



Headteacher's Introduction

It is the final day of the school year for our children. It is usually a day of celebration where we say goodbye to Y6 and share memories from the year, looking forward to the summer and new adventures. Of course this year is very different and it hasn't been what we would have wanted. We are, however, delighted that the year sixes were able to come to school today for their leavers' picnic. I hope they had a good time and will remember this as a happy memory from their time at Hempland Primary. I am sad that I wasn't able to get to know this year group but I have heard many great things about them and wish them all the best of success as they move to the next phase of their education.

After School Provision

Thank you for contacting school to book places in the new after school club. There are still places available for breakfast and after school care. Please email the school office to book a place.

Home Learning

As it is now the summer break, there won't be any home learning online for the children now. As a reminder, we will be removing children from their current Google Classrooms on 24th July, in preparation for setting up new classrooms for September which can be used both at school and possibly for homework.

You can see the *Pathfinder Summer Challenge* on our website if you do want some ideas of things to do in the summer.

Contacting Staff

During these past few weeks we have shared staff email addresses so that you can stay in contact about home learning. As we move back to all children being in school and staff working in class full time again, they won't be able to access their emails as often. From now, all emails should be directed to the office@hempland.pmat.academy account where they will be passed onto the relevant members of staff. This way, emails won't be missed – emailing a teacher directly could mean it not being checked for several days – for example a teacher could be teaching all day then have a meeting after school.

Office emails will be checked throughout the holiday (but not every day). Staff emails may not be checked for a period of weeks during the holiday.

Staffing Changes

As we mentioned last week, we have a few staff leaving us today. In addition to Cheryl Whaley, Jane Glover, Mairilyn Hunton and Sadia Ghaffar we are sad to see **Rachel Walker** leave her post as teaching assistant in Early Years. Rachel has made a big contribution to school and will be sorely missed. We wish her every success in her new role at another school.

Also, as well as welcoming Charlotte Brough as a new teacher joining us from September teaching Year One, I am delighted to say that **Jill Le Pla** has been appointed as our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCO). She has been spending a lot of time working with Mrs Whaley over the past few weeks to hand over information.

Classroom Moves

As shared last week, some of the teachers are moving year groups. As well as this, there are a couple of changes to location of year groups and classes in school. The map below shows where all classrooms will be from September and also which entrances each class should use.



Uniform

Just to clarify, as I am aware it caused some confusion previously, both red and blue checked summer dresses **are allowed as well as red or grey tights**. I also don't set a date when uniform can be 'summer' or 'winter' (I realise that some children prefer to wear shorts all year and some like to wear a dress all year). As long as they come to school in uniform and are warm / cool enough and comfortable we are happy.

Children's Birthdays

From September children should no longer bring cakes, sweets or other foods for their class on their birthday. This is in part due to the risk assessment and hygiene requirements around sharing food, but also it is increasingly complicated for children with allergies or religious beliefs meaning they can't take part. Instead, children can come to school in non-uniform on their birthday (or if their birthday falls at the weekend or during a holiday on the next closest day in school to their birthday). This way, they still get to stand out and feel special – with everyone else recognising that it is their birthday and being able to wish them a good day.

Website Updates

We have been adding updates to the website this week about preparations for all children to return to school in September. Over the summer we will add any further relevant information there should things change.

Summer Holiday Provision

Below are details of York Tennis Club summer camps offer.

SUMMER CAMPS 2020

Venue: York Tennis Club

Monday - Friday
9am-12pm

Every week for 5 weeks.

First week: 20/07/2020. Last week: 17/08/2020.

Camps open to all children aged 6 to 11 years.

Children will be kept in bubbles of 5, places limited.

Members - £25 per session / £125 per week.
Non-members - £30 per session / £150 per week.

Booking: Please contact coach Bradley Austin
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