



# Snettisham Primary School Newsletter

## Autumn 2022

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Dear families

Another brilliant start to the year with our Good ofsted report published in September. We are so proud of all our pupils, staff and families. We have continued to develop our knowledge rich curriculum this term by promoting excellent learning behaviours, developing music and celebrating arts. Everyone is really settled in their class - we think move up and stay up has helped this transition.

We have two new Chairs for our Local Governing Body across Heacham and Snettisham as Mr Gee has stepped down to focus on other pursuits. I would like to thank Andy for everything he has done for our school over the years. Our new Chair Representatives are Barbara Herring and Kirsty Kerr. We are delighted to welcome them on board. Barbara will be known to many of you as she has children at Snettisham. Kirsty is a parent of children at Heacham and former staff member.

Another big thank you to our Friends Committee who work tirelessly through the school term and holiday to support our lovely school. The cake stall for Halloween was a triumph! We are lucky to have you all on board.

*Louise Jackson, Emma Hunt & Clare Enters*



### Lunch Menu

The summer menu is available to view on our website

<https://www.snettishamprimary.co.uk>

Vegan, Gluten/Dairy/Egg-free versions  
available on request.



### Term Dates:

Please note that our term dates are not the same as those published by Norfolk County Council.

Please see our website for further information.

**Last day of Term is Thurs 20/10/22.**

**Children return on Mon 31/10/22.**

## Our Learning

### WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have had a fantastic first half term in Reception! They have settled well into routines and have made fantastic progress with their learning! We have focused our knowledge sessions around 'All About Me'. We have learnt about our bodies, our families, our feelings and how to stay healthy. We walked around our village to identify different homes, tasted different fruits and veg and took part in a teeth-brushing session to learn how to take care of our teeth! Our 'Read, Write, Inc' sessions have introduced us to all our single letter sounds and we are beginning to learn to blend to read simple words. We have loved learning our class story 'Finding a Friend'.





## Our Learning (cont'd)

### OAK CLASS

Oak Class have had a very busy start to the school year! We've learned about how artists use colour and shape in paintings and also how visual texture is created. In Music we found out that songs can help us to make friends and have fun together. We also learned 2 notes on the recorder and played these when performing our songs. We've also journeyed out of the classroom, walking around Snettisham, looking at human and physical features, before creating our own maps of the village. The KS1 sports festival was a big highlight of our half term. On a sunny Thursday we travelled to Lynn Sport and practised our running, gymnastics, football, hockey, netball and squash skills. It was great fun! Lots of great learning and fun so far this half term, but a final huge well done to Oak Class for a combined read of over 200 reads of their reading books so far this half term. We are working really hard to reach our 1000 reads target. Happy Reading!





## Our Learning (cont'd)

### ASH CLASS

Ash Class have got off to a flying start with their learning this term.

History- They have been learning about Anglo Saxons and Vikings. They learned that Viking ships were designed to sail in shallow waters so they could invade and raid easily. They had animals such as dragons carved in their ships to intimidate people.

Geography- learning about our local area. Looked at the old train station and where Snettisham is on a map.

Science- Classifying animals. Looking at the difference between cold and warm blooded animals.

English- Created their own portal stories in their hot write.

They have also been producing some amazing art work with Miss Scott, looking at light. This will be on display in the church this weekend as part of the Art and Craft Festival, do pop along if you can!



### BIRCH CLASS

What a busy time Birch Class have had this half-term! We have printed some beautiful William Morris inspired artwork from scratch, using reduction printing technique and have thoroughly enjoyed learning to play the glockenspiel! Our Birchlings are brilliant mathematicians and have worked hard in order to master long division, short division and use all four operations fluently. The entire class have carried out a total of six science experiments this half-term, observing how particles behave, how chemical and physical changes occur and whether these changes are reversible or irreversible. We have just begun learning about some inspirational women of the 20th Century and very much look forward to next term's English unit, exploring suffrage. Oh, and our Times Table Rock Stars progress has been excellent! I look forward to checking the leaderboard again after half-term!

## Attendance Matters



98-100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excellent - Children are accessing all learning opportunities</li></ul>
96-97%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good - Very few learning opportunities are missed</li></ul>
94-95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk of underachievement</li><li>• Up to 10 school days absent in an academic year</li></ul>
92-93%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High risk of underachievement</li><li>• Up to 15 school days absent in an academic year</li></ul>
90-92%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Severe risk of underachievement</li><li>• Upwards of 22 school days absent in the academic year</li></ul>
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### The importance of good attendance

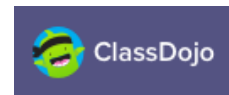
The Government strives for every pupil to achieve 97% attendance. Every day away from school is a day away from learning and this can have an impact on a child's education and future accomplishments.

We want every child to enjoy school and achieve their potential in education and life beyond. We are always here to talk through any issues and help find solutions. Parents are always a phone call away if a child is too ill to continue their day, please encourage them to try to give the day a go, children often feel much better once they are in class.

The Government has issued new attendance guidance and targets to all schools, you may receive regular texts informing you of the number of days that your child has been absent in a term/year. The Government hope that this personal approach will make parents more aware of how the odd day adds up and help keep you informed.

**Health Support & Advice  
for children and young people**  
<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>  
**0300 300 0123**

The Just One Norfolk website has refreshed its look and is now offering a range of new and updated features to enable families access to safe, accessible and up to date information, advice and self-care support through their parenthood journey - <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>



<https://home.classdojo.com>

We continue to use Class Dojo as our main communication tool to keep you informed and post homework etc. - it has proved to be very successful. If you would like a second parent to have access, please email their name along with their email address to [office@snettishamprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@snettishamprimary.co.uk) and we will add them to your child's account.

If you have a matter you wish to discuss with our Headteacher Ms Jackson, or our Deputy Head, Mrs Hunt, please make an appointment with the staff in the school office and we will be very happy to chat to you. We want everyone to feel welcome in our school and also to ensure that the children's safety, learning and happiness are always our priority. ☺

Don't forget to let us know if any of your contact numbers or addresses change during the holidays. Please inform the office staff ([office@snettishamprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@snettishamprimary.co.uk)) if your emergency contact information changes or if either parent moves house or changes phone numbers. It is very important that we are able to contact someone in case of an emergency.



### Reading

We love reading at Snettisham Primary School! Children should be reading everyday and recording this reading in their school planners. Teachers check school planners at least weekly to make sure children are reading their books at home. This could be reading on their own, to someone else or even to a pet! It really is so important and helps your children make great progress in their learning across all subjects.



### Times tables

We have recently started using a new and exciting resource for learning our times tables: Times Table Rockstars! All children should have their login and be using this regularly. It is a really addictive site - teachers are also using it (and getting very competitive)! Children can practise the times tables they need to work on, enter the 'studio' to improve their speed and even challenge their friends or teachers to 'rock slam' times table battles!



### Parents' Evenings

We are holding our Parents' evenings w/c 31/10/22. These will once again be via telephone (or zoom if requested) Please see the recent Dojo Post/text.

Please email [office@snettishamprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@snettishamprimary.co.uk) with your preferred date (either 1st or 3rd November) and whether you would like an earlier appointment before 5pm or later, after 5pm. **Please remember that the school office will be closed until 31<sup>st</sup> October but we will get back to you then to confirm your allocated time.**



## Vouchers for Free School Meal Eligible Pupils – October 2022 to March 2023

Support has been extended for the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023 for pupils eligible for means-tested Free School Meals (FSM). Families who are eligible for Free School Meals will receive Edenred vouchers to the value of £15 per month per child with an additional £30 voucher in December. The Vouchers can be spent at many major retailers including supermarkets.

**Families in hardship and needing wider support** In addition to the offer of FSM vouchers for eligible families, there is support available for families who are facing hardship and need support. Anyone experiencing hardship may be able to receive support through the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS), which may be able to provide support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to families experiencing hardship. Families may get in touch with NAS via their website which includes an online application form, or they can call **0344 800 8020**.

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

### Have your circumstances changed recently? You may be eligible for Free School Meals.

The school receives funding for each child who comes under Pupil Premium (including free school meals), so it is worth applying even if you don't have school meals!! You can apply online

<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk?fbclid=IwAR181hWbnsrWnVeC-KZ31j-HffFmGLwKL7zsv9QVbkEfY1uKETvz0cDSlcQ>



# We Are Moving!

**From 26<sup>th</sup> October we will now  
be at the Town Hall in the  
Community Hub  
From 10am – 12.00noon**

*As our world changes we are here to  
address Food Wastage but now also Food  
Poverty. The Community Fridge is here for  
all and to help those in need.*



\* Subject to changes \*

## Term Dates 2022-2023

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Key: White dates – school open to pupils  
Orange dates – pupil holiday  
Purple dates – staff training day  
Red dates – bank holiday

Staff training days are:  
Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd September, Friday 21st October, 3rd January and Monday 17th April

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS - Term Dates 2023-2024

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Staff training days are – Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September, Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 28th March 2024 as whole training days.  
Monday 22nd July 2024 is disaggregated.