



Headteacher's Introduction

It has been another busy week which has flown by in school. Praise assemblies this week have focussed on the word of the week – opportunity - and it has been fabulous to see so many children taking the opportunities that school has to offer and making the most of them. Next week, we will be looking at 'Ambition' and how we can encourage this in everyone.

Thank you once again for all of your support with getting the children to school and with our safety measures. A reminder to please maintain social distancing at all times – parents should remain 2m from all other adults and only one parent should accompany children to school. We have a one way system at the front gate and would ask those of you who use the back gate to allow others to pass at a safe distance. We must all be vigilant of Coronavirus and the symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or the loss of taste or smell. If a child or any member of their household has any of these symptoms, however mild, they must not come to school and should seek a test as soon as possible by calling 119 or visiting [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening phone calls are happening next week – Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October. Because of the problems at Wisepay we will be calling parents in alphabetical order across the two evenings, unless you have requested a more specific time period. **A reminder that each call will last 8 minutes to enable us to keep to timings and we appreciate your support with this.**

New Hempland Team Names

We have had lots of excellent suggestions for the new team names. We had suggestions based on places, history, school topics, dinosaurs and more. After much discussion we have chosen the following names, suggested by Isla Hamilton in Year Four and Arthur Horrocks in Reception.

Red – Joseph Terry
Yellow – Mary Tuke
Green – Joseph Rowntree
Blue – Mary Craven

There were several variations on this theme and we felt that these represent some of the history of York really well. We will do some work with the children during the year about these famous people and the social history of York. Thank you to everyone who made a suggestion.

Photographs

Adventure Photography will be in school on Monday 12th October for individual photos and sibling photos (if requested). The photographers will remain more than 2m from all staff and pupils at all times and the workspaces cleaned in between classes. The children will stand for their photos. Proofs will be sent to school a few days later and distributed to parents after that. Orders will be online only, with free postage to school available – items delivered will be quarantined on arrival at school and sent out after that.



Year Six

From next week, we would like to allow Y6 to use the field at lunchtime in order to give them more room to play and let all of the KS2 children have more space on the playground. We are lucky to have such spacious grounds and it seems a shame not to be using them. To do this, we are asking all children in Y6 to bring a spare pair of footwear with them – an old pair of trainers would be fine. They can then wear their school shoes in class and will change at the start and end of lunchtime. They can leave these spares at school during the week or take them home as needed.

Also, from next Monday the staggered start for Year Six will be changed to arrival from 8.30am till 8.45am rather than 9.00am. Children should still wash hands on arrival at school and be in the classroom ready to learn as soon as possible. There is no change to the end of day timings – all Y6 children will leave at 3.15pm.

Cycling

A reminder that there should be no cycling or scooting on the school grounds. This is for the safety of all adults and children so please don't be offended should a member of staff ask you or your child to dismount. On entry to school, please walk with bikes and scooters and store in the sheds next to each entrance.

Dogs

There are a number of dogs that are being tied up very close to both the front and back entrances to school. If you need to do this, please can you ensure that dogs are tied both securely and safely away from where children and adults are passing as some children are afraid of dogs, however tame and friendly they may be. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Parking

We have had contact from a resident near to school about inconsiderate parking. We realise that it is difficult at busy times, but would ask that you consider the residents if you do come to school by car. It would be better to park slightly further away and walk the last part to school wherever possible. Please don't park across people's drives or on the grass verges. Thank you for your support with this.

Home Learning

We have now added the website links and activity grids to the website in the home learning section should you need to access these.

Sports Event: Athletics – Speed Bounce Challenge

We have been asked to step up for a Challenge! We are looking for pupils to take part in a virtual competition. For this challenge, you will need a towel, balance, coordination and stamina!

Place a rolled up towel on the floor or row of cones. Stand feet together with the towel/cones next to the outside of one of your feet. Jump sideways over the towel/ cones making sure your feet stay together finishing with the cone on the outside of the opposite foot. Repeat back and too, as fast as you can in 20 seconds. Each bounce equals 1 point. Try as many times as you like, but your score will start to reduce if you get too tired. Once finished, use the link below to register your best score. This way, you can help your school to win the Speed Bounce Challenge!

Use the following website to record your child's score:

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/personal-challenge-athletics-speed-bounce5/?q=ac4652ff&s=bb3d1be9>