

Wednesday 21st
October 2020



Heather Avenue Infant School Newsletter

It's hard to believe, we have come to the end of our first half term! We really hope that you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 2nd November when we return for the second half of the Autumn term.

We are so proud of the children, they have done so well settling back into school and we are so pleased with the amount of progress they are all making. We really enjoyed speaking with many of you for our Parent/Carer Consultation evenings this week, it has been lovely to share with you, your child's successes along with some of the ways in which we can support them even more. Thank you for all your support. Please do make an appointment to talk to your child's class teacher if you have missed this opportunity this week.

Following the half term break, we are excited to have our first International week of this school year. We will all be learning about Norway! If you have any resources or expertise which you are willing to share with the children, please do let your child's class teacher know.

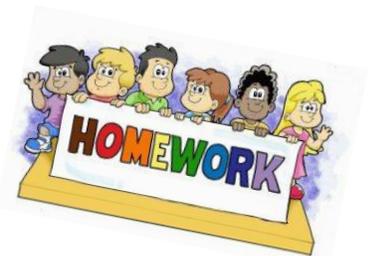
Homework

Please ensure that your child completes their weekly homework. The homework that is set really supports the children's progress in school.

You will see that your child needs to complete their **reading/sound work** (at least three times a week), there is also access to online reading material for the children in the form of Reading Eggs which all the children have a username and password for.

Maths – for Years 1 and 2 this is in the form of Maths Whizz, an online resource tailored to meet the needs of your child's learning.

Please see your child's Class Teacher if you have any questions.



Welcome to our School

This term we have been incredibly lucky to be visited by a professional film crew who have created a promotional video for our school. It is available to see on our website. If you know anyone looking for a reception place for September 2021 please share the following link with them

<https://www.wensumtrust.org.uk/heatheravenue-news/join-our-school>

Friends of Heather Avenue (FOHA)

Friends of Heather Avenue Committee also known as FOHA are a group of our friendly fundraising parents and members of staff, who meet together regularly to plan and deliver various fundraising events across the school year. The aim being to raise funds for 'the extras' in school. In the past, these have included money towards trips/visits, Christmas gifts for the children, books for children and leavers books. The events planned are also thoroughly enjoyed by the children (as well as families) such as the discos, fairs and raffles, although we will be working slightly differently this year due to Covid restrictions.

We do need more parent help to run this committee so if you are interested please do join our Annual General meeting on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 1.30pm via Zoom. The Meeting ID code is 988 7662 6713 and password is 5Htu8S. Please do feel welcome to join!

Local Advisory Board Vacancy

We are currently looking for a new parent Governor to join the wonderful team of Governors at Heather Avenue Infant School. The Governors meet each half term for a couple of hours to discuss school performance along with the general strategic direction of the school. Governors also visit the school to see the school in action and attend special events. If you feel that being a parent Governor is something that interests you or you know someone who may be interested, please come and see me for more information - Many thanks

Vacancies

We are in the process of recruiting 2 Apprentice Teaching and Learning Assistants for our school along with and a 1:1 Teaching assistant, please see the links to these adverts and share if you know someone who may be interested and suitable for either of the roles – Thank you!

Apprentice Teaching and Learning Assistant advert can be found at

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-547301>

And 1:1 Teaching Assistant can be found at

<https://www.educationjobfinder.org.uk/vfjobs/teaching-assistant-11-support-2/?fromSearchPage=true>

or

<https://www.teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/teaching-assistant-1-1-support>

Covid Risk Assessment

When we return for the second half of the autumn term please ensure that your child is dressed suitably for the colder weather, we have the heating on in school but do need to ensure ventilation in each classroom as part of our Covid Risk Assessment. In line with County advice, windows will be open when classrooms are empty (before school, break, lunch play etc) and open a small amount to allow ventilation when children are in class.

Please do ensure that you are sticking to the times allocated for drop off and pick up – we are so pleased to see everybody ensuring social distancing rules are adhered to on the playground but we must also stick to timings – please do see your child's class teachers if you have siblings in different classes and difficulties because of different class timings which have not been resolved already.

Safe Playground use

Whilst we do provide a storage space for scooters and bikes and encourage 'Walk, Bike or Scoot' to school, we must insist that bikes and scooters are dismounted from and walked across our playground both before and after school, this is for the safety of all our playground users.

Please can we remind you that play equipment such as the pirate ship and trim trail are only to be used by children who attend Heather Avenue Infant School during school hours and when supervised by a member of staff.

Diary Dates –further dates will be added as the year progresses

Wednesday 21 st October 2020	Last day of Autumn half term for children
Thursday 22 nd October 2020	INSET – staff training day
Friday 23 rd October 2020 – Friday 29 th October 2020	Half term holiday
Monday 2 nd November 2020	Children return to school for Autumn second half term
Tuesday 3 rd November 2020	Virtual FOHA AGM
Week beginning Monday 2 nd November 2020	International Week – children will be learning about Norway
Monday 9 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents
Tuesday 10 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents
Wednesday 11 th November 2020	Open day for prospective parents
Week beginning Monday 16 th November 2020	Mini Enterprise week
Week beginning Monday 23 rd November 2020	Mini Enterprise week
Friday 18 th December 2020	Last day of Autumn term for children
Monday 21 st December 2020 – Friday 1 st January 2021	Christmas holidays
Monday 4 th January 2021	Children return to school for first half of Spring term
Week beginning Monday 4 th January 2021	Events week in school
Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021	Spring Half Term
Week Beginning Monday 22 nd February 2021	International Week – children will be learning about Egypt
Monday 1 st March 2021	Parent / Carer meetings
Wednesday 3 rd March 2021	Parent / Carer meetings
Monday 29 th March 2021 – Friday 9 th April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 3 rd May 2021	May Bank holiday school closed
Week beginning Monday 24 th May 2021	International Week – children will be learning about New Zealand
Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021	Summer Half Term holiday
Thursday 22 nd July 2021	Last day of Summer term