



**Hemsby Primary
School & Nursery**

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 6th October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting our Harvest Service in St Mary's Church this week. It was lovely to be able to share this experience with you all. A big thank you from all the Hemsby team for your donations for our local community. As there were so many generous donations, we will also be making donations to Martham Food Bank.

It was lovely to see parents and carers attend the Robins Story Café this week.

This week we have welcomed our new caretaker to the Hemsby Team. Mr Steve Baxter joined us on Tuesday this week. I am sure that you will make Mr Baxter feel very welcome when you see him out and about on the school site.

Children may bring a bottle of water to school to keep in the classroom and access when necessary. Please label bottles clearly with your child's name and class. There is also access to water fountains should children not have their water bottle. We politely ask that no energy drinks such as 'Prime' are sent into school. Thank you for understanding.

As part of being a healthy school, we encourage children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. Scooter and cycle racks are available for children to leave their scooters and bikes during the day. For safety reasons, we ask that when on school site, scooters and bikes are pushed rather than ridden so that no one is accidentally biked into.

It is very important that we ensure the safety of all children, parent/carers and our neighbours at dropping off and pick up times. We ask that everyone parks safely and considerately, avoiding the yellow zig-zag lines and not blocking any driveways or creating a hazard.

Please could we kindly ask that all children are fully supervised at the beginning and end of the school day when bringing children to school and exiting from school at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Please can you ensure that children do not wear earrings on the days they have PE or in the event of newly pierced ears, for the parent/carer to cover them with medical tape to prevent them from causing injury. School staff will not be able to apply/remove tape. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you so much to those parents/carers who have already spoken with me about becoming part of our volunteer team here at Hemsby. Your support for our school is so greatly appreciated. We will be launching our Volunteer Team after half term. We are still looking for more volunteers, so please do have a chat with me if you think you are able to support in school with activities such as reading or times table practice.

I hope you all have a super weekend!

Best Wishes

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



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!



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.

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.

This weeks school attendance overall was: 93.54%

Class	%	Congratulations to the Robins Class who are our Attendance winners this week! 
Nursery	98.08	
Robins	98.1	
Jays	94.5	
Kingfishers	90.76	
Woodpeckers	90.71	
Swallows	96.55	
Hérons	89.31	

Mrs Walker presented the Robins class with the trophy and a certificate in class this afternoon.



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**



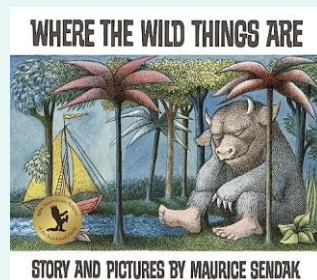
This Week.....

Nursery: This week the Nursery children have been talking about 'Space'. They have been learning the songs '5 little men in a flying saucer' and 'zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the moon'. The children have enjoyed exploring moon sand and sensory trays and eating their star shaped snacks. They have also made some lovely handprint aliens. The highlight of the week seems to have been singing with the parachute, sending teddies to the moon!



Reception: In phonics, the Robins are working hard to 'Fred talk' and make words using magnetic letters. We have started taking Sound blending books home to practice with our grown-ups. In Maths, we are working on comparing groups of objects using the language of more and fewer. We performed the song Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow at the Harvest Festival service. Well done to everyone. We had our first story cafe, sharing our CUSP reading book, 'What Makes Me a Me?' A big thank you to all the parents/carers that came and made this event so successful.

Year 1: In the Jays this week, we have introduced a new book called, 'Where the wild things are' for English. We have been focusing on retrieving information, by looking at the pictures and asking questions along the way. I wonder where we are going. Then sequencing the events as they have happened.



In Maths, we have been looking at who has more or less cubes? Using the symbols, < (less than), > (more than) and = equal to, in and around the classroom. Miss Hartle has 2 cubes, but you have 5 cubes. Which number is greater? In Science we have begun to look at seasonal changes, can we name the four seasons, and describe how the weather might be for that time of the year?



Year 2: This week in English, the Kingfishers have been looking at a variety of rhyming poems and creating their own poems. In D&T, we have started to learn how to do a running stitch to create our own patchwork design.

Year 3/4: This week in Woodpeckers the children have been working hard on writing descriptive sentences to help build a clear picture in the readers head. In our English reading lessons, we have been reading non-fiction texts and looking at the meaning of new vocabulary.

Year 4/5: This week in Maths the Swallows have been working on column addition and subtraction as well as brushing up on their mental maths strategies. In English we have completed our extended stories that are set in Ancient Greece. In Science we are looking at the planets in our solar system and, in History we look at how the Ancient Greeks really did change our world with their ideas on things like democracy! We have also brushed up on how to say the days of the week and numbers to twenty in French. It has been a good week!

Year 6: This week the Herons have been looking at formal methods of multiplication. We are beginning to plan our own discursive pieces in English. In Science, we have hypothesised what would happen when we change certain variables in our electrical circuits and then tested those hypotheses.

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 travel. We asked the question:

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Do spend some time chatting with your child about this.



Stay informed and get involved!



Hemsby Primary PTA

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

06.11.2023

The Bell Public House
Hemsby
7.30 pm

Join us at the AGM to hear what plans we have. Whether you think you could lead as Chair Person, volunteer at events or just want to listen in, we need your support!



Parentkind
Member Association



Useful Information

FREE TABLE TENNIS SESSIONS

To be held at Broadland Sports Club
Main Road, Fleggburgh

Every Thursday from 4.30-5.30pm
starting on Thursday 2nd November
for 6 weeks

This will be run by Norfolk County Coach Ernie George

Open to all 6-10yr olds

Fun, Fast & Exciting




No experience needed
Bats & balls provided

Sponsored by Great Yarmouth Table Tennis League



Contact Ernie:
Phone/ Text: 07835374478
Email: ernie_grg@yahoo.co.uk

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.

September 2023

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April 2024

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July 2024

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August 2024

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

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 Year 5/6 Netball Tournament at Flegg – 3.45pm – 5pm
Tues 17 th October	‘Look at a Book’ classroom sessions 3.20pm Year 2 Geography Fieldwork Walk – during school time
Thurs 19 th October	Yr R & Yr 6 Height & Weight Checks in School
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 Parents’ Evening (3:30 - 5:30pm) Further details to be sent
Wed 8 th November	Yr Reception – Year 6 Flu Sprays – Letter to follow
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

