



Hemsby Primary
School & Nursery

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 16th December 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have enjoyed sharing our festive activities this month. It has been great to see so many parents and carers both in school and also at church.

Thank you to Fathers Anthony and Patrick, Reverend David and the church wardens at St Mary's church.

We say goodbye to Mrs Lisa Beales (Deputy Headteacher) this term. Lisa has taught at the school for thirteen years and her daughters also attended the school. Lisa has taught in many different year groups across the school. She has a passion for books and reading, and has led the English curriculum. Lisa will be missed by us all and we wish her well in her new career.

We welcome Mrs Donna Walker who will be joining us for 3 days a week as Deputy Headteacher.

Mrs Julie Evans (Midday Supervisor) will also be leaving us. We would like to thank her for all of the care and support she has given to the children over her years here, helping out on visits and in the Nursery too. We wish Jules all the very best for the future.

I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Chrysaffi for their kind Christmas Tree donation and Mr and Mrs Peddle for donating the tree decorations. Year Six pupils did a wonderful job decorating it and it looks stunning in the entrance to the school.

We wish you all a peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Kind regards,



Mrs Sian Harmer
Headteacher



Social Media Platforms

Make sure you're following us on social media to receive updates about what we are getting up to in school.

We can now be found on Instagram as well as Facebook!
Just search Hemsby Primary School & Nursery or click the links below.

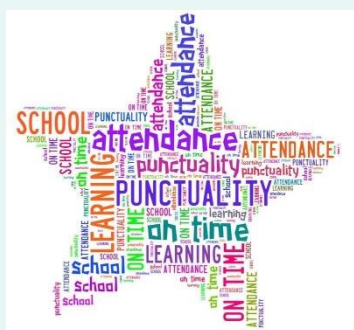
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Attendance

At Hemsby Primary School, we expect children to attend on time every day. Research shows that regular attendance is directly linked to raising achievement and helps build skills for life, developing children's confidence and helping them to make and keep lasting friendships.



What should I do if my child is absent from school?

- Contact the School Office to leave a message giving the reason for absence.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please keep them off school for 48 hours to reduce the spread of infection.

Office contact details: office@hemsby.norfolk.sch.uk

Telephone: 01493 730364

The school day starts at 8.50am, the school gates will be opened at 8.40am.



Christmas Events

Village Christmas Tree Light Switch On

A huge well done to the children who went to the Christmas tree light-up event at Hemsby Village Hall. The children sang beautifully and represented the school wonderfully.

The choir visited Church Farm Residential Care Home in the village, sharing some Christmas cheer. Residents commented that they had goosebumps and tears in their eyes as the children were singing. Thank you to Mrs Gates and other staff members and parents who have helped make these events happen.

Performances

The Jays and Kingfishers took to the stage and performed in front of families last week. For many of them, this was the first time that they had been on stage due to Covid restrictions in previous years. They put on a brilliant show of songs and readings for the audience to enjoy.

The Robins led an enjoyable nativity performance at St Mary's Church, with the school joining in with festive songs. The Nursery children sang Twinkle Twinkle Little Star with the Robins, adding actions as well. Well done, you did an amazing job and looked spectacular too!

We went to the Hippodrome this week and had a fantastic time! With the money raised by the PTA, they were able to pay for the children to go to the circus. Thank you for supporting their fundraising events.

Whilst the school was at the Hippodrome, Nursery enjoyed a Christmas party and disco with a special appearance from Father Christmas!

The Woodpeckers showed off their musical talents by performing on the ocarinas to their families. It was a pleasure to hear the tunes they had learned having developed a new skill in a fairly short period of time. Hopefully some of the children will have been inspired to learn a new instrument.



School News

Governance

Over the last 16 months, Kath Hewitt has done a wonderful job of being Hemsby Primary School's Chair of Governors, striving for excellence in our school. She has decided to step down from her role, but we are delighted that she will be continuing as a governor. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work, dedication and commitment to the school.

A new Chair of Governors has been elected. Helen Wardale is the Lead Governance Professional for Norfolk LA. She brings with her a wealth of experience and knowledge and is looking forward to working with staff, families and the Governing Board in supporting the school moving forward. We are all excited to have the opportunity to work with Helen.

Year 2 Multi Sports Event

Lucas, Toby and Ava from Year 2 went to Flegg High Ormiston Academy last week to take part in a multi sports event with other schools from the local area. They joined up with pupils from North Denes to make a strong team who won the event.

Thank you Mrs Annison for organising this and to the parents for their support.

Reading Cafes

Several classes have held reading cafes this half term. It is a wonderful opportunity to come into school and spend time with children taking part in various learning activities as well as being able to talk to staff.

The Robins made Christmas decorations and the Jays designed a Huey. The Swallows and Herons used different mediums to create a beautiful winter landscape silhouette picture.

Thank you for supporting these and please keep an eye out for future reading cafes.

Book Fair

The book fair was in school recently and was very successful. Thanks to your purchases, we have managed to earn just over £200 worth of free books for the school library, which are already in circulation and pupils are enjoying.

Norfolk Lakes

Some of the Woodpeckers went to the Norfolk Lakes last week for a residential trip. They enjoyed completing an obstacle course, a scavenger hunt in the dark, aeroball, low ropes, stand up paddle boards (no one fell in!), caving, archery and rifle shooting amongst other things. It was an action-packed few days, and all children came back having experienced new and exciting activities. A big thank you to Mr Brodey and Mrs Coleman for organising the trip and taking them.



Christingle

Thank you to Tesco, Hemsby Co-op, St Mary's Church and The Children's Society for donating supplies for the pupils to make Christingles. It was a lovely service that got us all in the mood to start our Christmas festivities.

Crucial Crew

Recently, Year 6 went to Great Yarmouth to take part in this year's Crucial Crew event. This is a multi-agency project led by Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service. Different agencies, including the coastguard, NHS representatives, Norfolk Constabulary, St John's Ambulance and East Anglian Air Ambulance, deliver safety messages in a fun and interactive way. It was a really engaging experience with children and adults alike coming away with a better understanding of how to keep safe.

Rainbow Raffle

Thank you for all of your donations for the Rainbow Raffle. The PTA put them together to create some beautiful hampers as prizes. Over £800 was raised for the school!

Congratulations to Mrs Cooper who won first prize, and to all of the other people who received prizes.

Dates for the Diary

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| Fri 16th December | Break up for Christmas |
| Wed 4th January | Return to school |
| Fri 10th February | Break up for Half term |
| Mon 20th February | Return to school |
| Mon 27th February | Reception vision and hearing screening |
| Fri 31st March | Break up for Easter |
| Tues 18th April | Return to school |
| Wed 24th May | Class photographs |
| Fri 26th May | Break up for Half Term |
| Mon 5th June | Return to school |
| Fri 21st July | Leaver's Assembly |
| | Break up for Summer |

