



Hemsby Primary
School & Nursery

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 22nd September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was super to see parents/carers in school this week for the start of our programme of class information sessions. Next week, we will be holding some further class information sessions for parents/carers of children in Woodpecker, Swallows and Herons classes, during which the class teacher[s] will share details about the curriculum and discuss how families can support at home. We would encourage as many of you as possible to join us for these meetings. Please see diary dates for details of next week's sessions.

I will also be available before each meeting for you to chat to me informally and would welcome any questions, feedback, or comments you have following your child/children starting the term.

We also have our Nursery Grandparents' Stay and Play sessions next week. You will find further details about these from Mrs Olley on Tapestry. Again, it would be lovely to see you on these occasions.

I will be spending some time going on long walks with my dog, Luna this weekend. I hope you all have great weekend!

Donna Walker

Mrs Donna Walker
Acting 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.

www.instagram.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery

www.facebook.com/hemsbyprimaryschoolandnursery



Attendance – Every Day Counts

It is important that all children attend school as much as possible. Children who attend more, do better socially and academically. It is important that all children are helped to succeed and by being at school as much as possible this can happen. That also means that children arrive at school before the school day starts so that they can have a smooth start to the day. School starts at 8:50am and finishes at 3.20pm. Gates open at 8.40am for a smooth start into school.

In an update to last week's news about our new Attendance Trophy – this should be arriving in school next week, when we can then launch our new 'Attendance of the Week' initiative.

Our aim in addressing attendance and/or punctuality issues is not to reprimand or judge, but to determine any barriers that might be causing a decline in attendance, so we can support you and help to ensure your child accesses the full education they are entitled to.

Is my child too ill for school? <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Obviously, all children are poorly from time-to-time. It can be difficult to know whether to send your child to school. The latest government advice states: 'It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.' (Department for Education - Sept 2023) If a child has a sickness or diarrhoea bug, they must not attend school for 48 hours after their last bout of illness. If your child is genuinely ill, please don't send them to school - viruses spread quickly among children.

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, please call the school office on 01493 730364. If your child has a medical appointment during school time, please let the school office know in advance.

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Child Health, Wellbeing & Development



Call Just One Number on 0300 300 0123 or text 07520 631590 with any questions or concerns about your child's health, wellbeing or development. Their clinical team are able to support over the telephone, video call or text, and work with you to understand how best to support you and your family.

Our opening hours are Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm and 9am to 1pm on Saturday's.

Weekly online child health drop ins:
Every Tuesday 10am – 11am

Speak to a health professional via video call about your child age 0 – 19. You can get advice about infant feeding, healthy lifestyles, child development, emotional health, behaviour and sleep and much more!



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.

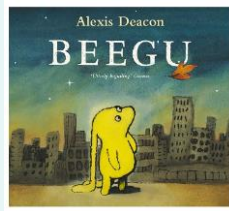
Our theme this half term is: **Respectful**



This Week.....

Reception and Nursery children who are brand new to our school are enjoying having the opportunity to explore their new environment and have been very grown up as they have been introduced to the many lovely resources we have, and the lovely activities set up for them across our EYFS provision.

The children in our Year 1 class - Jays, have excitedly been learning the story of 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon [who I recently had the opportunity to meet]. It has been super to hear the children growing in confidence when retelling the story.



Year 2: In English, the Kingfishers have been looking at the book 'Grandad's Island'. They have been practising how to use precise adjectives and adverbs to describe a character. In Science, they have been learning about the features of living things using MRS GREN. In Music, they have experimented with sound, and the focus has been on Samba.

Year 3/4: This week in Art, the Woodpeckers have been studying different paintings by Van Gogh and have tried out 3 new paint techniques: impasto, tonking and sgraffito. In Maths they have been partitioning numbers into thousands, hundreds, tens and ones, then finding alternative ways to split 3 or 4 digit numbers into groups.

Year 4/5: The Swallows have been looking at the text, 'Shackleton's Journey' and working on what 'implied meaning' is within a text. They have also been looking at 'multiples' as their maths focus this week.

Year 6: The Herons have been completing their first unit on Place Value and they are now looking at adding and subtracting integers. In English they have been looking at the book 'Rooftoppers' in our reading sessions and writing their own autobiographies in our writing lessons. Their Geography unit this term is comparing a location in the UK, Europe and the Americas - this week they learnt about Poland and the Tatra mountains.

What a busy week in school it has been. There is such a buzz and vibrancy in school – it's such a great place to be.

Please congratulate your child/children for the great start they have made to what I am confident is going to be a great year for Hemsby, both as a school and as a part of Caister Primary Federation!



Headteacher Aspire Award

On Friday 15th September, we welcomed parents of those children nominated for the Headteacher Aspire Award from last term. The children were presented with a certificate in our class assembly.



Let's Talk About

- This academic year, as a part of our work both in implementing the DFE's revised Reading Framework and our own curriculum development, the development of oracy skills will be a focus across our school. We will seek to ensure that all pupils have the opportunity and support to become fluent, confident and skilled communicators.

Each week on our newsletter, there will be a 'Let's Talk About...' a topic/theme to promote conversation and discussion at home.

Monday's school assembly this week gives us our 'Let's Talk About...' theme this week.



This week our focus for Monday's assembly was all about well-being. We talked about ways to look after ourselves and our friends, and things that we can all do to make ourselves feel good.

- Talk to someone you trust about how you are feeling
- Go outside and get some fresh air
- Listen to a piece of favourite music
- Keep active
- Eat lots of healthy food
- Have a good night's sleep

Do spend some time chatting with your child about this.



School Photographer



Mr Murphy from Caister Primary Federation will be in school on Monday 9th October to take individual school photos.

Mr Murphy will return on Tuesday 10th October to take siblings photographs. We are only able to offer siblings photos for those children who attend our school and nursery.

If your child attends nursery and is not in nursery on either of these days, we are offering an opportunity for your child to have their individual photo taken between 9:30 - 10:00am on Wednesday 11th October. Please come along to the main school office between these times.

School Lunches

We are delighted to continue having our meals provided by the kitchens at Caister. Children may order a hot meal each morning (meat option, vegetarian option, jacket potato or school packed lunch). They are also able to bring a packed lunch from home if you prefer.

For our younger children, we would appreciate you supporting your child to use a knife and fork, and to help them practice cutting up their own food if they have a hot lunch here.

Bikes and Scooters

Children are welcome to bring their bike or scooter to school and leave it securely locked in the racks outside. Bikes and scooters are left at your own risk and MUST be locked securely each day. Helmets must be worn if riding a bike or scooter to school, and please take the helmets home each morning. Please remind children to walk with their bike / scooter when they enter the school site at the large gates. Thank you for your support.

Parking and Drop Off

Please be considerate of each other and our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. Parents/carers are reminded that the yellow markings outside the school gates are there to keep the children safe. Parking or stopping on these is not allowed at any time. Thank you.



Kidical Mass Norwich



Saturday 23rd September - 10:30am, Chapelfield Gardens, Norwich

Norwich Kidical Mass is a family cycle ride to celebrate cycling and show that we want to cycle and we need safe spaces to do so. This is a gentle cycle, for EVERYONE (all ages and abilities) with the aim to enjoy cycling as a group, improve confidence in cycling.. And, most importantly, to have fun! Norwich will be joining hundreds of other cities internationally for this Kidical Mass ride on Car Free weekend. In May, more than 150,000 children, young people, families and friends took part in over 500 locations worldwide! The Norwich ride will start from Chapelfield Gardens at 10.30am, process around the town centre (route tbc), before ending back at Chapelfield Gardens again. Everyone welcome: children on their own cycles, balance bikes, stabilisers, BMX, cargos, trailers, trikes, tagalongs.

Blue Peter Book Club and Badge



Did you know that Blue Peter has a book club? It is easy to join - all you have to do is get a book (it does not have to be from their recommended list) and read! That's it! You can then share your reviews or pictures with them. As well as this, Blue Peter have introduced a Blue Peter Book Badge! You could be in with a chance of winning one, just by sharing your thoughts about the books that you read. For more information and ways to submit your review, please see Official Blue Peter Book Club <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>.

We cannot wait to see all your reviews and the badges you earn this year. Happy Reading everyone



Academic Year Term Dates

Norfolk County Council

2023-2024

Norfolk Model Calendar

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 4th & 5th September, 3 January, 28th March and 22 July. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

Dates for the Diary

I know that parents/carers find advance notice of forthcoming dates and events helpful to help when juggling family and work commitments. Further details will be sent next week but known dates for this term are as follows:

Tues 26 th September	Heron's Class Information Session 2.45pm
Wed 27 th September	Woodpeckers Class Information Session 2.45pm
Thurs 28 th September	Swallows Class Information Session 2.45pm 'Look at a Book' classroom sessions 3.20pm
Thurs 5 th October	Robins Story Café 9am – 10.30am
Mon 9 th October	Individual school photographs
Tues 10 th October	Sibling photographs
Wed 11 th October	Nursery individual photographs (for those who are not in Nursery on the 9 th or 10 th October) 9.30 – 10am
Tues 17 th October	'Look at a Book' classroom sessions 3.20pm
Thurs 19 th October	Yr R & Yr 6 Height & Weight Checks in School



Dates for the Diary Continued

Fri 20 th October	Last day of term
Half Term Holiday	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October
Mon 30 th October	Children return to school
Tues 7 th November	School Visit to War Memorial
Tues 7 th November	Parents' Evening (3:30 - 5:30pm) Further details to be sent
Thurs 9 th November	Parents Evening (4:00 - 6.30pm) Further details to be sent
Fri 17 th November	Children In Need
Wed 20 th December	Last day of term

