



NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It is with much sadness that we must say goodbye to Mary Foreman, she has been an amazing Interim Headteacher. Mrs Foreman has worked tirelessly, making improvements all around the school. She has met many challenges since arriving at the school, not to mention those presented by Covid-19. Spending many days and hours writing risk assessments, organising pods and bubbles to keep everyone safe in school.

Keeping in touch with parents has been a priority whilst also meeting and greeting on the gate come rain or shine, feet sinking in mud, but still with a smile on her face. During her lunchbreaks Mrs Foreman has been assisting with lunchtime duties with Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Highlights include Collective Worship videos made by Mrs Foreman and Mr Richardson and the accompanying wildlife! We hope Mrs Foreman has enjoyed her time with us and we wish her all the best, and hope she enjoys a well earned break before her next challenge!

We look forward to welcoming our new Headteacher "Ms Hannah Holgate", who will be joining us on Monday 2nd November. Mrs Foreman will remain with us until Friday 6th November and she will be working together with Ms Holgate during the first week back after half term.

YEAR 3 VISITOR

Year 3 had a very special visitor, Mr Hamamin who kindly volunteered to come into school to talk about the Muslim religion as part of a Year 3 RE lesson. The children were so enthused by him and we would like to thank him for his time and for bringing our RE lesson to life!

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH THE HEADTEACHER

On Tuesday we celebrated some of our very special children, who consistently demonstrated an outstanding attitude towards learning and exemplary behaviour this half term. We hope they enjoyed their socially distanced morning with Mrs Foreman and their hot chocolate goody bag! Well done!

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Our theme for Collective Worship for next half term is Justice.

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

If you are having difficulty logging on to Google Classrooms at home, please notify the school office via MyEd. Thank you.

THE PASTORAL TEAM

The team consists of Alison Brown and Jason Mullen. We deal with a variety of issues within the school and are on hand to deal with any worries our children may have. We wanted to say that we are also here to offer support to families and are more than happy for anyone to get in touch with us at the school for an informal chat. Please feel free to contact us.

Alison and Jason

NURSERY ADMISSION

If your child was born between 01/09/2016 and 31/08/2017 they are eligible to join Harleston Primary Academy Nursery. The Nursery provides 3 hour sessions of teacher led Nursery provision 5 days a week, term time only. Children born between 01/09/16 and 31/12/17 would be eligible for a Nursery place in January 2021, and children born between 01/01/18 and 31/03/18 would be eligible for the April 2021 intake. Please contact the school office for a registration form or for further details.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

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| 2 nd Nov | BACK TO SCHOOL Chance to Shine Cricket (Year 3) |
| 10 th Nov | Hockey with Harleston Magpies (Year 3) |
| 11 th Nov | Hockey with Harleston Magpies (Year 4) |
| 13 th Nov | Children In Need |
| 17 th Nov | Hockey with Harleston Magpies (Year 5) |
| 18 th Nov | Hockey with Harleston Magpies (Year 6) |

HEADLICE

Please can we politely remind parent/carers to regularly check their children's hair for headlice and that treatment is given when necessary.

THE READING TREE CHALLENGE

Letters were sent home on Wednesday regarding the half term Reading Tree Challenge. Please check your children's bag for the letter.

When we return to school after half term we will be celebrating national "Non-Fiction November".

The theme for the first week will be 'The Planet We Share' and all classes will be enjoying lots of fun activities planned around this theme.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Please remember Children In Need will be on Friday 13th November. The theme for non-school uniform this year will be "Yellow Bear Wear". Collections buckets will be located on all entrance gates in the morning for donations.



POPPY APPEAL

Items will be on sale on behalf of the British Legion, from Tuesday 3rd November.



Suggested donations for items range from 50p to £1.50.

Thank you!

FRIENDS OF HARLESTON

Friends of Harleston Primary Academy would like to say thank you to all who donated money for non-school uniform day this week.

Friends are currently conducting their meetings via Zoom and are looking at creative ways to raise funds for the school. If you would be interested in joining the Friends of Harleston Primary Academy or assisting them with their fund raising events, please contact the school office via MyEd to register your interest.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The new School Council recently held their first meeting. The focus for the meeting was regarding which charities the school should support this year. It was decided that each council member will select a charity which to become the focus of a fund raising day for the whole school.

I am looking forward to our next meeting where all School Council members will be putting forward their suggestions and ideas for their chosen charity.

Mr Mullen, Chair of School Council

Norwich Castle - In the Museum

Half-term Activity Sheets, 23 - 31 October,

Grab a Get Curious bag at the museum entrance - for ages 3-6, make finger puppets and take them on a journey of discovery. For ages 7-11, create your own zine using the museum collections to inspire you

Alfred Cohen: New Horizons, until 14 March 2021

A new temporary display marking the centenary of the birth of artist Alfred Cohen (1920-2001) with a selection of works on loan from the Alfred Cohen Art Foundation and featuring the magnificent **Evening Sky – Wells (1991)** from Norwich Castle's collection. The exhibition also includes a new work to enter the collection, **Sloping Farm Building (1965)** which has been generously donated by the Foundation.

New Permanent Display: Blaschka, A Glassy Sea: Where Art Meets Science

During the 19th and early 20th centuries, Leopold and his son Rudolf Blaschka created crystal creatures that are at the crossroads between science and art. It's likely that their models were created by holding glass over a single flame, but no-one can be certain of this because the Blaschkas' techniques were a closely guarded secret, which died with them. Today, Blaschka models are very rare and despite only having 20 individual models, Norwich Castle has one of the most important Blaschka collections in the UK. The new display can be found just outside the Natural History Galleries.

Norwich Castle - Online

October Half-term: In the Picture... Out of the Dark, from 22 October.

Explore artist, Marc Chagall's fascinating world of colour and fantastical creatures in his painting 'L'Artiste dans son Atelier'. Find out what people of all ages feel about the painting in our YouTube video and see what the painting conjures up for you. You can share your thoughts with us too by sending us video or audio files. Continue an exploration of darkness, light and creating other worlds with our downloadable activity sheets (find them on Facebook or our website), Shadow, Colour and Chagall.

Castle Writers goes Digital, available now, with a new edition coming at the end of October 2020.

After a summer break, Castle Writers workshop is back with a brand-new creative writing resource. This month author and tutor Amanda Addison provides creative writing prompts for you to try at home using birds in the Norwich Castle collections as inspiration. All resources are free to download.

Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse - At the Museum

Awesome Autumn, Thursday 22 October - Sunday 1 November.

Explore nature with our fascinating animal trails, crafty wild weaving and adventurous woodland games. Are you up for the challenge of our pumpkin obstacle course? Plus don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for the Gressenhall scarecrows! Booking essential

Time and Tide - in the Museum

Where's the Wookie Trail and Design-a-Droid Goody Bags, available throughout half-term

The wookies have gone into hiding – find them all to join the Resistance. Then, create your own personal droid and explore the history of astronomy and space exploration with our space themed goody bag.

Time and Tide - Online

Herring Day Online – Monday 26 October

Bringing Herring Day to your front room – an online event day dedicated to our town's once busiest season. Join us on Facebook and Twitter for objects, photos and personal stories from the past.

Online Talk: May the Toys be with You, Friday 23 October, 11.30am

Join Matt Fox on a journey through his amazing collection of Star Wars toys and memorabilia. Explore how the iconic designs and artwork came to life through the films and beyond, to become some of the best-selling toys of all time. via Facebook Live

Strangers' Hall - Online

Stranger in Town - available throughout half-term

Undertake an interactive virtual quest (via Facebook or our website) through Norwich and discover the legacies of the people who have made the city their home; or embark on an adventure around Strangers' Hall with your guide Kat, to find his favourite things.

Museum of Norwich - Online

Ethel and Elfrida - Norwich a Century Ago, from 22 October

Turn back the clocks a century to follow the fortunes of two little girls who were born into very different families. Discover the stories of Elfrida and Ethel on Facebook.