their chosen career. Thank you to all the parents and visitors that came at the end of the day to see what the children had been doing.



Sports Day

We had another great sports day this year! Thank you to Miss Prosser and Mrs Bower for helping to organise this event.



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King's Charles Coronation Commemorative Coins



We were lucky enough to be visited by Terry Parish- the leader of the Borough Council of Kings Lynn and West Norfolk; who presented our students with commemorative coins to mark the Kings' Coronation. Jake and Freya were proud to represent the school and to thank Mr Parish personally, on behalf of all students.

Soroptimists Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday 14th June, Matilda, Indie and Erin represented the school at the annual West Norfolk Soroptimists public speaking competition. Speaking on the topic of whether children can make a difference to the planet, they took to the stage at KES high school to share their views and competed against 11 other local schools. The competition was tough and we were so proud to see them standing up there with such pride and confidence.



Maths Challenge!

Well done to our Maths Challenge pupils who came 2nd this year out of 12 schools! Fantastic achievement!



Brilliant Club

Well done to the Year 5s and Year 6s who were involved in the Cambridge University Scholar's Programme for passing their final assignments with the Brilliant Club. The students have been working with a PHD tutor from Cambridge University and are looking forward to their graduation event on the 4th July!



Spelling Bee Trust Final!

Well done to all of our pupils who took part in the spelling bee final with other children from the Trust. You made us very proud! A huge well done to Daniel who won the West Norfolk Academies Trust Final!



QuadKids:

Congratulations to all the children that took part in the Quadkids sport event. A massive shout out to the Year 6 squad who were overall winners!



Area Sports:

Well done to everyone who took part in the Area Sports Competition. Special congratulations to:

Bella for winning the Y6 Long Jump

Erin for winning the Y4 Vortex Howler throw

Jack for winning the Y3 50m sprint

Brooklyn for winning the Y6 600m endurance race

Olivia for winning the Y6 100m sprint

Archie for winning the Y6 100m sprint

DIARY DATES 2023-24

Please check PE days with your class teachers

06/09/23 – Children return to school

12/09/23 Smithdon Starter Band begins

13/09/23 Y6 Swimming begins

13/09/23 Y6 Music Tuition TBC

26/09/23 School Photos (individual & siblings)

10/10/23 Y6 National Measuring Programme

23/10/23 HALF-TERM

08/12/23 Panto Performance at HJS

21/12/23 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

03/01/24 Staff Inset Day

04/01/23 Children return to school

19/02/23 HALF-TERM

28/03/24 Staff Inset Day

29/03/24 EASTER HOLIDAY

15/04/24 Children return to school

06/05/24 Bank Holiday

27/05/24 HALF-TERM

24/06/24 Hilltop Residential 3 days

22/07/24 SUMMER HOLIDAY

Staff

Congratulations to Mrs Tilbrook who welcomed a baby girl to her family on Francesca on 27th June!

Ms Cator welcomed her baby boy, Reuben, on 10th July – huge congratulations!

Welcome to Mrs Cornwell! It has been great having you join us in Year 4 for the last few weeks. We are so lucky that you are joining us next year to teach Year 4.

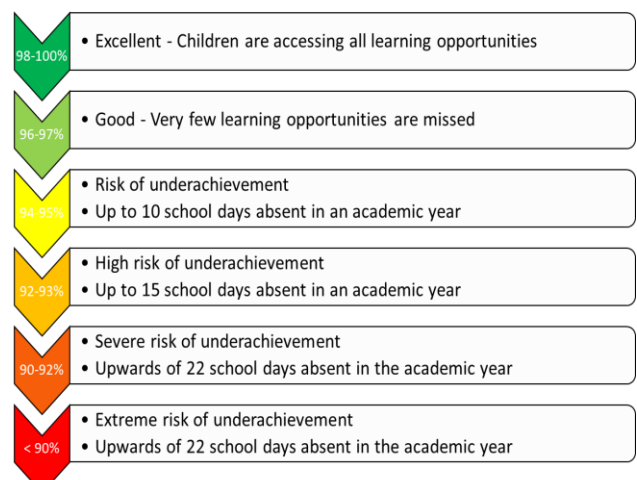
Mrs Enters is also joining us as Year 6 teacher, which will be wonderful – the new Year 6s have already spent 'Move Up Stay Up' getting to know her.

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.

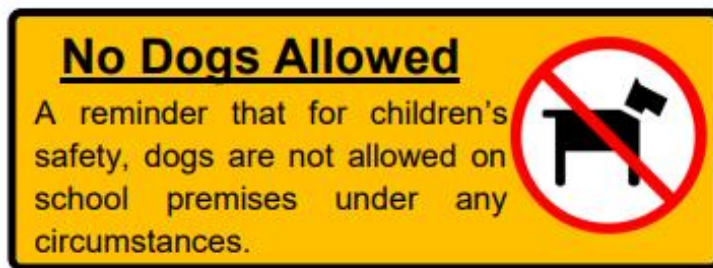
We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children 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.





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.



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

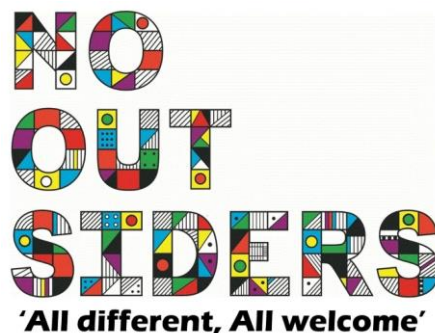
L - Let everyone have equal rights

E - Everyone should be respected and treated equally

D - Differences are important and should be respected

G - Grow together

E - Everyone is always welcome



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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.



Awards Presented this term:

Congratulations to the receivers of the following awards...

Reading Awards - £10 WHSmith Voucher & Certificate:

Presented for commitment to daily reading and/or most improved readers

Jack A, Oystercatcher Y3

Erin, Avocet Y4

Jasmine, Albatross Y5

Pamela, Royal Tern Y6

100% Attendance Whole Year

Certificate for attending everyday this year 1/9/22-18/7/23:

Oystercatcher: Bobby

Avocet: -

Albatross: Lewis, Daniel

Royal Tern: Pamela

Every Year our Year 6 Leavers are considered for the following awards:

Citizenship Award - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to Matilda for being a good citizen and making a positive contribution to our school community.

The Darley Sports Cup - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to Brooklyn for outstanding contribution to sport, always supportive to others and participating in a range of sporting events and activities.

The Harby-Mackay Cup - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to Archie for an outstanding attitude to learning, always leading by example and being a role model to others.

The Davies-Oakland Award - £10 Voucher & Certificate: Congratulations to Vlad for being a wonderful artist.



The following pupils have been chosen from Year 5 to be **Head Pupils** in September:

Congratulations to Blake & Jasmine!

* Subject to changes *



PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

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April 2024						
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July 2024						
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August 2024						
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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 – 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

SWIMMING 2023-2024						
Wk No.	Date	Class/Year		Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
1	13/09/2023	Royal Terns		x	21/02/2024	Half-Term
2	20/09/2023	Royal Terns		18	28/02/2024	Avocet
3	27/09/2023	Royal Terns		19	06/03/2024	Avocet
4	04/10/2023	Royal Terns		20	13/03/2024	Avocet
5	11/10/2023	Royal Terns		21	20/03/2024	Avocet
6	18/10/2023	Royal Terns		22	27/03/2024	Avocet
x	25/10/2023	Half-Term		X	03/04/2024	Easter
7	01/11/2023	Albatross		X	10/04/2024	Easter
8	08/11/2023	Albatross		23	17/04/2024	Avocet
9	15/11/2023	Albatross		24	24/04/2024	Oystercatcher
10	22/11/2023	Albatross		25	01/05/2024	Oystercatcher
11	29/11/2023	Albatross		26	08/05/2024	Oystercatcher
x	06/12/2023	Pool Closed		x	15/05/2024	SATS - NO SWIM
x	13/12/2023	Pool Closed		27	22/05/2024	Oystercatcher
x	20/12/2023	Xmas		x	29/05/2024	Half-Term
x	27/12/2023	Xmas		28	05/06/2024	Oystercatcher
x	03/01/2024	Xmas		29	12/06/2024	Oystercatcher
12	10/01/2024	Albatross		30	19/06/2024	Oystercatcher
13	17/01/2024	Albatross		31	26/06/2024	Oystercatcher
14	24/01/2024	Albatross		32	03/07/2024	Royal Terns
15	31/01/2024	Albatross		33	10/07/2024	Royal Terns
16	07/02/2024	Avocet		34	17/07/2024	Royal Terns
17	14/02/2024	Avocet				

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.

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-HfjFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSlcQ>

Have a lovely summer everyone!

