



Newsletter ~ March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great first few weeks back in school for ALL of the children. Attendance has been high and it's been so lovely to see them all settling back into their old routines so quickly. Once again, a huge thank you to all of our parents, school staff and children for the fantastic work that has taken place over the last two months. Well done everyone!

We were proud to support Red Nose Day on 19th March and the children enjoyed dressing in red, as well as having a special lunch as a treat on the day. Many thanks to all the families who joined us for our bedtime stories event during 'Book Week' and huge congratulations to the winners of our Extreme Reading Challenge; we had some very creative entries!

Thank you for your feedback from the remote learning survey - for your lovely comments and ideas. One comment was that not all children received a mention in the celebration assemblies. We know everyone worked really hard and we know it was hard to be at home for so long for many of our pupils. Therefore, we have made a special certificate for our home learners to give them recognition for this term. We will give those out this week to thank them.

Please continue to follow our systems and procedures during this time. To respect the integrity of the bubble system, if your child, or a family member, has any COVID symptoms please do keep them off school until they have been tested and a negative result confirmed.

We hope you enjoy a restful Easter break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on 12th April for the summer term.

Louise Jackson and Emma Hunt



New Lunch Menu

There is a new Menu for April to July.
It is available now on our website.

No need to book online.



Term Dates:

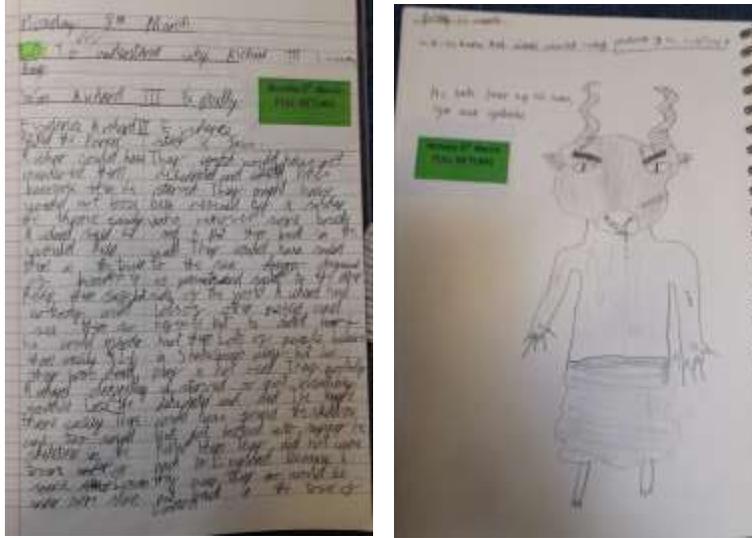
Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.
Please see our website for further information.

The Last day of this Term is Friday 26th March.
All children return on Monday 12th April 2021.

Our Learning

Sanderlings

This half term we have been exploring mythological paintings in art, exploring the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and creating our own collages to represent different parts of the story. We have loved learning about the War of the Roses in History and all the different kings that seized the throne including the potentially murderous Richard III and mad Henry VI! Next term we are very excited to be starting the Barbican Box project with Michael Rosen and will work on a project inspired by his poetry working with a professional artist to create a piece of art, music or drama! More news to follow!



Avocets

The children came back so happy to see each other and we have been working hard with team projects and games in the afternoons. The children have started playing catch the flag where they have been working in teams and using their communication skills to receive the flag from the oppositions, which they love and started playing it in their playtimes too. Avocets have also been completing various Science experiments investigating sound and in the following photos they are in forest school listening to sounds in their environment comparing if they are high or low pitch and loud or quiet in volume. After the Easter holidays we get to start an embroidery sewing unit in Design and technology and I can't wait to learn about Charles II and the plague in History.



Lapwings

It was wonderful to see all the children in Lapwings again when they returned on 8th March. They have certainly been busy! In science, the children have been learning all about forces including friction, air and water resistance. They have considered how we can prove that forces exist and went on to investigate how pulleys, levers and gears can help us to increase the force we apply to an object. In maths, they have been working through fractions and decimals, finding fractions of an amount and recognising decimals has hundredths and thousandths. In Design and Technology, the children have had great fun designing and creating a bookmark using three different stitches and colours. They were surprised at the range of stitches that could be used! Our class text is *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman, which is a novel written in verse with each chapter using a different form of poetry. It is an amazing story of friendship. The children have been busy boxing up their own version ready to write up next week. Karl Nova's virtual author visit was a huge success. The children participated enthusiastically and produced some amazing poems! Some of the children started music lessons this week with the lovely Miss Berners. While some children had a go at playing the trumpet, others were playing the violin.

Our Learning (cont'd)

Lapwings (cont'd)



Albatross

Team Albatross were delighted to welcome back all of our lovely little Albatrosses on the 8th March; it was fantastic to have a full, happy classroom once again. Since then we've been really busy cracking on with our Knowledge Rich Curriculum which so many of the children had been engrossed in during their learning at home. We've had a fascinating topic in History learning all about the African slave trade and the horrific atrocities and brutal treatment that many thousands had to endure during this terrible period in our history. We were relieved to learn that slavery was finally abolished in 1833 with the help of many devoted campaigners; why don't you ask your child to describe some of the conditions and punishments that so many slaves were subjected to? In Geography we've expanded our knowledge about the natural biomes in Australia and how very different and vast the landscape is, whilst in RE we've been trying to find evidence from the Bible that Jesus was aware of God's plan for him – some very deep and thought-provoking questions for us all to ponder. As with last term we've again conducted some super science experiments in class to test forces. The children were tasked with a 'Design a Parachute Challenge' to test air resistance as well as testing the effect of friction on the distance a toy car will travel using different surfaces as ramps – we can confirm we definitely have some super scientists among us! In PE we've been enjoying a spot of tennis, and when the weather fails us Miss P manages an indoor mini match across our desks – a bit of wind and rain can't stop us, the children loved it!



Oystercatchers

This half-term the children have worked extremely hard, making interactive booklets and writing diary entries based on Anne Frank in English. In maths we have learnt all about area, perimeter and volume of different shapes and how to calculate ratios and scale factors. Our history has been based on WW2 and the children have been totally engrossed with what has happened to minority groups in the past, and we have compared our local area to local areas in Africa during geography. We have had some fantastic impressionist pieces of art produced and have been making up our own fitness regimes. Fabulous to have the whole class back, and really pleased to see how much the children (and their parents) have learned during home schooling!





- 24/03/21- Easter Raffle Draw PM
- 26/03/21 - Y6 Hoodies – Online Shop Closes
- 26/03/21 - West Norfolk's Got Talent Pt2 closing date
- 12/04/21 - Children Return to School
- 12/04/21 - After-School Clubs start (reduced offering)
- 15/04/21 - Y6 Leavers' Photo
- 19/04/21 - Y2 Parents receive New Starter Packs
- 30/04/21 - Y2 Deadline to return Admission Forms
- 03/05/21 - Bank Holiday
- 31/05/21 - Half-Term
- 07/06/21 - Children Return to School
- 21/07/21 - Last Day of Term
- 22/07/21 - Staff Training Day
- 06/09/21 - Children Return to School

Red Nose Day....

Sorry to anyone who had trouble using the new link provided by ParentPay. It was a trial feature that enabled parents to Gift Aid their donation but I think a lot of parents had difficulty using it! We will add it to the home page as usual next time.

Thank you for your red noses, bright clothes and donations ♥

If you were unable to make your donation you could donate it direct to the Comic Relief page: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>



West Norfolk Academies Trust is on easyfundraising. If you would like to help raise funds for the schools across the trust, every time you shop online, please take a look on [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

Twitter Please follow us on twitter as we are using that social media platform more regularly than facebook



<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>

Lots of helpful information about pregnancy, childhood illnesses, child development, emotional health & Covid FAQs

Covid-19 Updates

The school continues to encourage thorough hand washing and follows the guidelines laid out by Public Health England for schools. The Government currently advises to self-isolate (stay at home) for 10 days and take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature or a loss of smell/taste.



Please refer to the government website for updates

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.

After School Clubs:

We are planning to run a few after-school clubs after Easter. Spaces will be limited to meet Covid Guidelines. Please email office@heachamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk to reserve your places and confirm whether your child will be met at the stated gate or walking home alone if they are in Years 5 & 6:

Tuesday 13/4/21 3pm-3.45pm – Chess Club – Year 6 only

Tuesday 20/4/21 3pm-4pm – Drama Club – Open to all year groups - £40 payable to John Giller

Wednesday 14/4/21 3pm-3.45pm – Art Club – Year 3 only

Wednesday 14/4/21 3pm-3.45pm – Rounders Club – Year 5 & 6 only (*only a few spaces remain*)

Thursday 15/4/21 3pm-3.45pm – Multi-Sports Club – Year 4 only

West Norfolk's Got Talent Pt2!

Closing date for entries is 26/3/21. For more information, please go to link:

<https://www.westnorfolkacademiustrust.co.uk/page/?title=West+Norfolk%27s+Got+Virtual+Talent+-+Part+2!&pid=52>

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make a telephone or Zoom appointment with Mrs Bridge in the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. 😊

Easter Home Challenge

Be a good egg!



This year we would like you to decorate an egg to show us who you think is the most important person or the most interesting person in History. Your egg will need to be self-supporting (stand up itself) and include an explanation of who they are and why you think they're interesting/important.

Your egg should be on a base (cardboard or similar).

The competition will be judged on the following criteria:

- Decoration
- An explanation of importance and why you selected them

Entries should be brought into school by Tuesday 13th April for a chance to win a large Easter Egg and Easter goodies!

