



Well we've almost reached the end of term and what a fun-packed term it has been! Our topic work has proved very popular and all the classes have embraced their learning with interest and enthusiasm.

The launch of Class Dojo has enabled the teachers to share more of the learning taking place in school with parents and carers.

Inspired by our topic - 'Lights, Camera, Action', Year 3 and 4 have worked hard to produce some fantastic Harry Potter inspired play scripts and performance poetry as part of their English work.

The children have also had great opportunities to research, design and make pan pipes and string telephones when exploring sound in science. In other topics the children studied Divali in RE and photography as part of their computing work.

The Year 5 children have been learning about how the ear works. They have been using plasticine to design and make characters inspired by Wallace and Gromit, ready to create a short film.

Year 6 have really enjoyed studying the book 'Coraline', creating shoe box film sets based on different scenes from the book. They have used it as inspiration to write their own stories too.

In science, the children have been investigating the properties of different materials. As part of this work they made their own quick sand!

### Harry Potter Studio Tour

The children enjoyed our trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour on 24<sup>th</sup> November, where they were able to walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter and explore the wonders of the wizarding world!

Throughout the day pupils wandered wide-eyed around some of the amazing sets including the Great Hall, Platform 9 ¾ and Diagon Alley. The Great Hall served as the backdrop to some of the film series' most iconic scenes



such as the Yule Ball and the Battle of Hogwarts! It was laid out with a Christmas banquet, complete with flaming Christmas puddings!



The children appreciated exploring the collection of beautifully crafted props and original costumes, but they were especially keen to learn about the special and visual effects used when film making. All the children were surprised to learn that film makers often shoot visual effects on a green screen then create a computer generated set! They were thrilled to have their photo taken in front of one! A fantastic memento of their day.



The tour concluded with the jewel in the crown of the art department, a detailed model of Hogwarts Castle! A team of 86 artists and crew members built the first version for Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone.

The children were thrilled that it was covered in a fine layer of snow! It heightened the magical atmosphere that filled the room and left the children with a lasting image in their minds.



### Friends of Heacham Junior School

Our 'Family Bingo Night' was the first fundraising event of this academic year and what a success it was! A huge thank you to everyone that came along and supported our school. With your help we raised an incredible £528.90!

#### Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Christmas Hampers – To be drawn at the end of this week.

Christmas Disco – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 4-6pm.

Next meeting: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 3pm.

All welcome!





## Governor News

Our half-termly Governors meetings are quite amazing really! Mainly because we find out just how much hard work, effort and opportunity is going into the lives of the pupils in our school.

In addition to the everyday lessons, the children are assessed half-termly to monitor progress, and of course the pressure is on – from Government, Ofsted and the Academy Trust.

As governors, we deplore the term ‘coasting’ school – it is the very opposite of what you would see day by day, but as such we are categorised, and we know that staff are working so hard to increase both attainment and progress.

It is, therefore, vital, in our view, to support and encourage them in their efforts, and we ask that you as parents join us in this task. In addition, there have been many activities to enrich a curriculum which staff have already made so lively – there hardly seems a week now when some special event isn’t taking place in the school calendar. Now with Christmas fast approaching, a glorious finale!

May we celebrate all the end-of-term activities and may they live long in the children’s memories. A Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

‘On behalf of the Governors’

## Year 5 Cosmos Roadshow - Smithdon

Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a science taster day at Smithdon High School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The children spent the day exploring the senses; studying the evolution of the eye and discovering how sound travels in waves.



The children had a great day getting ‘hands on’ with the learning! Activities included making pin-hole cameras, conducting light experiments and walking around the fascinating, interactive exhibits.



## Christmas Performance ‘It’s Chriiistmas!’

All the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our Christmas production - ‘It’s Chriiistmas’. It provided great, festive entertainment for all the family earlier this week!



Please don’t forget the Village Carol Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm at St Mary’s Church. It would be wonderful to see as many children as possible there to perform a couple of their favourite songs from the production.

## Notice Board



Merry Christmas to you all!  
We are back to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that your child comes prepared for the new term with a full PE kit, including a tracksuit now that the weather is getting so much colder.

### Fundraising

We managed to raise **£314.33** for Children in Need on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks for all your support.



**COMING SOON**

.....our topic next term is ‘Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!’ The children will be looking at local history, discovering Victorian inventions and investigating coasts, as well as many other exciting things.