



**Heartsease**  
Primary Academy

Heartsease Primary Academy

Rider Haggard Road

Norwich

Norfolk NR7 9UE

Telephone: 01603 307 820

Web: [www.heartseaseprimary.co.uk](http://www.heartseaseprimary.co.uk)

Headteacher: Mrs A Burrell

## Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week at Heartsease. Our fantastic Cross Country runners came first in their cluster competition, Sport Relief was supported by the whole school on Friday and our children have been cleaning our hands to the tune of 'happy birthday'. We hope you have all received the learning packs in case the school closes - but I want to reiterate that, at this time, the school remains **open**. Please find latest news and dates for your information.

As always, thank you for your support.

Alex Burrell  
Headteacher

### Latest news:



#### **Congratulations!**

Well done to our fabulous cross country team who came **FIRST** in the Thorpe Hamlet schools cluster cross country competition.

It was an awesome performance and we are all so proud of: Jennifer, Lewis, Max, Ashton, Archie, Skye-Louise, Freya, Shayleigh, Ifeoma, Keeley, Logan, Diksana, Mosa, Jack, Deimante and Diego.

#### **CANCELLED - Get Active Roadshow**

Unfortunately the Get Active Roadshow is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

#### **Return Dates**

Recently we have had a number of parents who have not returned acceptance or permission forms by the due date resulting in children not being able to attend school events and trips. It is important that as a school we have the numbers of children attending events so we can ensure the right ratio of teachers/helpers to children, safeguarding your children.

#### **Operation Encompass**

At Heartsease Primary Academy we are working in partnership with Norfolk Police and Norfolk County Council to identify and provide appropriate support to

any of our pupils who have experienced domestic violence in their household. The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse incident. Domestic abuse impacts on children in a number of ways. Children are at increased risk of physical injury during an incident, either by accident or because they attempt to intervene. Even when not directly injured, children are greatly distressed by witnessing the physical and emotional suffering of a parent.

### **Safeguarding Lead**

I would like to introduce you to Ms Pelling our Trust Attendance and Safeguarding Lead. Ms Pelling supports attendance and safeguarding across all four Trust schools. There may be occasions when parents will receive a letter from Ms Pelling.



### **We Need You!**

Do your children enjoy the school discos and other events that we hold at the school?

None of these would happen without The 'Friends' of Heartsease Primary our charity fundraising committee run by parents of children in the school with a little help from the staff. It helps provide all those little extras that enhance the children's lives in school. More parents are desperately needed to become members of the 'Friends' so if you have some time to spare please let the school office know.



### **Heartsease Healthy Living 2 - Vote for Heartsease Primary Academy Healthy Eating Workshops!!**

Calling all parents/carers it's time to have your say on which activities you'd most like to get involved in, to help get healthy and active this year! There is a leaflet coming home with your children which you can fill in and post them in the box in the school foyer or one of the other places listed on the leaflet. You can also vote online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RJ2BW78> Voting closes Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Old Pens and Biscuit Wrappers wanted!**

The eco-council are supporting the Friends of Heartsease Primary to raise money for the school and help the environment. We are collecting old pens and biscuit wrappers. There are boxes in the foyer by the main reception (under the window) and in the school library. Please look at the pictures on the boxes so you know which is for pens and which is for wrappers. Remember, the school continues to collect batteries that no longer work. The collection point is also in the foyer.



### **Plant to Plate Gardening Project**

To be in with a chance of winning a share of £10,000 worth of gardening products and kits, the School is still collecting tokens for the Plant to Plate gardening project. Tokens will be printed every day in the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News until 27th March 2020. 10 additional tokens will be printed in the Eastern Daily Press and the Norwich Evening News Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. These tokens will also be printed in the Great Yarmouth Mercury, Lowestoft Journal, Beccles & Bungay Journal, North Norfolk News and Dereham and Fakenham Times. Please bring your tokens in and pop them in the Plant to Plate collection box in the office.



**VegPower 'Eat Them To Defeat Them'** campaign. One-third of primary school children in the UK are overweight or obese and one of the simple things that can be help with this is for children to eat more vegetables. This six-week campaign is aimed at children to encourage them to eat at least one portion of vegetables a day with the idea that the only way to get rid of vegetables is to eat them! Veg of the week is **BROCCOLI!**

### **Uniform**

Parents/carers are reminded that dip dyed hair is not part of the school uniform.

Increasing numbers of children are forgetting their PE kit, parents/carers are reminded that PE is not optional and is an important part of the school curriculum. Please note the following:

- KS1 children will be given detention if they forget their PE kit three times.
- KS2 children will be given detention if they forget their PE kit twice.

Please ensure that all PE kit is labelled with the name of the child.

### **Headlice**

We have a number of headlice cases in the school. Can you please check the head of your child and treat accordingly. If you are unsure of what treatment to use please speak to your local pharmacist. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Swimming**

We are still looking for parents/carers to help with afternoon swimming. If you can help please come and see Mrs Parnell or Mrs Savage in the office.

### **School Meals**

**Please note that any changes to the menu will be on this weekly newsletter.**

We continue to have occasions recently where parents/carers have not put their order in for school meals. Can you please ensure that this is done by **9am** on each school day so that your child has the right meal. Please note that for Year 3 and above the office cannot order meals.

### **Parking and Vehicles in the School Car Park**

Only parents/carers who have a school parking permit are allowed to enter the school car park (these are only issued on medical grounds, and with prior

authorisation from the Headteacher) – everyone else should park well away from the school entrances. Please ensure the main entrance is left clear and that the safety of pedestrians is considered at all times. Only those with a disabled permit should be parking in the disabled bay. **Can parents please be reminded that under no circumstances are scooters and bikes to be ridden on school premises at any time.**

### **Scooters/Bikes**

Despite constant reminders scooters/bikes are still being ridden on school premises. **Under no circumstances** are scooters and bikes to be ridden on school premises at any time.

### **Emails – please check**

Please ensure you check your emails regularly. We are now sending newsletters and a lot of our correspondence via email only to save on our paper usage. These have dates and deadlines which you need to be aware of. The website will also have copies of newsletters on for your information.



### **Cold Weather**

Please make sure your child wears a warm coat (named), hat and gloves to school. If your child wears boots to school please send shoes in for them to change into – **pupils should not be wearing boots while in school.** If we do experience severe snow / ice resulting in hazardous

conditions, we may have to take the decision to close the school. You can find the information you need from the following sources: text received from the school office, school website, NCC Closure Website:

<http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk/>, or BBC Radio Norfolk. Please do not telephone the school, as the phone lines may be needed. Even if the school is open, you may decide at the start of the day that the journey into school is not safe for your child/children. Please can you phone the school to report the absence in the usual way. The school will always remain open whenever possible. We will only close on health and safety grounds, e.g. no heating, no running water, insufficient staff to supervise the students or if the site is not safe.

### **Dogs on School Premises**

Parents/carers are reminded that **under no** circumstances are dogs allowed on school premises.

### **Contact Details - IMPORTANT**

In case of emergencies we must have at least 2 different contact details for each child. Please drop a note into the office if you need to update any telephone numbers. In case of medical or any other emergency we must be able to get hold of someone straight away.

### **Updated Coronavirus Advice**

There are things you can do to help stop germs like coronavirus spreading:

- always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze. Then bin the tissue, and wash your hands, or use a sanitiser gel.
- wash your hands more often than usual, for 20 seconds each time with soap and water or hand sanitiser, especially when you:
  - get home or into work
  - blow your nose, sneeze or cough
  - eat or handle food
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

You can find the latest information on the Public Health England blog:  
<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-wh-at-you-need-to-know/>



Baby Shark youtube video is a fun way to teach your children how to wash their hands properly.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=tEzkHEGXzuw&feature=share>

**Each child has received a pack of two weeks work should the school be instructed to close by the Government. If your child has not received a pack please let their teacher know.**

### **Absence/Illness - REMINDER**

If your child is off with sickness and/or diarrhoea please remember they must be kept off school for 48 HOURS after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

### **Upcoming events:**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – LAST DAY OF TERM**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – LAST DAY OF NEXT TERM**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – BACK TO SCHOOL**



**This Week's Bees Knees Awards:**

**Topaz- Kenzie**

**Opal - Roxie**

**Jasper- Isla-Rae**

**Diamond - Lily**

**Citrine- Tegan**

**Coral- Alfie**

**Quartz- Hollie, Louie**

**Sapphire- Samuel**

**Onyx- Lilly-Mae**

**Garnet - Savannah**

**Dolomite - Yousif**

**Emerald- Anas**

**Amber- Rahat**

**Aqua- Keanu**

**Athletes of the Week:**

**Archie for Determination**

**Findlay for Respect**

**Times Tables Rockstars:**

**Kate**

**Sapphire best score class**

**Advocates Award:**

**Coral**

**Onyx**

**Mrs Derer - Pastoral**

**Fab Cup:**

**Opal**

**Fab Cup will be for Respect next week!**



**These awards are all celebrated at our Celebration Assembly on Fridays. Children come and see Mrs Burrell throughout the week with their good work and are entered into the Bee Proud book. Children receive certificates for their awards and the Bee Proud bee for the week!**

**For all the latest news and dates for your diary  
please visit our website:**

**[www.heartseaseprimary.co.uk](http://www.heartseaseprimary.co.uk)**

**or follow us on Facebook!**