



Headteacher's Introduction

The second week back has been just as positive and successful as the first week. It feels like we are settling into this 'new normal' a little more now. There have, of course, been further announcements about schools this week and we will send out more details about our plans for the rest of this term and the new school year in the coming weeks when we receive any more details. A lot depends on any revision to guidelines around social distancing and safety measures which we will look out for and pass on as soon as we hear more.

Our refresh of home learning is entering its second week now and I hope that it has been a positive experience for you all. It is important to remember that everyone's circumstances are different. Some families will be able to complete all of the work while others will get through much less. Do what you can manage as a family whilst juggling the other roles you may have. If you do need support, please let us know.

Governor Update

The governors met with school leaders last Thursday with the main focus on the school operation in response to COVID-19. We've been very pleased to hear all the positivity from families about the safe, smooth return to school for those children permitted to do so and we'll work with the school to understand the required steps when government guidance moves to the next stage. We've also been delighted to see the improvement in the home-learning provision now the school has re-opened and knowing it will be required for a while longer for most children. It's a shame that more children won't be able to return to school just yet, but the school is working closely with the MAT central team to ensure that it is ready to respond quickly to any changes in the situation. We know that this is a difficult time for everyone, balancing life's issues with home schooling, so please keep engaged with the head teacher if you consider there is assistance the school could provide. We included another governor onto our committee at the meeting, but we'll introduce him later on when it's a more appropriate time. We hope that you are all staying well and we, as a local, national and global community, are able to return to normality as soon as possible.

This week in school

It has been a great week in school. The children have enjoyed a range of activities, with some being supported with their home learning as well as enjoying lots of socially distant games outside. The children have all been amazing at coming into school sensibly and following the rules during the day to keep everyone safe. It is wonderful to see how resilient they are to change and how adaptable they have been.

Home Learning

We have had some lovely feedback this week both from the telephone calls staff have made and via email about the changes to home learning. We are continuing to tweak things based on feedback we have received. From this week, home learning will be available on the school website on Friday evening instead of Monday morning to help you plan the week ahead in advance. Assignments and activities on Google Classroom will also appear the evening before in case parents want to look through them before their children log on. There are also some brief help guides available on the website under the home learning tab.

If you need any support, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year, the summer reading challenge will be taking place online. If you don't have access to take part online and would prefer a printed pack, please email the school office. We will pass a list of names to Explore Libraries who will then bring us the required number of packs. **Please let us know by 3pm next Thursday, 18th June as we have to place the order the following morning.**



Healthy Eating Week

You may be aware of the annual British Nutrition Foundation Healthy Eating week. In the past we have completed some of their activities across the school in various formats. This event was due to happen in a few weeks, but has been delayed until September/October. However, they have just launched a healthy eating week at home for w/c June 22nd. An additional 2 challenges have been added. Resources will be available soon, and it includes 2 live cooking sessions a day, where recipes will be made available beforehand so ingredients can be available.

To access this, please follow this link <https://bit.ly/30sH9EH>

North Yorkshire Games

Due to the North Yorkshire School Games being cancelled, virtual competitions are being held. The first competition is Athletics. The winning school will be put forward as the York entry with a chance to win medals and t-shirts.

You can find information about rules and the requirements of the athletics challenges at <https://www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/virtual-team-challenges> then select either Athletics Y3/4 or Athletics Y5/6 depending on your child's year group.

We would love to see Hempland pupils taking part in this competition. Anyone in Y3/4 or Y5/6 can take part.

Complete the challenges explained at the above link and then submit scores by 29th June 2020 at <http://www.koboca.co.uk/athletics-virtual-competition-york-east/?q=RB1KKF7O>. **Please don't use the link on the North Yorkshire Sport site to submit results.**

Work of the Week

There has been so much excellent work going on this week – well done everyone. These are some examples of superstars who have gone the extra mile and done something really great this week. We are sharing these in a separate 'Work of the Week' document on the school website from this week.



Stars of the Week

Each week we would like to highlight the work of a few children who have impressed us with their learning either at home or school. Ordinarily we would present certificates in school for this, but as we can't do that, we will celebrate them here together.



Elsie Jefferson for working really hard on her home learning activities and doing some fantastic superhero writing this week.



James Scott for making a brilliant junk model rocket and giving a really clear explanation about how each part worked.



Harvey Smith for creating a fantastic superhero with lots of gadgets.



George Frost for writing a fantastic sentence about his spanner.



Bobby Shaw for trying really hard to do some amazing writing in school - he has been really proud of himself.



Betsy Bevan for amazing learning around our topic of World Ocean Week.



Jack Stoner who has been working so hard with all his maths and is now showing a fab understanding of subtraction.



Isadora Havercroft-Watt for an amazing performance of a poem that she learnt off by heart, and a top effort in all her home learning. She has been a complete star.



Ruby Mae Finn for her family morning based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - chocolate melting, tasting and factory tours!



Bailey Stone for his fantastic homemade musical instruments. He played these as he sang a song.



Luke Anning for making an amazing model of the Chocolate Factory including a working glass elevator.



Lily Parkinson for her brilliant sentences to describe Willy Wonka's chocolate factory using fantastic adjectives.



Anya Brown for fantastic maths work on the two times table. She even extended herself and completed the work for the 5 times table.



Brooke Farrell who makes an amazing effort with every piece of home learning given to her.



Will Mingo for choosing some excellent vocabulary to use in his diary entry. His plan was great and I can't wait to read the finished product.



Abbey-Rose Robertson for huge dedication and enthusiasm with home learning, working really hard each day and clearly making great progress.



Taryn Massam for working really hard on her maths home learning. Every task shows determination and dedication.



Edward Brewer because he persevered with poetry and wrote a fantastic acrostic poem that sums up all of the wonderful things about summer perfectly.



Alice Merritt for her super maths work and a great perimeter challenge for her classmates.



Poppy Simpson for an excellent summer chalk drawing, using the new skills she has learnt.



Lucy Stimson wrote some fantastic metaphors about summer, capturing the season perfectly.



Olivia Mckay for working incredibly hard on every piece of home learning, but in particular her a gorgeous L.S. Lowry style artwork.



Leo Deighton for incredible attitude towards his home learning but in particular his potion for 'annoying sisters'!



Bobbie Taylor for showing consistent hard work all week and wonderfully supportive comments on other children's work.



Alex Briggs for having the fantastic idea of writing a joint story with his friend (**Edward Hardy**) to create something very special.



Alfred Davies for an excellent piece of art using 1 point perspective drawn on the iPad.



Ava Gane for an informative and well-explained set of instructions on how to catch a ball.



Charlie Hallam for working hard over the past few weeks and producing some great writing including instructions about how to complete a defensive cricket shot.



Jamie Stone for an excellent piece of art using 1 point perspective and paints with shading to create a super picture.



George Redpath for working hard with home learning and for completing his list of spellings.



Ben Wells for lots of fantastic home learning, but especially his writing.