



Heacham Junior School Newsletter

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Newsletter

Dear families

It has been a short yet busy term. We are sure that you are all ready to make the most of the upcoming break!

Work towards the River of Hope project - part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival - is in full swing. Pupils in Oystercatcher Class thoroughly enjoyed exploring the features of the River Nar in order to generate some inspiration for their artwork. This was led by Tim Fisher of Norfolk Rivers Trust. You can find out more about this project here. <https://nnfestival.org.uk/river-of-hope/>

We continue to provide a range of trips and experiences to ensure that pupils benefit from wider developmental opportunities. This term these have included - among others - Red Nose Day and World Book Day, a parental SATS information session, a visit from Smithdon pupils to deliver a science workshop, cluster netball and football tournaments, our annual WNAT Literary Event at the Corn Exchange, Peterborough mosque and The Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts trips, a visit from PC Norris from Norfolk Police, a STEM workshop delivered by Tony Steel, a Recycling Sustainability Workshop; not forgetting a fantastic visit from author - Karl Nova.

Parents' Evenings were a success! It was wonderful to see so many families attending. It always provides the perfect opportunity for staff to share an overall picture of your child's progress - as well as a chance to look through books!

We would like to thank you for your heartfelt messages of support in what has been a challenging few weeks for our school community following the sudden loss of our dear colleague, Nina Taylor.

Enjoy the Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April - start of the summer term.

Best wishes

Louise Jackson and **Emma Hunt**

Executive Headteacher and Deputy Head

Our Learning

Year 3 – Oystercatcher

This half term year 3 have been part of The River Of Hope project where we have had the pleasure of working with an artist to create a large piece of artwork in the form of a flag. We focused on Kings Lynn and its history in trade. We also went on a trip to Narborough to visit a river, we trekked through muddy woodland and collected water samples to see what sort of bug life inhabited the river. Lastly, we had a visit from some local police officers whom taught us how to keep ourselves safe on the road. We even got to try on uniform and have spin around the playground in the police van!



Year 4 – Avocet

This term year 4 have had a lot of opportunities alongside our curriculum. We have had visits from police officers (we've been good we promise!) we have had a visit from Mr Tony Steel, STEM Ambassador to learn about forces and flight. We have also had a school trip to the Sainsbury Centre to experience a sound/art workshop and also to admire the sculptures! To finish off our term, we have had a go at baking dairy free scones, which was a great treat after assessment/ test week! We've experienced all of these wonderful things as well as going on netball/football trips and swimming!! What a term!



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If any details for parents or emergency contacts have changed, or you would like to add or remove someone. Please email office@heachamjunior.co.uk

Pupil Name(s):

Contact Name:

Relationship to Pupil:

Home tel no:

Mobile tel no:

email:

Address:

It is school policy that we hold at least TWO emergency contacts

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Our Learning (cont'd)

Year 5 – Albatross

Our learning has again been so broad and engaging, with the children producing amazing amounts of work full of newfound knowledge. We have 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, most prominently Thomas Clarkson who was the driving force behind ending the Transatlantic slave trade. 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 have expanded our knowledge about the natural biomes in Australia and how very different and vast the landscape is. As well as studying the native animals and how Captain James Cook stumbled upon Australia on his quest to seek the distance to the sun. As with last term, we have 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. Collaborated alongside learning all about friction, water resistance, push/pull, streamlining etc. Ask your child how we know gravity exists? In addition, what is the Earth's gravitational pull? In PE, we have been learning about the invasion game 'tag rugby' working on skills like 'shut down', 'possession', 'formation' and 'marking'. Finally, in Art the children have been creating their own Victorian samplers, learning some tricky stitches but producing some wonderful designs.



Year 6 – Royal Tern

We know that Mrs Taylor would be incredibly proud of our wonderful Year 6. We are ALL so proud of them – their hard work, maturity and kindness to one other has shone through. Their March assessments have shown fantastic progress – well done, you all really deserve this. In lessons, we have enjoyed learning about World War Two and Nazi Germany – we looked at the role of Bletchley Park and the Holocaust linking really well with our English text, 'Rose Blanche' (a very moving picture book by Sean Tan). Year 6 are very good at deep and thoughtful conversations about important issues which makes teaching an absolute pleasure. In Science, we have been learning about light and electricity. In Geography, about Africa and studying issues such as desertification and food security. We are learning about transport in French – ask us to list different transport in French and see if we can teach you some new vocabulary! In Maths, we have been learning about shape, angles and statistics as well as continuing to develop our speed and accuracy with arithmetic. We took part in a Sustainability workshop combining Science, Geography and PSHE plus an Archery skills workshop and are very much looking forward to our upcoming workshop with the poet and hip hop artist Karl Nova. We are also excited about our Cake Stall and Splat- the -Teacher fundraiser for the RSPCA! Well done to Holly for being a finalist in the Trust photography competition – such a beautiful and atmospheric shot. And well done to our successes in the sporting arena too – our girls' football team did especially well! It's also really lovely to hear about successes outside of school – Zach getting his black belt, and one of the football teams making it to the cup final to name two. Thank you for sharing these and to families for your continued support – it is really appreciated.



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AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Next half-term we will be offering the following after-school clubs (see times below).

Spaces are limited, if oversubscribed, priority is given to those that have not done a club this year, and names will be drawn at random. Clubs run by school staff are free; Clubs run by visitors may be chargeable (see below).

ALL CLUBS START W/C 22ND APRIL 2024 AND FINISH ON 23RD MAY 2024

TUESDAY 3.30-4.15pm

Archery continues with current pupils (no spaces)

Board Games with Mrs Clemente – open to all x 12 spaces

WEDNESDAY 3.30-4.15pm

Y6 SATS Booster Sessions continue - all Y6 welcome

Forest School continues with current pupils (no spaces)

THURSDAY 3.30-4.15pm

Ballet with Miss Pateman – open to all x 20 (please wear ballet shoes or bare foot)

Clubs end at 4.15pm. Pickup is from the back playground. If your child is unable to attend any sessions, you must inform the office by email or telephone beforehand. We are not able to accept messages via the children.

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 Name(s):

Medical Conditions:

Emergency Phone No.:

Name of parent giving permission:

My child will be (select one): Collected or Walk home:

Please note that children in Y34 must be collected by an adult



Friends of HJS

A super HUGE thank you to the members of The Friends of HJS

This year the Friends have welcomed some new members, this has meant that they have been able to do more fundraising events and have funded some lovely things for our children.

What Fundraising Events have they put on?

They have raised funds through their Christmas Hamper Raffle
Sold second hand uniform
Valentine Disco
Easter Eggstravaganza

How have our children benefitted?

Paid for a Panto Performance for HJS and Y1/2 from the Infants School
Gifted every child a Christmas Chocolate Selection Pack
Subsidised Y6 Leavers Hoodies
Donated £2000 towards the cost of trips making them more affordable

Events at the planning stage for next term – not all confirmed yet

Family Quiz evening Wed 22/05/24 5.30pm-7pm
Sponsored Fieldathon 20/06/24 tbc
Sports Day refreshments 16/07/24 tbc
Disco 18/07/24 4.30-6pm
Panto Performance 20/12/24

**Thank you to the following businesses who donated items for the
Easter Eggstravaganza:**

**Co-op Snettisham, Dobbies, Farmer Fred's, Jennings, Norfolk Lavendar, Spar Dersingham,
Tesco Heacham & Hunstanton, Thaxters, The Original Factory Shop Snettisham**

DIARY DATES

Every Wednesday – Swimming AM
Every Monday – Music Tuition PM
Please check PE days with your class teachers

28/03/24 - Staff Inset Day

29/03/24 - Easter Holiday

15/04/24 - Children return to school

16/04/24 – No Starter Band today

17/04/24 – Y4 last swim

19/04/24 – Y4 St Mary's Organ Project trip TBC

23/04/24 – After School Clubs begin

23/04/24 – Special Lunch St George's Day

23/04/24 – Trigolf

24/04/24 – Y3 first swim

24/04/24 – Y6 Leavers' Photo

30/04/24 – Friends Parent Meeting 2.30pm

01/05/24 – Y6 Crucial Crew trip

06/05/24 - Bank Holiday

07/05/24 – Girls Tag Rugby TBC

13/05/24 – SATS week

21/05/24 – Smithdon Dynamos TBC

21/05/24 – Friends Parent Meeting 2.30pm

22/05/24 – Y4 Translation Workshop

22/05/24 – Friends Family Quiz 5-7pm

23/05/24 – Y6 Guildhall Trip

27/05/24 - Half-term Holiday

03/06/24 – SSP Dynamos TBC

03/06/24 – Cricket Engagement Day (PE Kits all years)

10/06/24 – SSP Girls Dynamos TBC

12/06/24 – Soroptimists Public Speaking Competition TBC

13/06/24 – Smithdon Cycle Races TBC

17/06/24 – Smithdon Y6 Parent Interviews this week

17/06/24 – Primary Spelling Bee Competition

18/06/24 – Y6 Duxford Trip

20/06/24 – Friends Sponsored Fieldathon

21/06/24 – Y4 Trip to National Space Centre (PTA subsidised)

21/06/24 – Smithdon Art Gallery at Town Hall Y4 TBC

24/06/24 - Hilltop Residential 3 days

25/06/24 – Smithdon Area Sports TBC

25/06/24 – Friends Parent Meeting 2.30pm

27/06/24 – Smithdon Area Sports TBC

28/06/24 – Cluster PE Festival Y34

01/07/24 – Musicians Outdoor Concert @ Springwood

02/07/24 – Y3/5 Gressenhall Trip

03/07/24 – Y6 swimming 3 weeks

04/07/24 – SSP Quadkids TBC

04/07/24 – Primary Maths Challenge Day

05/07/24 – Sports Leaders Festival

08/07/24 – Y6 Norwich Cathedral Trip

09/07/24 – Smithdon Y6 Transition Day

12/07/24 – Y5 Smithdon Experience Day

16/07/24 – TBC Joint HINS/HJS Sports Day provisional date

18/07/24 – End of Term Disco 4.30pm-6pm

22/07/24 – Summer Holiday

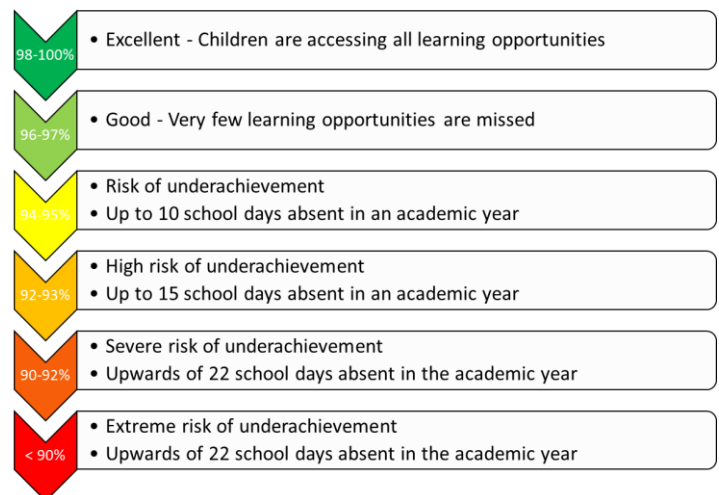
04/09/24 – Children return to school

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.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

September 2023						
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April 2024						
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May 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.

THE FRIENDS OF HJS

THE FRIENDS OF HJS raise funds throughout the year to pay for fun activities, rewards and gifts for our pupils. We would very much like to see our PTA grow and continue.

We want to invite you to come to our next meeting just to see what's involved. We are keen to welcome members from families in our school. It requires very little commitment **but makes a big difference** to our pupils.

The next meeting will be in school on **Tuesday 30th April at 2.30-3.25pm**. Please do come along for a taster. If you would like more information please speak to Mrs Bridge in the office.

There are lots planned for next term – see the Diary Dates for events organised by the Friends. Maybe you'd like to help at one of these?

Swimming Rota

May be subject to further changes

Wk No.	Date	Class/Year
22	17/04/2024	Avocet
23	24/04/2024	Oystercatcher
24	01/05/2024	Oystercatcher
25	08/05/2024	Oystercatcher
x	15/05/2024	SATS - NO SWIM
26	22/05/2024	Oystercatcher
x	29/05/2024	Half-Term
27	05/06/2024	Oystercatcher
28	12/06/2024	Oystercatcher
29	19/06/2024	Oystercatcher
30	26/06/2024	Oystercatcher
31	03/07/2024	Royal Terns
32	10/07/2024	Royal Terns
33	17/07/2024	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.

PLEASE WEAR A COAT.



A TREE FOR MRS TAYLOR

The Friends of HJS have kindly donated a Magnolia Tree, which will arrive soon and will be planted in the school grounds in memory of Mrs Taylor who will be greatly missed by all.

Thank you to our families for your support at this difficult time.



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

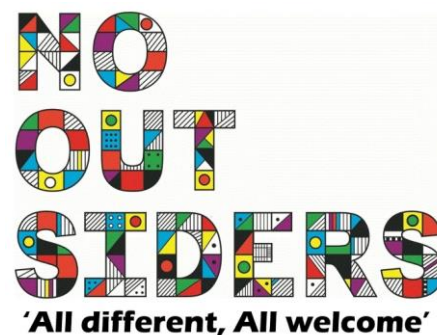
L - Let everyone have equal rights

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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WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 15/04, 06/05, 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 16/09, 07/10



STREET FEAST

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Sausage Roll served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Chicken Fillet Burger served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta and Seasonal Vegetables

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Vegan Sausage Roll served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Veggie Burger served with Herby Diced Potatoes & Baked Beans

Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce served with Pasta and Seasonal Vegetables

Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

JACKETS

Jacket Potato with Choice of Toppings served with Fresh Salad

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LUNCHTIME LUNCHBOX

Choice of Sandwich Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo Sandwich Tortilla Chips Duo of Salad Sticks

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DESSERTS

Chocolate Cracklet Fruity Jelly

Apple & Berry Slice Fresh Fruit Pot

Victoria Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Jam Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

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WEEK 2 MENU

WEEKS: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10



STREET FEAST

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Beef Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Chicken Nuggets served with Potato Wedges and Garden Peas

Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel served with Wholemeal Vegetable Rice & Mixed Salad

Pork Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots, Broccoli & Gravy

Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Vegetable Bolognese served with Penne Pasta, Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Veggie Nuggets served with Potato Wedges and Garden Peas

Vegetable Korma served with Wholemeal Rice and Naan Finger & Mixed Vegetables

Quorn Sausage served with Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots & Broccoli

Vegan Sausage Roll served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

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DESSERTS

Chocolate Shortbread with Orange Wedge Fresh Fruit Pot

Cornflake Tart Fresh Fruit Pot

Sticky Toffee Apple Cake Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Iced School Cake Fresh Fruit Pot

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STREET FEAST

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Pork Sausage Served with Herby Diced potatoes & baked Beans or Fresh Salad

Meat Feast Wholemeal Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Beef Pasta Bake Served with Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Roast Chicken served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

MEAT FREE

Vegan Quorn Sausage Served with Herby Diced potatoes & baked Beans or Fresh Salad

Margarita Wholemeal Pizza Served with Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Sweetcorn or Mixed Salad

Vegetable Pasta Bake Served with Garlic & Herb Bread, Seasonal Vegetables or Mixed Salad

Baked Lentil Roast served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Stuffing Ball and Gravy

Vegetable Nuggets served with Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans

JACKETS

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DESSERTS

Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit Pot

Fruit Muesli Bar Fresh Fruit Pot

Peach Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Ice Cream Thursday Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fruit Sauce Fresh Fruit Pot

Jaffa Sponge Fresh Fruit Pot

Making lunchtime the **highlight** of your day

LUNCHTIME CO. - £2.60 PER MEAL FROM 1/4/24

STAFFING

A warm welcome to new members of staff working across the school - Miss Jacklin and Miss Frary.

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