



GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

NEWSLETTER – Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 6/9/24	Week Ending 13/9/24	Week Ending 20/9/24
Rabbit Class	100%	100%	93.6%
Owl Class	92%	96.8%	96.4%
Deer Class	96.6%	100%	97.7%
Hedgehog Class	96.7%	97%	95.3%

We are really impressed with all year groups and the superb attitudes to learning they are showing us in all areas of the curriculum. We are seeing so many pupils showing us that they are creative, caring and daring on a daily basis, which is a fantastic start to the new year. Nursery children have joined us and have settled in so well, following new routines, confidently exploring the environment and making new friends. The children seem happy and confident in their new classes and are really engaged in their learning. We can't wait to see the fantastic progress they are going to make this term.

Enrichment Days / Pop up clubs

We cannot offer as many afterschool clubs this year as we have in previous years therefore, we are organising enrichment days each term, to ensure all children have a broad and balanced curriculum with lots of exciting opportunities to learn new skills. This term we will have a music enrichment day, where we are inviting a drummer into school to lead workshops with each class. The children will experience a whole day of other musical activities, including some singing, using percussion instruments and playing some tuned instruments, performing to others and listening to and appreciating different styles of music. We would like to thank our wonderful Friends committee who will be funding our enrichment days each term.

Staff and some children in Hedgehog class will also be leading pop up clubs each term, which will be during lunchtime once a week. These will offer a range of activities for the children to try.

Mr Johnson, from Premier Sports, also joins us every Thursday and leads different sporting activities during lunchtime play for the children to enjoy.

Writing Café

Following the success of our Maths and Wellbeing cafés last year, later this term we will be leading writing cafés. We feel it will be really beneficial for parents to understand how we teach writing at Great Hockham so that you can support your children further at home, in developing their writing skills. These will follow a slightly different model to previous cafés, with parents or carers being invited into their child's classroom, one year group at a time from Reception to Year 6, to watch the teacher teach the lesson and then you will be able to support your child during their independent writing task. These will take place after half term and will hopefully help you in understanding how we teach writing. We are mindful that some of you will not be able to attend due to work commitments so we will ensure your child works in a small group with the teaching assistant. Dates to follow shortly.

Jeans for Genes

Thank you to everyone who has supported the charity and has made a donation so far, it is really kind of you – we have currently raised £75! If you would still like to donate here is the link: [Just Giving – Jeans for Genes](#)

Reminders

Please only send water in your child's water bottle for them to drink during the school day to stay hydrated. If they have a packed lunch you can add other, non fizzy drinks to that. Many thanks.

Dates for your Diary

October

Friday 4th October @ 2pm: SEND café

Friday 18th October @ 2.15pm: Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Great Hockham

Monday 21st October @ 8.40-8.55: Rabbit Homework Celebration

Tuesday 22nd October @ 8.40-8.55: Owl Homework Celebration

Wednesday 23rd October @ 8.40 – 8.55: Deer Homework Celebration

Thursday 24th October @ 8.40 – 8.55: Hedgehog Homework Celebration

Thursday 24th October – Break up for Half term holiday

November

Tuesday 5th November – Return to school

Enjoy the weekend, hopefully you can all make the most of this glorious September weather we are having.

Have a restful weekend.

Best Wishes

Lisa Hazard

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Headteacher