



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 18/10/24	Week Ending 24/10/24	Week Ending 8/11/24	Week Ending 15/11/24
Rabbit Class	95.4%	89.4%	96.5%	84.4%
Owl Class	98.8%	97%	99%	100%
Deer Class	100%	95%	98.3%	95.7%
Hedgehog Class	96.7%	85.8%	91.3%	94%

Writing Café

Thank you to Year 1 and Year 2 parents who attended our Writing Cafés this week. We hope those parents found it useful in understanding how we teach writing and how to further support at home. I know the children enjoyed having their parents in the classroom and produced some brilliant writing!

The other year groups are spread out over the next two weeks. Parents or Carers should come into school via the school office so that they can sign in. Unfortunately, younger siblings cannot attend these sessions as it would be too disruptive within the class. You will be invited into the classroom at 9am to join your child in their English lesson. You will see how the teacher teaches writing and then be able to support your child with their writing task.

The dates will be as follows:

Year 3: Tuesday 19th November 9am-10am.

Year 4: Wednesday 20th November 9am-10am.

Reception: Tuesday 26th November 9am-9.40am.

Year 5: Wednesday 27th November 9am -10am.

Year 6: Thursday 28th November 9am-10am.

Please email the school office to let us know if someone can attend and who it is that will be attending for each child. Many thanks.

BBC Children in Need

Thank you for supporting Children in Need today – the children were looking great in their multicoloured clothes. When this letter went to press we had raised £97.

KS2 Football Tournament

Match Report

On 14th November, children from years 4, 5 and 6 went to Wymondham Prep School to compete in a football competition. There were 5 teams from 2 schools: Us and Wymondham Prep School. In the end, we finished in 2nd place – we only lost one game but Wymondham A were unbeaten.

We were pleased with our result and highlights included when we scored our first goal in 3 years, when Henry ran from one end of the pitch to the other and scored, and finally when Dexter performed one of the most astonishing diving saves ever!

Report written by Jack T and Jake



Neurodiversity Day

Kierran Pearce from SEND Multi Schools Council is leading a special Neurodiversity Day at Great Hockham next Thursday 21st November. Children in KS1 and KS2 will learn more about ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) and understand how children with these conditions may think and learn differently to them, to support our children in being more tolerant and accepting of such differences. He will be leading a parent SEND cafe all about ASD and ADHD at 2.30 – 3.15 in the school hall. If you would like to learn more about these conditions or to ask any questions, please come along. Please email Mrs Pavey in the school office to book your place: office@hockham.set.education

Parent Forum

This term's Parent Forum will be at 9am on Thursday 12th December. Each session we will focus on a different area of the curriculum. This time it will be part of our History curriculum, so if you would like to see what a History lesson is like, then please come along! Please email Mrs Pavey in the school office to let her know that you can attend. Many thanks.

Sugar for Shelter

We would like to support the homeless, needy and vulnerable in Norfolk again this year by donating bags of sugar to our local shelters at Christmas. Huge amounts of sugar are needed in Shelters and Food Kitchens in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Sugar is a fast energy boost for the homeless. It is also an essential ingredient for hot drinks and Christmas foods e.g. puddings and cakes. So if you could donate a bag of sugar this Christmas, it really will make a difference to someone. There will be a box in the foyer by the office from Monday 2nd December until 9am on Friday 6th December for you to put your donations in. Thank you for your support.

Christmas at Great Hockham

Christmas will begin in Great Hockham this year when we have our Christmas Tree Dressing Assembly on Monday 9th December. Every child has the opportunity to add a decoration to our Christmas tree and we sing Christmasy songs. Rev Vanessa will also be joining us to tell the Nativity story.

Rabbit and Owl class will be performing a Nativity, but this year it will be in the Village Hall, so hopefully all parents and carers will have a good view and be able to hear every word – please see separate letter with further details.

We will be cooking our own Christmas dinner again this year, with all classes having a different responsibility from mixing the stuffing or the Yorkshire batter mix to cutting out the Christmas shaped biscuits, all organised and cooked by Mrs Garrod. We will have our Christmas dinner on Tuesday 17th December and we will be inviting the children to wear Christmas jumpers with their regular uniform on this day.

Children can wear their own Christmasy clothes on Thursday 19th December ready for Hockham's Got Talent and the Christmas Fayre that is being organised by our Friend's committee after school on that day. They are asking children to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 22nd November in exchange for a donation of a bottle (containing things such as: eg: body wash, drinks, cooking items etc) and on Friday 6th December in exchange for a sweet or chocolate treat. Please drop your donations off in the playground on your way into school. Thank you.

Finally, we will finish the Autumn term with a Whole School Christmas Celebration in Holy Trinity Church, where all classes will sing some songs and share some poems. This will be at 2.15pm and children can be collected directly from the Church if parents or carers can attend.



Polite reminders

Children in EYFS and KS1 already receive fruit every day through the government fruit scheme and will have this at playtime. Children in KS2 may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to have as a snack at playtime. Please check this is all you send in for them to eat at playtime and that they save the rest of their lunch for lunchtime. Thank you.

Packed lunches: Please ensure you pack nut free sandwich fillings and other items as we have some children with severe nut allergies in school. Also please remember that sweets are not allowed in packed lunches. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

November

Monday 18th November: KS1 Football Festival

Tuesday 19th November @ 9am-10am: Year 3 Writing café

Wednesday 20th November @ 9am-10am: Year 4 Writing café

Thursday 21st November: Neurodiversity Day – **2.30pm -3.15pm:** Parent session on ASD and ADHD

Friday 22nd November: Own clothes in exchange for a donation of bottle

Tuesday 26th November @ 9am-9.40am: Reception Writing café

Wednesday 27th November @ 9am -10am: Year 5 Writing café

Thursday 28th November @ 9am-10am: Year 6 Writing café

Friday 29th November: Music Enrichment Day

December

Monday 2nd December – Friday 6th December: Sugar collection

Friday 6th December: Own clothes in exchange for a chocolate or sweet treat

Thursday 12th December @ 9am: Parent Forum

Friday 13th December: EYFS/ KS1 Nativity (please see separate letter for details)

Tuesday 17th December: Cooking own Christmas Dinner – wear Christmas jumpers with uniform

Thursday 19th December: Hockham's Got Talent - Children to wear Christmassy Clothes

Thursday 19th December @ 3.30pm: Friend's Christmas Fayre

Friday 20th December: Last day of the Autumn Term

Friday 20th December @ 2.15pm: Whole School Christmas Celebration at Holy Trinity Church

January

Tuesday 7th January 2025: First day of the Spring term

Have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

Mrs L Hazard – Headteacher.