



Newsletter

20 December 2023



Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting, memorable, and successful term. I hope you will agree that together we have worked hard to ensure that the school continues to improve and that we have endeavoured to provide the best possible educational experience for each and every one of our wonderful children. As always, thank you to you and the children for your on-going support throughout this term but it would also be remiss of me not to thank the wonderful and simply amazing staff team we have. They go above and beyond every day to make the school exceptional for the good of you all.

I also wanted to let you know that after the Christmas holiday, Hannah Smedley, who works in our school office, will be joining the Federation Central Services team based over at Caister. We will be sad to say goodbye to Hannah and I would like to say a huge thank you for everything she has done to support me, and both the staff and children at Hemsby. We wish her every success in her future role. I'm sure that we will still get to see Mrs Smedley from time to time! We said goodbye to both Mrs Smedley and Miss Dias this week in assemblies during which we presented them both with cards and gifts.

As we come to the end of another busy term at Hemsby, I hope, like me, you are all looking forward to some very well-deserved rest and relaxation as well as the festive season ahead. It was lovely to welcome so many of you to our Christingle and Nativity events. What a packed church we had! I know the children loved performing for you. It was also lovely to see so many parents/carers attend Swallows' Reading Café last week. We will publish our Reading Café schedule for the new term in the new year.

We enjoyed Christmas lunch on Tuesday of this week and were delighted to be joined by Jo Alderson and Alton Nutile, who are two members of Caister Primary Federation Governing Board. Both Jo and Alton, will be regular visitors to our school. Jo also attended our Christingle Service and Alton spent some time in school last week, touring classes and seeing the fantastic learning that is taking place.

Next year, we continue our development journey and will, of course, do all that we can to support you all.

The staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best possible start to 2024. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th January for another action-packed and fun-filled year.

Enjoy a super and safe Christmas holiday everyone!

Mrs Walker

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Staffing

I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Gill Tantrum from January 2024, to join our Pastoral Team here at Hemsby. This now means that we can offer Pastoral support for our children and families right across the school week. Many of you will know that full-time pastoral provision is something I have strived to be able to offer at Hemsby as I believe that personal development and good mental well-being is instrumental to success. Mrs Trantrum will be working Wednesdays-Fridays alongside Mrs Coleman, who many of you already know. Mrs Coleman works Mondays-Wednesdays.

It's a pleasure to welcome Mrs Trantrum to the Hemsby team.

Our pastoral team both at Hemsby Primary and the wider pastoral team within Caister Primary Federation, have undergone extensive training to ensure that they are fully equipped to work with children and the staff team, to deliver effective strategies and activities which support the development of each unique child. Our pastoral approach has been shown to develop children's capacity to regulate emotion and develop a strong sense of self-worth. Importantly, these skills will support a child's growing capacity to make sense of the world, to be able to think about feelings and to make choices about their behaviour; all essential skills for learning. We believe that this approach has much to offer our children and our already inclusive caring school.

From January you may see Mrs Coleman and Mrs Trantum at the school gates on some mornings, please do say hello to them! They are here to help and support you all.

The Big Ambition - Survey

Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, has asked all schools in England to ensure they share the following link to parents so that they can have a say in the National Campaign called the Big Ambition-the link to use is www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/t/hebigambition.

The Big Ambition provides children the opportunity to tell political decision makers what is important to them.

School Lunches

We would like to politely remind parents and carers that **payments for school lunches need to be made weekly and must be in the account by 9am on a Monday morning**. We are increasingly having to chase unpaid lunches on a daily basis throughout the week which is creating unnecessary work. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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Angel Festival

We are really pleased to let you know that Hemsby Primary School's Angel won the school's category for this year's Angel Festival. The children did a fantastic job with such lovely feathers on the wings.



Head of School ASPIRE Award winners (Autumn Term 2)

Congratulations to all our winners!



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Big Norfolk Holiday Fun



Big Norfolk
Festive
Holiday Fun

December 19th - 30th
Holiday activity scheme
for children aged 4-16

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun
scheme is **FREE** if you
claim means tested
free school meals for
your children

- Fun, fitness and creative activities for your child in a warm space with a free healthy lunch too!
- Search for an activity near you with our Every Move activity finder

Booking now open
Find an activity near you
Visit www.everymove.uk



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Help with Living Costs



We know that this time of year can be hard for many, with increasing heating costs and Christmas around the corner. There is lots of support available if you need help with living costs. For more information on support organisations, please visit this website - <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/help-with-living-costs>

[Flegg Area Food bank](https://communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk/Services/14772/Flegg-Area-Foodbank)

<https://communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk/Services/14772/Flegg-Area-Foodbank>

Community Food Provision

<https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/article/10532/Food-banks>

PE Days

Please see below a revised timetable for PE days from January following an error on the previous Newsletter

| Class | PE Day-outdoors | PE Day - indoors |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Reception - Robins | | Thursday |
| Year 1 - Jays | Friday | Tuesday |
| Year 2 - Kingfishers | Monday | Wednesday |
| Year 3/4 Woodpeckers | Monday | Tuesday |
| Year 4/5 Swallows | Friday | Wednesday |
| Year 6 - Herons | Friday | From Jan 2024 - Thursday |

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Attendance Matters

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. **The school gates open at 8.40am to prevent queuing near the road. The classroom doors will open at 8:50am for the start of the school day. School finishes at 3.20pm.**

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.

Request for Leave during the School Term

Request for leave for holidays/travel abroad cannot be authorised by the school. As you are aware, leave will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note that, Under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996, a Penalty Notice/s for absence during the school term may be issued.

Is my child too ill for school?

My child has been ill - when should they come back to school?

This information is from the [NHS Choices website](#) - 'Is my child too ill for school?'. Please visit the NHS site for more information.

Not every illness needs to keep your child from school. If you keep your child away from school, be sure to inform the school on the first day of their absence. Whether you send your child to school will depend on how severe you think the illness is. Use this guidance to help you make that judgement. Remember: if you're concerned about your child's health, consult a health professional.

Please note: if you feel your child is well enough to be in school, they will be expected to participate in all curriculum activities, including PE and swimming.

- **Vomiting and diarrhoea.** Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should **definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone.** Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP. **If we feel your child has come back to school too early, we will contact you.**
- **Cough and cold.** A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied by a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they start to feel better. If your child has a more severe and long-lasting cough, consult your GP. They can give guidance on whether your child should stay off school.
- **Raised temperature.** If your child has a raised temperature, they shouldn't attend school. They can return 24 hours after they start to feel better.
- **Rash.** Skin rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses, such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions shouldn't attend school. If your child has a rash, check with your GP or practice nurse before sending them to school.

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- **Headache.** A child with a minor headache doesn't usually need to be kept off school. If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms, such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep the child off school and consult your GP.
- **Sore throat.** A sore throat alone doesn't have to keep a child from school. But if it's accompanied by a raised temperature, your child should stay at home.
- **Chickenpox.** If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all their spots have crusted over.

'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.

Let's Talk About 'New Years' Resolutions'

Maybe you would like to talk with your child about their goals and dreams for 2024 and how they might work to achieve these.

Our Safeguarding Team

At **Hemsby Primary School and Nursery** we all have a responsibility to keep children safe. We take all necessary measures to ensure that this happens.

If you have any safeguarding issues, please contact the school to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead. These are:

- Mrs Walker
- Mr Purnell
- Mrs Olley
- Jonathan Rice (Executive Headteacher)
- Helen Wheatley (Safeguarding Governor)

However, all staff are trained in safeguarding and will listen to any concerns you have.

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Safer Schools Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Hi everyone! Here's an update on what we've been up to in the Safer Schools and Youth Engagement Teams this Autumn Term 2023.

If you have any comments or questions about the newsletter, please email sspteam@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

Norfolk Constabulary Safer Schools Team



Remember, safeguarding young people is everyone's responsibility #SaferSchools

Norfolk Police
Non-emergency 101 / Emergency 999

What we've been up to this term!



Key Messages - As always, Safer Schools Support Workers, Hazel and PJ, have been working hard to ensure our key safety messages are delivered to all students in Norfolk secondary schools. We have updated the resources for this year and have already delivered 99 sessions:

Year 7 - Online Safety Awareness - 34 sessions delivered.

Year 8 - Drugs and the Law - 25 sessions delivered.

Year 9 - Understanding Violence / Grooming and Child Sexual Exploitation - 23 and 5 sessions delivered respectively.

Year 10 - Abuse in Relationships - 12 sessions delivered.

We've received some great feedback from teachers:

"Fantastic presentation. Very informative." "The pupils always enjoy the sessions and interact well."

Online Key Messages - Where necessary, we have delivered some of our Key Messages online. This has ensured that children who are home-schooled have been able to access the sessions.

Careers Assemblies and Workshops - Deputy Chief Constable Megicks and Recruitment Advisor, Amy Stanton, along with Safer Schools Police Officer, DC Smith, delivered careers assemblies and workshops at Kings Lynn Academy and Springwood High School. We hope to see the names of some of the students who attended these sessions on application forms in the future!

Healthy Relationships and Consent - Safer Schools Police Officer, DC Proctor, has delivered lessons around healthy relationships with students at Sewell Park Academy. She has really enjoyed enhancing the PSHE curriculum and being able to have open and frank discussions with students about this tricky subject.

Crucial Crew - We have attended 3 Crucial Crew events where we have spoken to 1548 year 6 pupils about sharing content online. We even had a very important visitor, Mayor of Great Yarmouth Penny Carpenter, in attendance at the sessions in Caister.

Hate Crime - During Hate Crime Awareness Week in October, we delivered 4 webinars for year 5 pupils. We looked at the ways in which we are different and what makes a crime a "hate crime". Around 3000 students took part in these events - that's 1000 more than last year!

We also continue to provide local Beat Managers with resources to deliver in schools around a range of subjects, including the law, online safety and respecting each other and our communities.

Christmas Safety Messages!

Keeping your property safe! Don't let criminals ruin your Christmas. Ensure Christmas presents are out of sight, whether in your car, or in your house. Be mindful of how you dispose of packaging materials. Make sure they're hidden away in your general or recycling waste. Thieves target homes where they can see expensive gifts have been bought.



New bike? Get it registered with www.bikeregister.com. That way, should you be unfortunate enough to have it stolen, it will be more likely to be recovered.



E-Scooters - These continue to be popular gifts but please be aware of the law around E-Scooters. Privately owned ones cannot be used on public roads or parks. Click [here](#) for more information.

New mobile phone? Tablet? Laptop? Keep your children safe online by learning about apps they are using and checking in with them about what they are doing online. Further information about online safety can be found on the National Online Safety website [here](#) and on the CEOP Education website [here](#).

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[@SaferSchoolsNfk](https://twitter.com/SaferSchoolsNfk)



National Police Instagram
[yourpolice.uk](https://www.instagram.com/yourpolice.uk)



Norfolk Constabulary Facebook




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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

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

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wed 3 rd January 2024 | Inset day |
| Thurs 4 th January 2024 | Children return to school |
| Fri 5 th January 2024 | Yr 3 & 4 Bikeability |

NB: Further dates for 2024 will be published in the New Year.

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