



# Hemsby Primary School & Nursery

## School Newsletter

19th May 2023

Dear families,

We have had another incredible week here at Hemsby. Our Year 5 and 6 children had an amazing time at Kingswood. I headed out to Kingswood on Tuesday after school to spend time with the group. It was great to see them in good spirits excited to tell me about their adventures so far. A big thank you must go to our fantastic staff team who accompanied our children - Mr Purnell, Mr Brodey, Mrs Cooper and Miss Cowell, and also Mrs Bradley from Caister Infant School. Thank you also to parents/carers for supporting our visit and the lovely comments we have received. They are very much appreciated.

Look out for more Kingswood news in next week's newsletter!

Our children in Year 2 have been busy with KS1 SATs this week. They have amazed us with their determination and have a go attitude. We are very proud of them. These tests will also continue next week.

Next half term, Year 1 and some of our Year 2 children will have their phonics screening checks and Year 4 will have their times tables assessment. As always, supporting children's well-being will be our utmost priority.

Thinking ahead to the final half term of this academic year, I will be writing to Year 6 parents/carers next week to let them know about class teacher arrangements for Summer 2 in Herons class, and to also offer the opportunity for parents' evening appointments for Year 6 as these had been unfortunately cancelled earlier in the year.

As I have written previously, school and home working together is such an important foundation for your child's educational journey. We greatly value our relationships with parents/carers and recognise that our pupils benefit when we work together as partners. If you have any queries, concerns or questions please do contact your child's class teacher, or you can call/email me via the school office.

### **Federation Consultation**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, the governors at Hemsby Primary School and Caister Primary Federation opened a consultation on plans to establish a new federation of our four schools. There will be open meetings for parents during the consultation period. In the spirit of Partnership, parents/carers are welcome to attend the remaining session at

- **Rollsby Primary School: Tuesday, 23rd May at 2:30pm**

Governors are very keen to hear your views about this proposal so please attend if you are able to.



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## Lunchtime

We believe that lunch time should be an enjoyable experience for children, a time for them to socialise with their friends and enjoy each other's company.

Children have 20 minutes of their lunchtime in the hall to eat. Our Nursery children eat in their classroom. This is also a time when staff help to support and develop pupils' social skills and good table manners which we expect children to use.

Reception and KS1 lunchtimes are 1 hr 5 minutes in length and KS2 lunchtime is 50 minutes. This includes time to eat their lunch and take part in activities with our Play Leaders or to socialise with their friends.

## Attendance



We are very aware of the strain on families over the last few years, not being able to catch up with relatives abroad or take family holidays. As more 'normal' times have returned, we are expecting that children's attendance at school will be back to normal as well. The expectation is that all family holidays should be planned during the school holiday periods and unless there are exceptional circumstances, all requests for additional holiday will be classed as unauthorised absence. Unfortunately, the cost of travel and inability to travel due to COVID-19 are not classed as exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or another reason, please ensure that you contact school on the morning OF EACH DAY OF ABSENCE by 9am on 01493 730364.

## Flourishing Families Tool

The Flourishing Families Tool has been designed for families who might want a little extra help meeting their child's needs. We know that parenting can sometimes feel overwhelming, but we all share the common goal to give our children the best start in life.

There are all sorts of things that families can get help with, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial management, and this tool was developed to help families work out what they are already doing well and help them to find support when and if they need it.

The tool is available at [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/flourishingfamilies](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/flourishingfamilies) and in just five minutes, families can find out about the support that's available.



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## Norfolk SEND survey

The SEND survey 2023 is open to parents, carers, professionals and children and young people to share their opinions. Please take a few minutes to share your views and experiences with us.

We will use the feedback and findings to:

- Create action plans as part of the [Norfolk area SEND strategy](#)
- Ensure our SEND improvement plan is working
- Ensure necessary improvements are made
- Provide a better service for children and families in Norfolk

We share the findings with education, health and social care services and support organisations in Norfolk.

Take part here <https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/send-survey-2023/>

### Dates for your calendar

W/C 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	KS1 SATs weeks
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class/Group photographs
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up for half term</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Return to school
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 'Meet STEM Superstars' Webinar
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 'Coping with Challenges' workshop 1.30 – 2.30pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Athletics Meeting at Flegg High 3.45 – 5.00pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Assembly <b>Break up for summer</b>

Wishing you all a great weekend.

Donna Walker  
Acting Headteacher