



Newsletter ~ October 2020

Heacham Junior School

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Updates – 19th October

Welcome to our first Newsletter of this academic year. We wanted to share some news and update some information with you through this newsletter. Please read it and add changes or important dates to your calendar.

If you have any questions regarding any of the following, please feel free to contact Denise Bridge, 01485 571013 office@heachamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk

Remember, there's no school this Friday, 23rd October, and we'll see you all after half-term on Monday 2nd November.

Parents Evenings

Tues 3/11/20 & Thurs 5/11/20

As we are unable to welcome you into the school this year, Parents Evenings will take place via Zoom or telephone appointments. Please see letter emailed home 21/10/20. Contact your child's teacher via Dojo with appointment preferences.

Flu Immunisation

The **NHS** will be visiting Heacham Junior on 9th December this year to give the children their annual flu immunisation. Don't forget to visit the portal to decline or give your consent

<https://tinyurl.com/y7g5b7ef>

The link will close on 1st December 2020



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

Our Learning

All of the children have made a fantastic start to their learning this term....

SANDERLINGS have been learning about Divali - we have created our own rangoli designs and even made our own Diya lamps out of clay! Next term we are looking forward to writing our own wishing tales and finding out more information about the Ancient Greeks.

AVOCETS have painted still life objects creating form by shading and highlighting. Learnt about the classifications of animals, explored our local area, the children loved map reading the West Norfolk ordnance survey maps. In English, our most recent high quality text is Dragonology by Dugald Steer. The children have loved exploring this book! In History next half term, we get to go deeper into why the Roman Empire fell after years of dominating most of Europe. In English, we are going to be reading a fantastic losing and finding tale. Looking forward to the new half term.

LAPWINGS have learnt about the construction of Baghdad in Mesopotamia many years ago. They were surprised to discover that people came from all over the world to study maths, science, medicine, philosophy and law in the House of Wisdom. They have also learnt about Islamic art and architecture, exploring many features of the buildings including geometric and vegetal patterns, calligraphy, domes and arches. They created designs of their own to transfer onto a clay tile. The results were fantastic!

ALBATROSS have learnt all about what the city of Baghdad was like around the year 900 CE, how we can use world maps to find locations and land height, Islamic art and architecture, the Human Body, why Muhammad is important to Muslims and so much more!

OYSTERCATCHERS have been working hard on their English and Maths skills but have also carried out some exciting science experiments looking at reversible and irreversible changes, learning about the horrors of WW1, reading maps, and doing some wonderful block printing in the style of William Morris.



School Events

Just a few important updates on some of the usual planned events for this term:



Children in Need Friday 13th November

£1 via ParentPay (select 'active payment items' and scroll down) – **No cash please**

Children are invited to wear something Yellow, Spotty or Bear themed into school. Clothes must be suitable for the cold, wet weather.

School Photographs

Sadly, the school photographer will not be visiting this term to take individual portrait photographs. We will update you if this changes later in the year.

Christmas We are currently looking into how we can safely celebrate our usual Christmas School Traditions and will advise in due course.



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Term Dates

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

<https://www.heachamjunior.norfolk.sch.uk/>

MP Christmas Card Competition

James Wild, MP for NW Norfolk, is holding a Christmas Card Design Competition. The winning design will be sent out across NW Norfolk by James this Christmas, with the winner's name and school printed inside. The winning design will also be sent to the Prime Minister.

Entries should be A4 or smaller and in felt tip pen (no glitter). Send your design to James Wild MP, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA or james.wild.mp@parliament.uk

Entries must arrive by 6/11/20. Please clearly state your name, address, parent/carer email and that you attend Heacham Junior School.

Good Luck!

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 14 days and/or take a test if you or someone you live with has a 'new' persistent cough, a temperature above 37.5 degrees or a loss of smell/taste.

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other



Wash hands

keep washing your hands regularly



Cover face

wear a face covering in enclosed spaces



Make space

stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

Please refer to the government website for updates on Covid-19:

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

Be kind. Keep your distance. Stay safe.

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 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. 😊

Love of Learning, Bright Futures, Happy Memories