



NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term - Newsletter 1

Monday 5th November 2018

We have had a very busy term so far and are already beginning to look forward to Christmas! It was good to see so many parents attending the teacher/parent consultations before half term and hope that you found it a useful experience. We are always keen to work with you to support your child so with this in mind we have set up a Parent Council. The Council consists of representative parents from each year group and they met for the first time last half term. Their names and photos are on display in both the lower and upper school so please have a chat with them if there is anything you wish them to raise on your behalf.

Another opportunity for parents in Years 2 to 6 to see what your child is doing in class happens on Thursday 8th November when we hold our Open Classrooms event. Reception Come and Play Session takes place on Tuesday 20th November, the Nursery Come and Play Session on Thursday 13th December and Year 1 Come and Play Session on Friday 14th December. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at this event so that your child can share their learning with you.

There will also be Christmas performances taking place later this term, details of which will be sent out nearer the time. It is always delightful to see the children on the stage in their costumes and we look forward to welcoming you into school to share this event with us.

L. Blowfield

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme for Collective Worship for this half term is Peace.

LUNCH MONEY

Polite reminder - Lunches are charged at £2.25 per day for children in Years 3-6.

Lunch money is to be paid in advance, preferably on a Monday morning for the week ahead. Our preferred payment method is via sQuid, any payments made by cash/cheque should be put in a sealed envelope, with the child's name, amount, and description clearly marked on the front. Envelopes should be posted in the office post box, which is emptied daily.

Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be visiting us on **WEDNESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER** to take individual and family group photographs.



Please ensure that your children wear their school sweatshirts on that day.

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS

Year 6 Hollowford
(30th October - 2nd November 2018)
Full and final payment is now due.

Year 5 Holt Hall
(3rd - 5th April 2019)
Final payment by Friday 1st March 2019.

SEPARATED PARENTS

If parents are not living together, we are able to provide additional copies of the main school newsletter and pupil reports to the parent who does not live at the home address of a pupil. If you would like to request this information, please pass your contact details to the School Office.

DICTIONARIES FOR LIFE

On Tuesday 25th September Year 6 were visited by Robin Twigge of the Harleston Rotary Club who kindly gave out personalised dictionaries to each child as a gift.

We would like to thank the Rotary Club for their generosity once again.

ASTHMA REGISTER UPDATE

If you have not already returned your child's asthma/inhaler forms to school, please send back to ensure that pupils who use inhalers receive the best possible treatment at all times.

EMERGENCY CONTACT UPDATE FORMS

Please ensure that all forms have been returned to school to enable pupil records to be updated.



If you have not yet registered for sQuid or are experiencing any problems with the registration process, please contact the School Office.

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

CHILDREN'S ABSENCES - In the event of your child missing a day at school, it is very important that you telephone the school before 9.00am with the reason for absence. Please ring the normal school telephone number and select option one, where a message can be left at anytime 24 hours a day. As part of our attendance procedures, we will ring you if we have not heard from you. If we are not made aware of the reason for the absence, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence on your child's record.



LATE ARRIVALS - If your child arrives at school late, they must be taken to the school office to be signed in the Log of Late Arrivals. If you know that your child will be late because of an appointment and will require a hot dinner or school packed lunch, please let the School Office know in advance.

NAMING OF BELONGINGS - Pupils are responsible for their own belongings at all times when in school. Please ensure that ALL belongings (including all items of clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles, wallets and purses) are clearly labelled with the pupil's name. Personal possessions and jewellery should be left at home.

HEAD LICE - Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for head lice in order to prevent an outbreak in school.

HEALTH & SAFETY - May we remind you that dogs should not be brought into the school grounds or school - the only exception to this would be for a registered guide dog.



NO SMOKING - Smoking, including E-cigarettes is not allowed on the school premises. This includes buildings, playgrounds, playing field and car park.

GATES - The two internal gates will be shut at 9am and opened again at 3pm, with the gate leading to Nursery also opening for the changeover time between morning and afternoon sessions.

SCOOTERS/BIKES - No bikes or scooters should be ridden on either of the playgrounds and the school play equipment should not be used before or after school.

FIRST ADMISSION TO SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2019

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, they are due to start school in a Reception class in September 2019 and you should apply to Norfolk County Council by 15th January 2019. You can apply online at www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk (website open between 28th September 2018 and 15th January 2019) or an application form can be obtained by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 0344 800 8020. Further information is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/admissions. Please ensure that you return a preference form directly to Norfolk County Council regardless of whether you have already registered with the school, have siblings attending the school or your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. *Applications received after 15th January 2019 will be treated as late and will have a lower priority than all on-time applications.*

RECEPTION OPEN SESSION

The school is holding an open session for those parents with children due for admission in Reception in September 2019 on Thursday 8th November 2018 9.30 am - 10.30 am.

If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 and are interested in finding out more about our school you are welcome to visit us and see it in action.

Please contact the school office on 01379 853211 or email office@harleston.norfolk.sch.uk to let us know that you may wish to attend.

Y3 - 6 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On Wednesday 17th October, over 70 pupils from KS2 attended the Cross Country Competition at Archbishop Sancroft High School, they were joined by pupils from Alburgh with Denton Primary and Pulham Primary Schools. Well done to everyone who took part in the event. 48 pupils from Harleston Primary School qualified for the next round to be held at Old Buckenham Country Park on Wednesday 7th November.

A coach has been provided and children attending the event at Old Buckenham Country Park should arrive at school as normal in the morning in their school uniform. Individual and Family photographs will be taken before the children leave for the competition.

TEXTILE RECYCLING BANK

Please note that we still have a textile recycle bank on site which is located near the refuse bins in the front visitor car park. Allowed items are clothes, paired shoes, belts and handbags in tied bags. As well as raising funds for the school, the textiles are either sent to developing countries or recycled within the UK. For safety reasons, we would ask that you avoid using the bank during the busy times at the beginning and end of the school day. The school receives a contribution for each collection.

YEAR 5 - WEST STOW TRIP

On Thursday 11th October, the Year 5 children visited West Stow - an Anglo Saxon village, where the children walked in the footsteps of the Anglo Saxons, exploring the history of this era and the types of houses they would have lived in. All the children really enjoyed going there and looking round how the Anglo Saxons lived. In the museum, they explored artefacts and saw a real Saxon helmet, which they all got to try on. Some of the children even wore some Anglo Saxon clothing and hit the catwalk.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday 28th September 2018, the whole school joined together, at St John's Church in celebration of our annual Harvest Festival. Led by the pupils, children represented their year groups all focused around our chosen charity the 'Waveney Food Bank'. From Year 1 to Year 6, children celebrated in the form of singing, reading poetry, presenting facts and contributing food to the display at the front of the Church. Many thanks to all parents/carers who gave so generously and we are proud to be helping a very worthwhile cause that affects so many families and well done as always to our children.

SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday 31st October 2018 the ASHS Cluster swimming gala took place at Archbishop Sancroft High School Swimming Pool. Pupils from Year 4, 5 and 6 participated in the competition with pupils from Alburgh with Denton and Pulham Primary Schools.

The team competed in 4 events over the 25m distance; the events included Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. These events were followed by exciting team relays where the children enthusiastically cheered on their team mates. Throughout the gala there was some exciting races and brilliant swimming. Once the competition was complete a girl and a boy from each school was presented with a sportsmanship award to recognise the high level of determination/ encouragement they had shown throughout the competition.

Thank you to the three sports leaders from ASHS who helped on the day recording times. 7 pupils have now qualified to represent Harleston Primary Academy at the South Norfolk School Sport Competition at Wymondham Leisure Centre on Thursday 24th January 2019.

SNSSP KS2 GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Over 220 students from 26 teams took part in the SNSSP Girls Football competition at Goals on the 11th October. This was a fantastic Girls Football competition with record numbers of teams entering.

Harleston Primary Academy put forward two teams who took part in round robin tournaments against the other teams. Everyone played well and put in a lot of enthusiasm. The competition was close and Harleston only narrowly missed out on progressing to the next stage of the competition.

Well done to both teams from Harleston Primary!

WOOL DONATIONS

Knitting Club would gladly appreciate any donations of balls of wool. Please take any donations to the school office who will pass them on to Knitting Club.

Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NETBALL CLUB

Boys and Girls Years 3 to 6 - Friday 4.00 to 5.00pm Venue - Diss High School

Cost - £3 per session Run by qualified netball coaches

A fun and friendly club for those who just want to play netball!

Come along to play games; learn new netball drills; improve your fitness; agility and co-ordination; learn a new sport; make new friends and have some fun! Please contact Sam for further details at

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