



# GREAT HOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

## NEWSLETTER – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Attendance

Weekly Attendance	Week Ending 13/9/24	Week Ending 20/9/24	Week Ending 27/9/24	Week Ending 4/10/24
Rabbit Class	100%	93.6%	97.7%	98.3%
Owl Class	96.8%	96.4%	93.2%	93.6%
Deer Class	100%	97.7%	99.3%	98%
Hedgehog Class	97%	95.3%	89.3%	84.3%

### Harvest Collection

This year we have become a Watton Food Hub Referral Partner. Since opening in March 2023, Watton Food Hub has managed to help hundreds of people across the Wayland area. Working with local businesses and organisations, such as Nourishing Norfolk, to ensure aid is provided to those who need it. Jo and the Watton Food Hub team work hard to ensure the Food Hub is easy to access and is a comfortable experience for all.

It is based at Watton Community Centre on Harvey Street, IP25 6EB and is open on Tuesday: 12.30-14.30, Wednesday: 16.30 -18.30 (Only the first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month) and Thursday: 9.30-12.00.

We would like to send our Harvest donations here this year to support the local community. Please could you donate 'cupboard essentials' such as tinned fish, tinned meat, pasta, rice, beans, biscuits, cereal, UHT milk, coffee and tea. Also other products such as hand wash, body wash, bleach and sanitary products are required. Please drop them off to a box in the foyer by the school office over the next two weeks, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. All donations will be greatly received, thank you for supporting the local community.

### Friend in Deed

Great Hockham is becoming involved with the local charity Friend in Deed. It is a charity that works in Norfolk and the surrounding areas to connect people of all ages through activities, visits and events. They promote kindness as a way to stop loneliness and isolation. We will be linked to Coronation House, a care home in Thetford for elderly people. Some of the residents will visit us at the end of October and the children will sing to them and then spend some time talking to them.

Jo from the charity led an assembly earlier in the week and we discussed why some older people have to live in care homes rather than independently in their own home. We talked about how much the residents enjoy spending time with children, talking to them, doing craft activities or playing board games with them to help combat feelings of loneliness. Later in the term a group of children will also visit Coronation House to sing and play board games with the residents. Some children will also write to the residents and send some artwork to brighten up their environment.

We think this will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to connect with older people and through being kind and giving up a bit of their time, will have a really positive impact on the lives of residents of Coronation House.

## Writing Café

The Writing Cafés will be in November on different dates between 9am -10am for years 1-6, with Reception's session being slightly shorter and led in the hall. Parents or Carers should come into school via the school office so that they can sign in. Unfortunately younger siblings cannot attend these sessions as it would be too disruptive within the class. You will be invited into the classroom at 9am to join your child in their English lesson. You will see how the teacher teaches writing and then be able to support your child with their writing task.

The dates will be as follows:

Year 1: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am.

Year 2: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am.

Year 3: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am.

Year 4: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am.

Reception: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 9am-9.40am.

Year 5: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 9am -10am.

Year 6: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am.

Please email the school office to let us know if someone can attend and who it is that will be attending for each child. Many thanks.

## The Friends Bake Sale

The Friends are holding a bake sale after school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October to raise funds. Baked donations are appreciated.

## Dates for your Diary

### October

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October:** Please drop off Donations for the Watton Food Hub.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – From 3.15pm:** The Friends Bake Sale

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October @ 2.15pm:** Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Great Hockham

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 8.40-8.55:** Rabbit Homework Celebration

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October:** Visit from residents of Coronation House Care Home.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 8.40-8.55:** Owl Homework Celebration

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 8.40 – 8.55:** Deer Homework Celebration

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 5.00-6.30:** Friends Halloween Disco

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October @ 8.40 – 8.55:** Hedgehog Homework Celebration

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October AM –** Tempest School Photos

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October –** Break up for Half term holiday

### November

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November –** Return to school

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 3.30pm-6.00pm –** Parent Teacher Meetings

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am-10am-** Year 1 Writing café

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**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am-10am -** Year 2 Writing café

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November –** Children in Need

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am-10am -** Year 3 Writing café

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am-10am –** Year 4 Writing café

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am-9.40am –** Reception Writing café

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am -10am –** Year 5 Writing café

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November @ 9am-10am –** Year 6 Writing café

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November:** Music Enrichment Day

Have a restful weekend. Hopefully there will be some dry spells so you can enjoy some time outdoors!

Best Wishes

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Headteacher.