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Headteacher's Introduction

When things are at their most difficult, it is a real test for the strength of the team and the community. This week has really shown us how strong this is at Hempland. The news of a confirmed positive case was worrying for everyone, but the systems kicked in immediately and all members of the staff team pulled together to make things run smoothly. Parents of course played a huge part in this, by coming to school promptly to collect children and managing to get siblings to still attend today and into next week. The plans we have in place for home learning went straight into play and the Y1 team are busy today creating content for the children to take them to half term.

A reminder that we are closed to children next Friday as an allocated staff training day. The next newsletter will be after half term – Friday 6th November. We will send out an update on the website next Thursday instead.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

Parents' Evening

This week we held our parents' evening by phone for the first time. Staff feedback has been very positive and despite the problems with Wisepay for bookings, we managed to get hold of most people on the first attempt.

Fantastic Fundraisers

We have 3 children in school who have been working hard, raising money for charity.

Isabella Ryan in Year 3 made 9 different cakes over the weekend and managed to raise £145 for Dementia UK.

Chloe Marshall in Year 4 has raised almost £700 for St Leonard's Hospice in memory of her grandma. Chloe raised the money by running 31km in August.

Isla Hamilton in Year 4 has raised £30 for the Children's Chronic Arthritis Association.

This is a super effort from all these children and a huge 'Well Done' from everyone at Hempland.

York Foodbank Collection

We will be collecting food items for York Foodbank on Monday 19th October. York Foodbank is a charity which started in 2012 as an initiative of churches in York in response to growing numbers of people living in poverty and needing support. York Foodbank now runs out of four food distribution points across the city with the aim of meeting the needs of those in our local community who are experiencing a crisis situation and to give people hope, practical help and a brighter future.

If you would like to donate, please bring any tinned, packet or boxed food items to school on Monday 19th. There will be a table set up outside your child's classroom entrance where you can leave your donations at either the start or the end of the day.





Photographs

Proofs have arrived in school now. We are sorting them to give out on Monday.

For Y1 children who have a sibling in school – we will pass these on via the sibling.

For other Y1 children – we can post them to you, or they can be collected from the office or sent home with a friend or neighbour. Please let the office know which you would prefer.

To make use of free delivery to school, all orders must be made by Wednesday 28th October. Orders made after this date will incur P&P charges.

Admissions Consultation for 2022-23 Entry

This year's Admissions Consultation is being jointly held by all admissions authorities in the City of York between 12 October and 29 November 2020. The consultation includes the admissions policies and planned number of places available at each school for entry in September 2022. For more information and to respond to the consultation, please visit the admissions page on our website or www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation

Walk to School Week

32 primary schools registered for the Jack Archer award this year. This award is presented to the school that has the highest percentage of children walking/cycling/scooting to school over walk to school week.

The top 3 schools were as follows...

- 1st Clifton Green Primary School 89.6%
- 2nd Archbishop of York Junior School 89.4%
- 3rd Bishopthorpe Infant School 85.8%

Hempland's average percentage for the week was 77.5%. A massive thank you and well done to all those who walked/cycled/scooted to school! Keep up the good work!

Breakfast and After School Club

A reminder that this is available in school should you need it. If you have made a booking already for next half term, please update this if there has been a change in your circumstances or requirements. You do not need to block book every day, then contact us weekly. You can make ad-hoc bookings if you need to – just email the club on oosc@hempland.pmat.academy to do this. We need as much notice as possible for this please to ensure we have enough staff available. Emergency bookings can be made the same day, but this should be for emergencies only and not used as a regular way of booking.

Invoices will be sent out at the start of next half term for payment via wisePAY – please wait for details of this to be sent out.

Birthdays

A reminder that children can come to school in their own clothes on their birthday (or on a day closest to it should it fall on the weekend or in the holiday).