



Introduction

Welcome to my first newsletter as your new Headteacher. I've had a great week and have been starting to get to know the staff and governors through video call meetings and phone calls. One of my first priorities has been to get to know the staffing structure and how I can help and support to make sure we have stability, consistency and confidence and I will continue to work on this in the coming days and weeks. Once we have any updates on this, we will share it with you through this newsletter.

Mrs Innes and Mrs Boulton continue to make sure the school is running smoothly during this closure period and, alongside the rest of the staff team, are doing a great job to make sure the children of essential workers are well cared for in school.

Under normal circumstances I would be outside school at the start and end of the day meeting you and your children and getting to know you all. If you do want to get in touch, please drop me an email via office@hempland.pmat.academy. I am looking forward to meeting you when it is safe for school to reopen.

I want to reassure you once again that I am here to provide stability, consistency and security for the school community as well as confidence in leadership both at this time and beyond, making sure the school continues to be a great place for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time. I hope that you are all staying safe.

Lee Haynes

Support for families

The unprecedented situation that we find ourselves in poses many problems for families, including financial ones as many people have lost their jobs, have been furloughed or are facing uncertainty over the long term future. We are looking into ways we can help with this and want to do everything we can for our community. If you are having difficulties financially or otherwise, please get in touch with us. Please email office@hempland.pmat.academy or call the school on 01904 555495 during the school day.

How to book a school place

If you are essential workers and have no alternative, please call the school on 01904 555495 or email office@hempland.pmat.academy with details of what you need by 4pm of the Wednesday before. Please remember that we would ask if you can work from home that you keep your children with you there.

Comments and Responses to online work

The staff are working hard to keep things updated online and respond to comments, questions and emails. Please remember that staff will happily communicate through Dojo and SeeSaw.

Fingerspellathon

Deaf Awareness Week is on 4 – 10 May this year. Children and families can sign up and then get resources to learn BSL finger spelling and raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society. It has all been designed to be done in lockdown this year. Follow this link for more information and to take part <https://www.ndcs.org.uk/fingerspellathon>





Week 5 in school – What’s been happening?

We’ve had such a fantastic week in school!

While it’s obviously a little strange in school and we are missing seeing all of our Hempland families, we are still having a great time.

As well as using the home learning packs as a basis for our morning learning, the children have also been enjoying doing inference and comprehension activities through different videos and recipes.

In the afternoon, the children have made the most of the glorious weather playing in forest school and creating their own games. We are now all expert hula-hoopers!

Key Stage 2 children created an outdoor scavenger hunt for the younger children, we have had a picnic on the field and made and sent birthday cards to Captain Tom. We designed, made and ate our own pizzas and then devoured ice lollies in the sunshine. Delicious!

Quote of the Week

“I’ve basically enjoyed everything but I really loved making a card for Tom Moore!” Phoebe S Y5

