



Headteacher's Introduction

Things continue to move quickly with new guidance coming thick and fast. I am continuing to provide daily updates on the website in my new 'Headteacher's Update' section. I am meeting with senior leaders in the school and across the MAT to draw up plans for the potential re-opening of schools on 1st June to some year groups. I will continue to update you next week on this progress. Please be assured that the safety of children, parents and staff remains the number one priority.

For now, things remain as they have been for some time. School remains open for children of critical workers and places can be booked as the instructions below. We will be open for these children throughout the week that would have been half term (from 25th May).

We are continuing to look at home learning and especially in light of reopening for some children as this will change the way we do things, with more staff being needed in school. We will keep you updated with this as things progress.

Take care and stay safe.

Lee Haynes
Headteacher

Support for families

As this crisis continues, we are very aware that there are many families who may be struggling for different reasons. This can be financially, emotionally, practically or for many other reasons.

If you are in need of support, please remember you can get in touch with us at any time, we may be able to help. There is support available via City of York Council via their website <https://www.york.gov.uk/coronavirus>, including an easy way to check eligibility for free school meals here <https://www.york.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals/1>

A reminder that **Citizens Advice York** have been in touch to remind us that they are still available for telephone support and advice. They can be contacted on 03444 111 444 Monday-Friday 10.00am-4.00pm.

Family Matters York are running some online support sessions for parents – see the flyer at the end of this newsletter for details.

HOW TO BOOK A SCHOOL PLACE

Restrictions have not been changed at this time. You may still only book a place at school if you are essential workers **and have no alternative**. To do this, you should either:

- Call the school on 01904 555495
- Email office@hempland.pmat.academy

Where possible if you can give us the details of what you need **by 4pm of the Wednesday before** this will help with planning for staffing levels.

If you are working from home, remember that you should keep your children with you there. Thank you for your support.



Some ideas for you to try out at home

As well as the home learning packs, here are some additional ideas for things to do at home. There is no requirement to take part in these activities, they are here to support you if you wish.

May is National Walking Month, Living Streets has produced 20 top tip walking activities (whilst maintaining social distancing measures). May be useful as a fun, half term activity to include on our Week 10 grids.

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/workplaces/try20-tips/our-try20-check-list>

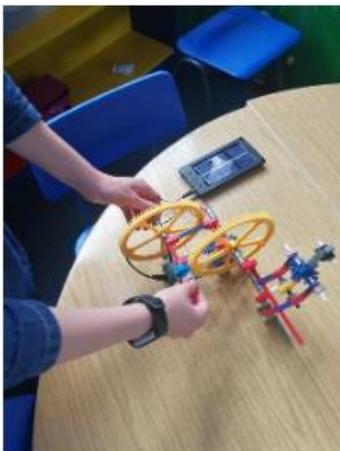
For any keen photographers out there, the National Portrait Gallery have a new exhibition lead by the Duchess of Cambridge called 'hold still' to capture the nation in lockdown.

<https://www.npg.org.uk/hold-still/>

This week in school

Another great week in school! The older children have looked at equivalent fractions and written descriptive pieces of writing, while our younger children have worked on number formation, number bonds and written about Goldilocks and George's Marvellous Medicine.

In the afternoons, we have made rocky road (YUM!), created masks after looking at different species of bears and even pretended to be the scariest bear we could! We also looked at the best shaped settlement to live in on Mars. We designed and made kites and tried to fly them on windy Wednesday and finally created some beautiful oil pastel silhouettes.





TIME OUT FOR PARENTS: HANDLING ANGER IN THE FAMILY

4 sessions on managing our anger and our children's anger

Starting Monday 8th June
2 to 4pm
Online via Zoom

To book contact Helen on 07393 147 259
or email helenatkinson@fmy.org.uk
or for more info visit www.fmy.org.uk

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Starting
Monday 8th June
7.15 to 9pm
Online via Zoom

Starting
Wednesday 3rd June
9 to 11am
Online via Zoom

Starting
Wednesday 24th June
2 to 4pm
Online via Zoom