

# HEMBLINGTON NEWS

Week beginning Monday 12th February 2024

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## Greetings

Last week was AMAZING! Pupils thoroughly enjoyed Children's Mental Health Week which included a fabulous 'Express Yourself' non-uniform day.

This week as we move towards half term, it is the turn of the Year 3 and 4 girls Football squad to show their skills, there are parent and teacher consultations scheduled and a non uniform day on Friday organised by the Friends.

### Be Responsible

Swallow and Kingfisher Classes behaved responsibly when they visited the Time and Tide Museum.

### Be Ready

Following their learning in Mental Health Week pupils are ready to look after the mental health.

### Be Respectful

Kestrel Class were very respectful when they visited Dussindale Primary on Friday.

### Be Resilient

Key Stage 1 boys showed great resilience at the NCFC football event.

## Clubs

We are thrilled to confirm the following clubs will be on offer next half term: Monday - gardening or art, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Premier Sport and on Tuesday Chess club. For gardening, art and chess, please sign your child up using the Arbor Parent Portal.

## Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop

We apologise for the inconvenience, but due to a drop in tuck shop sales, it is no longer cost effective for Aspens to provide the daily Tuck Shop for Key Stage 2. Consequently, we will be bringing the Tuck Shop in house, where pupils will have the option to buy raisins or an apple from the school office at break time, on a daily basis. Alternatively, parents can provide their children with a piece of fruit or vegetable at break time. This change does not effect Key Stage 1 who have their daily fruit or vegetable supplied by the DFE SDV Vegetable Scheme.



**Be The Best You Can**

**Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready**

## School Lunches

The new menu for after half term is now on the [school website](#). Please note we return on Week 2 with pork sausage hot dog as the main and orders must be placed via [Arbor Parent Portal](#)

## Parent Forum

The Parent Forum with Mrs Norgate and Miss Brugger met on the 31st January with parent representations from Years R, 2 and 4. The following points were raised, discussed and acted upon:

- Staff to ensure water is readily available throughout the day to improve the pupil intake and that hard fruit for snack is cut up. Parents and Carers advised to raise specifics at upcoming parent teacher consultations.
- Dissatisfaction with School Lunches since Aspens have taken over. Parents were advised to email the school their specific concerns so they could be forwarded to the group/area manager. The new menu was shared and it was agreed it was an improvement, although there were still no fruit juices with pack lunches.
- Discussion about Ofsted. The school is aiming for good at the next **full** inspection as all actions have been met; however, it was explained if a monitoring visit took place the grade couldn't be changed.
- Following parents contacting the Road Safety Team at Norfolk County Council traffic is being monitored
- First aid training for children will be organised. The Air Ambulance team will be approached.
- Pupils who achieved ambassador status at the end of last academic year will have a special lunch with members of the leadership team
- The quality of fruit through the DFE School Fruit and Vegetable School has been raised with the providers and has improved, despite their delivery moving to once a week.
- It was clarified only fresh fruit and vegetables will be available from the school tuck shop.
- Where possible, more notice and information will be given about upcoming educational visits and sports trips as often there is specific criteria for the latter.
- Once all checks have been completed, there will be a new member of staff working in the office in the afternoons, which may assist parents who need to get in touch during the day.

## World Book Day

On Thursday, 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. As part of our celebrations, we are inviting all children (and staff) to dress up as a book character.

We would also like to invite the children to take part in our annual competition. This year, it is to create a character from a favourite book using a potato as your base. You can use anything you wish to decorate your potato, the more inventive the better! You could use pens, paint, fabric, lollipop sticks, etc. There will be a prize per class.

Please bring your potato in on Wednesday, 6th March so that winners can be announced on World Book Day. We can't wait to see what ideas you come up with.



# YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL



Congratulations to the pupils from Year 1 and Year 2 who represented the school at the NCFE Festival. The children showed excellent skills and sportsmanship. Here are some of the results:

vs Norwich Primary Acadant 8 - 1 win

vs Browick 12 - 0 win

vs Rackheath 7- 4 loss

vs Mile Cross 9 - 0 win

vs Dussindale 11 - 0 win



# TIME AND TIDE TRIP SWALLOWS



# TIME AND TIDE TRIP KINGFISHERS



# FANTASTIC LEARNING



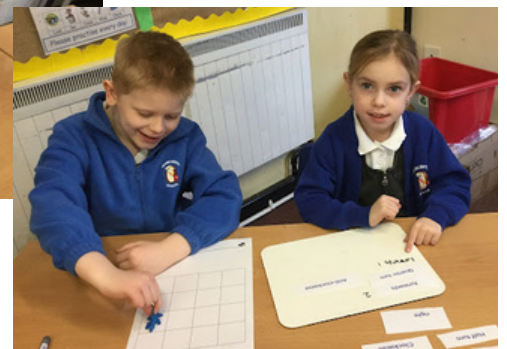
Cygnets have been learning about numbers to 8. They played a fun matching game where they used their counting skills to count the spots on ladybirds.

Swan class investigated which material was best for a lego house roof. The children are using some amazing scientific language.



Eagles have worked very hard in art this week to create their own collaborative piece 'Skullerfly at Hemblington'. This artwork has been inspired by Rich Simmons.

Robins have been learning about movement and turns in maths and worked with real objects and a grid to help them understand instructions like clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter turn, three quarter turn and half turn.



# Fostering Opportunity

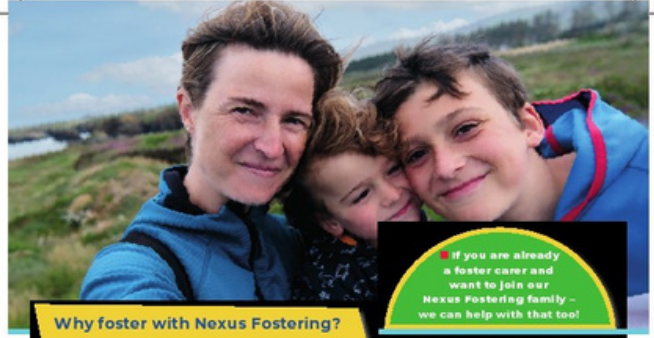


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## Spring Fair

Saturday 2 March 2024

**Gifts Galore for Mother's Day, Easter or a March Birthday!**

11am-3pm  
South Site Hall  
Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form,  
Laundry Lane, NR7 0XS. Free entry

If you're a stallholder and would like to join us at our indoor event, please email Graham at [thorpefriends@gmail.com](mailto:thorpefriends@gmail.com) for more details.

Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School is a registered charity, no. 276049

Facebook: Friends of Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form Norwich

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### NEW VENUE LAUNCH

Join us for high quality, small group, weekly swimming lessons at Langley Grange pool

- Preschool
- Parent & Baby
- School age Lessons
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**STARTING AFTER FEB HALF TERM**

# REMINDERS

## **School Uniform**

Pupils are expected to wear a royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo, white polo shirt, black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt with grey or white tights or socks and plain black, flat shoes with a good sole grip. Blue and white gingham dresses are also permitted. Your child's teacher will confirm when the class are learning PE and on these days children are expected to attend in their house colour t-shirt, black shorts, dark colour trainers and the navy school logo sweatshirt or black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please note all clothing must be plain or showing the school logo. For health and safety reasons, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back at all times in school.

## **School Day**

The site opens at 8.30 am and the doors at 8.35 am. The gates close at 8.45 am as this is registration. Any child arriving after 8.45 am will need to enter by the main office. In the afternoon the gates open at 3.05 pm ready for Reception to be collected at 3.10 pm and Year 1-6 at 3.15 pm.

## **White Rose App**

Within school, we use White Rose Maths and they have released a free app called '1-Minute Maths' to help children to practise at home. The app is aimed at children in Reception and Key Stage 1 so if you have children in those year groups please download the app and encourage your child to have a go!

## **Parking**

Parents and carers are reminded to be considerate of local residents at the start and end of the school day. Please use Heathlands or the Tamarind for parking before and after school.

## **Clubs**

Please click this link for a list of [Athletics Clubs in Norfolk](#).

## **MSA vacancies - Can you help?**

We currently have vacancies for permanent and bank Midday Supervisor Assistants at Hemblington Primary School. If you are interested in applying for the role or want to know more, please contact

Mrs Norgate/Miss Brugger via the office email: [office-hp@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-hp@yare-edu.org.uk)

## **Lost Property**

Please name all items of clothing so it can be returned to pupils. Unnamed items will be kept in the box by the corridor down to the hall.



## **Guide for parents worried about Neurodiversity Differences/Additional Needs**

This NHS [guide](#) (on the SEND page of the school website) signposts families to resources and services to support you on your journey as well as useful information about training, EHCPs and help with sleep and mental health difficulties. Please reach out to these services for help.

### **Hedgehogs - Breakfast and After School Club**

Breakfast club sessions run from 7:30am to 8:35 am and cost £6. A choice of cereals and toast are available. After school sessions run from 3:20pm to 6:00pm and cost £12. All children are provided with a school snack pack. Sessions currently take place in the Owlery. To book a session please email: [head-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:head-ds@yare-edu.org.uk)

### **School Governance - Can you help?**

The Governing Body of Hemblington and Dussindale Primary Schools currently have vacancies for parent representation from each site. As volunteers, school governors carry out a valuable role in supporting and constructively challenging our schools in the best interests of pupils. If you would be interested in this role and want to know more - please email [head-ds@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:head-ds@yare-edu.org.uk)

### **Norwich Science Fair**

Ahead of science week in March, Norwich Science Fair has lots of free events for families in February. Visit this [link](#) to find out more.

### **Dyslexia Awareness Parent/Carer Workshops**

<b>Weds 27 Mar 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<b>Making Learning Stick (all ages)</b> - The workshop will explore what working memory is, as well as many ways for you to support your child with working memory skills to help increase their confidence and ability when reading, writing, doing arithmetic or studying for exams.	£10 per person
<b>Thurs 2 May 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<b>Supporting Maths Difficulties (all ages)</b> - The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
<b>Tues 18 Jun 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<b>Reading/Spelling Strategies (primary age)</b> – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing reading and spelling, and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person

To book your place please click [here](#)

Please contact Laura Bates for further information or to book a place at:  
[dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org) or telephone 01603 860505 ex 239

# DIARY DATES

- Monday 12th February - Kestrels to Coding event at Thorpe St Andrews High School
- Monday 12th February - Year 3/4 Girls Football event with NCFE
- Tuesday 13th February - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children - please note this is a date change
- Thursday 15th February - Year R Vision and Hearing test
- Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February - Parent Teacher Consultation Evening
- Friday 16th February - Valentine Dress Down Day - Friends event
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term
- Thursday 29th February - Karate Taster sessions
- Friday 1st March - Swallows Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale
- Tuesday 5th March - Swan Class to Time and Tide Museum
- Wednesday 6th March - Fencing taster day and World Book Day potato book characters brought into school
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - Dress up as a book character
- Thursday 7th March - Mini Upper School mixed football tournament at Hillside Avenue
- Friday 8th March - 100 Square Draw - Friends event
- Wednesday 13th March - Parent Forum
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief TBC
- Monday 18th March - Class photos and leavers photos
- Wednesday 20th March - Year 5 Wicked trip
- Friday 22nd March - Hemblington Preschool Easter Fayre in school hall
- Monday 25th March - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children
- Thursday 28th March - Trust INSET day, school closed
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays
- Thursday 2nd May Bikeability Years 3 and 4
- Friday 3rd May - Kestrels Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale
- Monday 6th May - Bank holiday Monday
- Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs week
- Monday 20th May - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children
- Monday 20th May - Wednesday 22nd May - Year 4/5 residential to How Hill
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half term
- Friday 7th June - Eagles Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale
- Week beginning 10th June - Year 1 phonics screening
- Wednesday 12th June - 6 pm Prospective Year R parents meeting
- Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th June - Year 6 residential to Hautbois
- Monday 24th June - Year 3/4 football
- Tuesday 8th July - Robins to Time and Tide Museum tbc
- Wednesday 9th July - Transition Day
- Friday 12th July - Friends 'Dress down day - summer theme
- Monday 15th July - Year 5/6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 16th July - Year 5/6 Bikeability
- Wednesday 17th July - Year 5/6 Bikeability, Thursday 18th July - Year 5/6 Bikeability