Diary Dates
Wed 10 Jan Additional Forest School group begins (same group as last term; already invited)
Wed 10 Jan Y2 music lessons begin with Mrs Sadler
Fri 12 Jan Home learning out (Y1 and Y2)
Fri 12 Jan Year 2 to Junior School for pantomime
Fri 12 Jan ‘Keeping up with the Children in English’ adult course starts (1-3pm)
Mon 22 Jan Clubs start this week (Confirmation of place to be by text)
Tue 23 Jan Y1 multiskills at HHS
Wed 24 Jan Year 1 visit to the Castle Museum, Norwich
Wed 31 Jan ‘No pens day Wednesday’!
Wb 5 Feb Y1 and 2 Home learning due in please
Fri 9 Feb Last ‘Keeping up with the Children in English’ session
Wb 12 Feb Half Term
Mon 19 Feb Children back to school
Fri 23 Feb Home learning out (Y1 and Y2)
Fri 23 Feb Lions class start Forest Schools sessions
Tues 27 Feb Y1 ‘Step on it’ Road Safety (parent volunteers needed please)
Wed 28 Feb Y1 ‘Step on it’ Road Safety (parent volunteers needed please)
Wed 28 Feb Reception Road Safety sessions
Mon 5 Mar Parents Evenings 3.30 – 6.30pm
Tue 6 Mar & Wed 7 Mar Reception Vision & Hearing Checks
Thur 8 Mar Parents Evenings 4.30 – 7.30pm
Wed 14 Mar ‘No pens day Wednesday’!
Wb 19 Mar Clubs finish this week
Wb Mar 19 Y1 and 2 Home learning due in please
Thur 29 Mar INSET – No children in school
Fri 30 Mar End of Term
Mon 16 Apr Children back to school

Happy New Year!
A warm welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun time of celebration, and are feeling refreshed ready to face the New Year!
The children have settled back into school very well, and all are very keen to learn. A huge thank you to all of you who attended the Christmas performances at the end of last term. The children performed exceptionally well, and I know the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performances.
A huge thank you to all the staff and children who worked hard to ensure the highest standards.
Your kind donations raised a total of £295, which will be split between Mind and Shelter; many thanks for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to our fabulous school choir! They took part in the Hellesdon Community Carol Service on Sunday 10th December; singing two Christmas songs. They did a brilliant performance, and all the audience were incredibly impressed! Thank you to all parents who brought the choir to school on a Sunday!

Reminders please...
Just a reminder that all children with long hair MUST have their hair tied back for school at all times please. Navy blue hair bands and accessories please – keep lovely coloured bows for the weekends please!
Children should **not** ride bikes or scooters on the school site, once they enter the large grey school gates. All bikes and scooters MUST be locked when left at the racks near the children’s centre, as we cannot be responsible should they disappear. Some new racks for bikes and scooters will soon be fitted next to the existing racks, as I know a larger number of children like to cycle or scoot and we want to ensure sufficient storage is available. Thank you again for all those who wear the hi viz jackets consistently every day.

We really appreciate all those parents who are making a conscious effort to walk to school or to park away from school and walk a little part of the journey. I have however recently received a complaint from a local resident; who is fully supportive of our Walk, Bike, Scoot project; but is frustrated that a couple of cars park outside her house with their car wheels on the grass verge. **Please may we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking for the school journey; taking into account local residents who live close to school. Thank you.**

**Topics this term…**

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Further details about the curriculum we offer is available on our school website under the ‘curriculum’ section. Reception will continue to email home a weekly newsletter every Friday. Year 1 and Year 2 will email home a half termly newsletter. All newsletters are also available on our school website.

**Attendance**

Good school attendance and punctuality is crucial and impacts hugely on learning and progress. Please ensure children are at school at 8.50am and collected at the end of the day at 3.10pm. Medical and dental appointments should be made out of school hours or in the holidays please. Our school bell rings promptly at 8.50am when the classroom doors open, and it will sound again at 9am as the classroom doors are locked.

Please ensure you inform us if your child is unwell. The office opens at 8.00am each morning. If your child has a minor cough or cold and you are in two minds whether to send them to school, please send them in and we will ring you if they feel unwell during the school day. Children should not be absent from school if they have head lice. This needs to be treated appropriately and then they may attend school normally.

**We thank you for your support in ensuring that our school attendance improves. Our school target is 97%.**

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**Reading**

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support with your child's learning. Please may we ask that you ensure your child reads at home **at least 3 times a week**, and that this is recorded in their reading record book. If they are no longer on the coloured book banded books and are now reading a ‘free reader’, please record and sign the reading record to say they have read at least 3 times a week. The children at Kinsale make exceptional progress in reading, and we want this to continue, so your support is crucial and makes a huge difference. Should the school reading book become damaged or lost we require a payment so we are able to replace it. Thank you.
Free school meals
As you will be aware all schools receive funding for children who are entitled to ‘Free School Meals’. This means if your family income is below £16,190 your child’s school may be entitled to receive some money each year. Should your financial circumstances change at any time meaning your income is below £16,190, please come into the school office to collect a form to complete so that we receive this much needed funding.
Many thanks.

Age UK – Bobble Hat Day
You helped raise £96.66 for Age UK Appeal. Many thanks for your support.
£295 was raised £295.59 was raised for Mind & Help the Aged £295.59 was raised for Mind & Help the Aged

Happy New Year to everyone from the Friends of Kinsale Infant School
Following the Christmas Fair held at the end of last term we would like to thank everyone who attended the event as well as all those who donated cakes, raffle prizes and their time to make the Fair a massive success. We raised a staggering £645.33 which is a fantastic amount.
We have also been very fortunate to have received a very generous donation of £1000 from the Hellesdon Community Centre Charitable trust. We will be getting our thinking hats on as to how to use this money to help benefit all the children, ideas are always welcome.
Friends of Kinsale Infant School.

If you were lucky enough to receive a new mobile phone for Christmas, or your contact address or phone number has changed, please remember to call into the school office to complete an update form; available in the office entrance.

We look forward to working with you this term, and please do not hesitate to speak to your child’s class teacher in the first instance should you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Louise Robinson
Head teacher

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