News Sheet

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Horning Hedgehogs

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Inspiring Creative Learners

Stay and play continues!

Sessions in preschool have now started and are running on a weekly basis! - Friday Mornings 9AM-11AM with the next **Friday 19th May.** The stay and play sessions are open to babies, toddlers and young children aged 2-4 years old including those who don't currently attend the setting. The first session is free, with further sessions costing £2.50.

A chance for parents and carers to meet new families in a caring and supportive environment.



Come and join us for some family fun and learning. Please book in advance via school 01692 630470 or hedgehogs@coastaltogether.co.uk

Hedgehogs Forest Preschool

Hedgehogs have had fun this week building friendships through play. There have been smiles and laughter, invitations to join in and lots of great sharing and turn taking. We are so proud of our friendly little team!



The rain has given us lots of opportunities for water play- for transporting, pouring, making waves and of course splashing!





Our topic this half term is 'Animals'. It seemed fitting for us to find out about the little mammals we are named after - hedgehogs. We wondered if any of our prickly little friends visit our Forest School area at night.



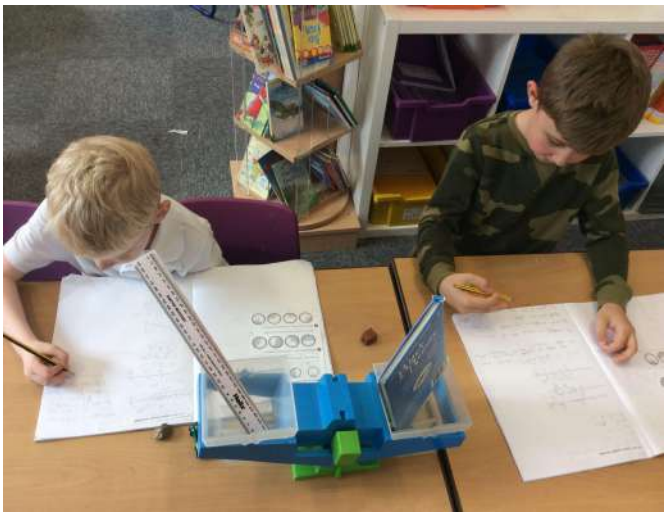


After the rain we noticed lots of earthworms wriggling in the grass- a tasty snack for a hedgehog. We searched under the logs for other things hedgehogs might like to eat and spotted black beetles, woodlice, slugs and a speedy centipede!

Otter Class

We have had a very busy week this week. In English we have started working on our non-chronological report, finding out all about lighthouses and how they work. In maths we have been exploring weight and mass. Beginning with finding out which of two objects is heavier/lighter, and then finding out how many cubes an object weighs.







We have ended the week with our combined coronation and end of SATs celebration fete. Phew! What a busy week!

Foxes Year 3,4,5,and 6

Another busy week for Foxes!

We want to say a huge well done to our year 6's on completing their SATs this week! We are so proud of you all and how hard you have worked.

The rest of our class surprised the year 6's by giving them a huge cheer at the end of their final SATs test.



This week we have been focusing on the features of a river, and how this impacts flooding in Norfolk. The children explored the features of a river then worked in groups to match the photographs to the correct labels. There was lots of great teamwork involved!



In maths we have been looking at comparing and ordering decimals. We have been focusing on using mathematical vocabulary in our answers to make sure they are in depth and clear.

In English we have been thinking about similes and speech. We then completed our independent write which was to write our own version of our focus book Float. These were brilliant to read!

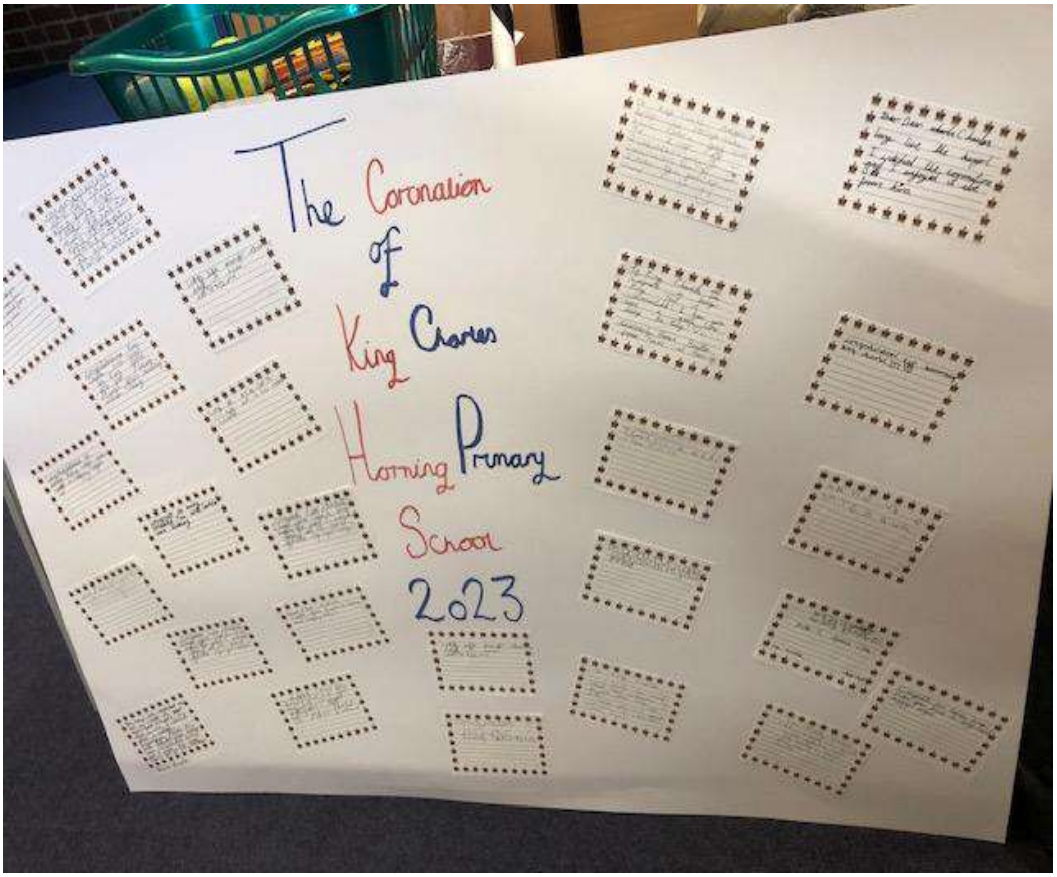
We also enjoyed another judo session, in which the children dualled one another to find our class champion! The room was filled with cheers and laughter throughout.

Throughout the week we have started reading the book 'Song of the river' as a class. This will be our focus book for guided reading. The children are enjoying

this book so far, although Miss Mossop keeps leaving them everyday with a cliffhanger! We wonder what will happen next.....

This friday we celebrated the jubilee with our school fete. The children were busy this week preparing the icing, decorating signs and writing messages to the King!





Forest School

One of the six principles of Forest School is that learners are able to take risks in a safe, supportive environment. What does this mean and why is this beneficial for our pupils?

Risk-taking is about our children having the confidence to take themselves out of their comfort zone and challenge themselves to try something new. For some individuals this might be a social risk, for example working with children they haven't worked with before, sharing an idea with the group or taking the lead in an activity. For others, it could be a physical risk- climbing and balancing on logs or constructing a shelter that won't fall on anyone!

Children are reminded to ask themselves if what they are about to do is safe and to look out for each other. Rather than saying "Be careful!", supporting staff use phrases like "Do you see the stinging nettles nearby?" and check-in with how pupils are feeling. When we are writing risk assessments we involve the children and discuss key things to remember.

"The more risks you allow children to take, the better they learn to take care of themselves." Roald Dahl

Here are some examples of Foxes developing confidence through 'risky' activities.



leading a group song



using a palm drill safely



stick play- practising karate moves



feeling proud of new skills

Dress for the weather

As we are now heading into the brighter days we are hoping to use the outside area more and more. However, the dew still means the grassed areas are often wet and unsuitable for shoes and sandals. Can we please ask that children have in school wellingtons or waterproof shoes to change into (this will protect our inside area - carpets).

Can we also ask that on Forest School days they have suitable warm clothing available and sun hats (when the weather improves) as we will be outside for these lessons. Thank you for your anticipated support.

Parking

Can we please remind you to take extra care at drop off and collection times as we know the roads can get very congested with children having to walk between and around cars. Please avoid parking directly near the playground gate to drop off as this then forces pedestrians to walk into the road to gain access to school. Thank you for your support keeping all our children safe.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.5%

Current updated Horning Primary School attendance this year to date 94.55%

The class with the highest attendance this week was Foxes achieving 96.19%

Amazing - Well Done Foxes!

Following our recent 'Keeping children safe online and pupil mobile phones' letter we promised updates to support parents and carers with information about Apps your child may be accessing on their devices. This week's poster focuses on the popularapp SnapChat which has an age restriction of 13+.



News and Reminders	
PE Days On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in sports club and it is not their PE day they should come to school in their uniform and bring kit to change into.	
Otter Class - Years R, 1 and 2	**Friday**
Fox Class - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	**Friday**

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
17/05/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
18/05/2023	**All day**	Mufti Day - children can wear Red, White and Blue with a donation for our summer raffle.
24/05/2023	**1:15-2:45**	Otter and Fox Class Judo Sessions by Harrier Judo Club
26/05/2023	**1.30-3.00**	Horning Cafe - Horning Village Hall
5/6/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
6/6/2023	**1.15pm**	British Red Cross First Aid Session Year 6
7/6/2023	**1pm**	Class Photos
8/6/2023	**9.15pm**	Reception - NCMP Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Screening
12/06/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
19/06/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
23/06/2023	**pm**	Sports Day - details to follow
26/06/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
03/07/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
07/07/2023	**1:30-3:00**	Horning Cafe - Horning Village Hall - Summer Raffle Draw
10/07/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
13/07/2023	**4:30-5:30**	School Disco
17/07/2023	**pm**	Foxes Swimming every Monday at Broadland Sports Club
17/07/2023-21/07/2023	**All Day**	Year 6 Residential visit to the Isle of Wight

See below for term dates:

Term Dates





All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
Fixed Penalty Notices

