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Headteacher's Introduction

We are delighted to welcome the children back to school after half term. It is especially good to see Year One back after their period of isolation.

It has been great to hear all of the wonderful things that have been happening across school in our 5 praise assemblies today. There really was so much to be proud of! The children have been very keen to start collecting their team points again and are eager to find out who will be the winning team this half term.

As we enter the national lockdown period, we hope to provide some normality and consistency for the children and their families. Not much has changed in terms of guidance for schools – there are some reminders in the updates this week in this newsletter and online about the key things to remember.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

Parent Learning Overviews

The learning overviews for this half term are now on our website for all year groups. They can be found under the Curriculum tab and are saved in the Curriculum Content section. This is a great place to see what is going on across the school and all of the learning that is taking place.

Children in Need

Friday 13th November is Children in Need day and this will be a non-uniform day for all. If you would like to make a donation, please head to the Just Giving page we have set up

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hempland-primary?newPage=True>



School lunches

Please remember to check your child's balance on WisePay if you pay for school meals. A message will be sent on a Friday to give you the latest balance. Payment should always be paid in advance (before your child orders meals on a Monday) and the amount owing should never exceed £12.00. Thank you.

Parking

We have been notified of some dangerous parking on the zig zags immediately outside school. Please park carefully and legally so as to ensure the safety of all our children when coming to and leaving school.

Dogs

Please remember that we do not allow dogs on site, other than assistance dogs. This includes dogs being carried or transported in any way.



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 wise pay – 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).

Coronavirus reminders and updates

Coronavirus symptoms

With the number of coronavirus cases continuing to rise not only in York but around the country, it is vital that we all remain vigilant of the coronavirus symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If your child or anyone in your household has any of these symptoms (however mild) you must not come into school and you should arrange a coronavirus test as soon as possible by calling 119 or visiting: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

All members of your household must self-isolate while someone has symptoms or has tested positive for the virus. For more information on self-isolating, please see: [NHS When to self-isolate and what to do](#).

