Hemsby Primary School & Nursery

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th March 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who supported Comic Relief by joining in our Red Nose non-uniform day. We will let you know how much was raised next week.

The children have been busy working hard and also enjoying some different activities.

Herons and Swallows had a great day at West Stow learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. The weather was kind to them too!

There have been sporting tournaments for children in Year 3 and 4, with girls' cluster football and mixed cluster events. Well done to all that took part and thank you to Mrs Annison for arranging them.

Nursery children have been creative doing Mother's Day activities with their mummies. Happy Mother's Day to all the mums, grandmothers and carers, I hope you have a lovely day.

Mrs Ritchie and the School Council Representatives have arranged a Talent Show for the end of term. Your child may wish to practise with you at home for this if they plan to take part.

Please can we remind parents and carers to be respectful of our neighbours when parking and driving to and from school.

A reminder that there is a public meeting arranged by Hemsby Lifeboat this evening at 7pm at the Lacon Arms to discuss the coastal erosion.

Kind regards,

Sian Harmer

Mrs Sian Harmer

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.

www.instagram.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery

www.facebook.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery

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.

Top three classes attendance from: 6th March – 31st March.

Kingfishers	96.49 %
Robins	92.49 %
Swallows	90.88 %

Aims and Values

We expect everyone at Hemsby Primary School to:

- Be Respectful
- Be Kind
- Be safe

This is the Hemsby School mantra and we will keep reminding the children to be respectful, kind and safe. Staff talk to the children about what it looks like to be respectful, kind and safe and reward them when they are.

We want everyone at Hemsby Primary School to ASPIRE to be the best they can through developing the following values and behaviours for learning.
They are:

- Accepting
- Successful
- Proud
- Independent
- Respectful
- Enthusiastic

Our half termly assembly themes reflect each value and staff talk to the children about what each learning behavior looks like. At the end of each week class teachers nominate children for an ASPIRE Award. This is celebrated during Friday assemblies. There are half termly Headteacher Aspire Award Assemblies for one child in each class. Parents are invited to attend if their child is selected.

Our theme this half term is: **Independence**

Online Safety - What parents need to know about Fifa 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular **football simulator** featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the **game's focus remains firmly on FIFA Ultimate Team,** a mode in the game that can **tempt players of all ages to spend actual money** on recruiting better players for their side.

In the guide, you'll find tips on several potential risks such as age-inappropriate chat, scammers and addiction.

Swallows Class Update

This term the Swallows have been working hard and enjoying a very varied curriculum.

We have been looking in detail at the story of the Iliad for our English work and have become totally immersed in this wonderful classical tale of war and revenge, love and loss. The children have used this as a stimulus for their work and produced some wonderful pieces.

The children really enjoy science lessons and we have had lots of practical investigations this term, including one on air resistance (see photograph below).

Our topic on the Anglo-Saxons has just come to an end and we have had a wonderful visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village for the children to deepen their understanding and knowledge.

In Design and Technology we have been building a number of different structures and testing them for strength (see photograph below).

Our Maths curriculum has seen the children become experts in area and perimeter and in fractions.

The children have worked extremely hard and should be proud of what they have achieved this term.

Woodpeckers – We Will Project

Our Woodpeckers have been taking part in the We Will Perform project, alongside Year 4 pupils from Ormesby and Martham and Year 8 pupils from Flegg High. We Will is a country-wide Youth Social Action initiative led by Ormiston Academy Trust.

The perform project which we took part in focused on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. Our project involved learning about Shakespearean language in English lessons (the class enjoyed learning about Shakespearean insults!), costume design and famous costume designers in Art and Design lessons and leadership skills.

We also had a series of drama lessons where we recreated scenes from the play and had a workshop led by Year 8 pupils. This cumulated in a joint performance at Flegg High.

Our group photo after performing at Flegg

Woodpeckers – We Will Project continued

Here are some of our costume designs:

Dates for the Diary

Wed 22nd March	Year 2 SAT's meeting for Parents/Carers – 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Thur 23rd March	Robins Story Café 9am – 10.30am
	Year 2 Football 7 a-side tournament at Flegg High 1pm – 3pm
Tues 28th March	Year 5 & 6 girls & boys football tournament at Martham 3.45 – 5pm
Wed 29th March	Year 4 We Will Performance in the school hall 2.30pm – 3.15pm
Thurs 30th March	Olly Day Road Safety Magic Show for Year 1 – Year 6
	Year 5 & 6 League Football Match at Hemsby 3.30 – 5pm
Fri 31st March	Whole School Talent Show
	Break up for Easter
Tues 18th April	Return to school
Mon 1st May	May Day Bank Holiday – School is closed
Wed 3rd May	Reception Sports Festival at Hemsby 10am – 12noon
Mon 8th May	Bank Holiday following the King's Coronation
W/C 9th May	KS2 SATS week
Wed 10th May	Year 3 & 4 Hi 5 Netball Tournament at Flegg High 3.30 – 5pm
15th – 17th May	Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
Wed 24th May	Class/Group photographs
Fri 26th May	Break up for half term
Mon 5th June	Return to school
Tues 6th June	Year 5 & 6 'Meet STEM Superstars' Webinar
Thurs 8th June	Year 6 'Coping with Challenges' workshop 1.30 – 2.30pm
Wed 21st June	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Meeting at Flegg High 3.45 – 5pm
Fri 14th July	Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip

Dates for the Diary continued

Fri 21st July	Leavers Assembly
	Break up for summer