



★ **Heacham Infant and Junior School** ★ **Snettisham Primary** ★

"Learning together to explore, discover, succeed and grow - love of learning, bright and happy futures"

1st October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting start to term!

Term has started with a bang with children excited to be involved in their new learning themes and to be with their classmates and teachers. Forest school is very popular and Emily has worked her



socks off to make sure all children have access to her skills. We must thank Smithdon and Springwood who are offering sixth form students to help us and are lending us a minibus regularly to transport Snettisham children to the Junior site. If parents want to attend a session then please ask your teacher if this is possible. You will need to transport yourself to the site.

Parent View Links

Thank you if you were able to attend one of our parent's forums across the schools. These were well attended and we discussed issues around progress, behaviour and quality teaching and learning. I ask families to take a moment and log onto Ofsted Parent View. This is a good way for us to see your views – and help make your school better. Here is the link.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>



Targets for Age Related Expectations

At the recent parent forums across schools, you showed a clear interest in knowing more about our curriculum and what children are expected to learn at each age. We are introducing target sheets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics with Age Related Expectations (ARE) that are stuck in books and used to show progress. Through the year the targets will be highlighted and by the end of the year most will be met. This is good progress ! Ask to see them at parents evenings (or any time you want actually) so you can see how your child is learning and progressing. A copy of each year groups Age Related Expectations is available on the websites.



Safeguarding Update 2018- Contact Numbers

We have just revised our Safeguarding Policy for Child Protection Sept 2018 in light of the changes made to the government guidelines in *Keeping Children Safe In Education 2018*. The guidelines state that schools must collect two different contact numbers for each child in case of an emergency. Please make sure you have given us two different working mobiles/landlines. Our updated policies with details for each school can be found on the website.

Homework Policy

We are developing a new homework policy across schools which should be in place by half term- the policy will have one piece of English learning set each week and one piece of Maths (with the week to complete) You are also able to read with/to your child each day – discussing what the words mean, the characters and predicting the storylines. Teachers will also be asking children to complete a learning project at home.

Attendance 2018/19

Our aim is to improve our attendance at each school so that our children enjoy more school than the national average. The National Average for attendance at school is 97% for school age pupils (YR-Y6) and currently all schools have attendance that is lower. Currently Snettisham Primary has better attendance than Heacham Schools both overall last year and this year to date – well done Snettisham !

School	Attendance Last year 2017/18	Attendance to date 2018/19	Target 2018/19
Snettisham Primary	95.92%	97.09%	97%
Heacham Infant	95.5%	96.82%	96%
Heacham Junior	95.1%	96.93%	97%

We will invite families into school for attendance target meetings if children are falling behind with attendance (<92%) and their progress in learning. Typically children that have lower attendance have lower progress at school and the meetings will aim to support you and your child.

We may also ask you for medical evidence if your child has lower attendance and has frequent illness. Please don't be offended – this is just good practise for schools. Medical letters, appointment cards, prescribed medicines can all count as evidence.

Holidays should be requested through a letter to the Headteacher –we do not authorise holidays in term time though very occasionally an exception is made.



Family Workshops and Open School Events – Wednesday 10th October 8.45-10.00am

There are many opportunities for you to come into school and learn about our learning this term! The workshop events for mathematics are well underway and have been very popular. Please let us know how you find these events and what you would like to see in the future.

Remembrance Concert at Springwood High School – November 12th 6pm

Letters will be sent soon to some KS2 families to invite them to a Trust School Choir event which has been organised by our Trust. Children who are showing singing talent and eager enthusiasm will be having specialist teaching from Hayley Roberts who is a Springwood Music Teacher. The choirs will perform a Remembrance event at Springwood. We hope we can film this and pop it on our websites for all families to enjoy. We can also show the film to other children at school.

Christmas Performances in December – 17th December 1.30pm

We are drafting in some dates with Rev Wilson for each schools Christmas performance. These dates will be confirmed after half term so families can book time to attend.



Dates for Diaries Autumn Term 2018.

3 rd Oct	West Stow Visit (Ash and Birch Class)
8 th Oct	School Photographs (Individual/Family groups)
12 th Oct	PTA AGM 3.05pm ~ Halls Room
12 th Oct	Kwik Sticks Hockey Tournament ~ King's Lynn
12 th Oct	Music Workshop ~ Classical Music Rocks
16 th Oct	Harvest Festival ~ Snettisham Church ~1.30pm
18 th ~ 26 th Oct	HALF TERM
31 st Oct & 1 st Nov	Parents' Evenings
31 st Oct	PTA Halloween Cake Stall
20 th Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisations (YrR-6)
28 th Nov	Governing Body Meeting 5pm
3 rd Dec	Lighting of Christmas Lights ~ Snettisham Village
7 th Dec	Christmas Fair ~ 2pm-4pm
11 th Dec	Panto ~ Princess Theatre ~ Hunstanton
12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
13 th Dec	Christmas Disco ~ 4-5.30pm Willow & Oak / 5.30-7pm Ash & Birch
17 th Dec	Carol Service/Nativity ~ Snettisham Church ~ 1.30pm
18 th Dec	Last day of school ~ End of term
3 rd Jan	Back to school ~ Start of term