



Headteacher's Introduction

Our word of the week has been 'curiosity' this week and children have been curious about their learning all week. Next week we will be thinking about 'patience' – a much needed skill for children and adults alike and one which we will be encouraging in the children all week.

In our staff meeting we have been talking about maths and looking at the children's work. It was great to see the excellent work that the children have been doing to consolidate their learning and take on new ideas and methods for calculations. We hope to put something out to help you understand the methods we use in the coming weeks.

We've also spent a lot of time talking about Christmas as you will see in the additional Christmas events newsletter on the website. We have some amazing things planned.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

Out of School Club

We still have spaces available at our after school club, with bookings available till 5pm (£8) or 6pm (£10). The children operate in the same bubbles as they are in during the school day and have access to outdoor and indoor space. You can block book for the whole term or update us regularly on your booking pattern if it needs to be more flexible. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school office or the club directly at oosc@hempland.pmat.academy

The booking form for the Spring Term has been uploaded the school website and can be seen here: <https://hemplandprimary.co.uk/out-of-school-club/>

Children in Need

Thank you for all of your kind donations. We have managed to raise a total of £832 for this fantastic charity. Thank you!



Coronavirus reminders and updates

A reminder that once you have collected your children from school you should leave the school grounds as quickly as possible. Children should remain with their parent/carer and not be allowed to play on the school equipment, including the grassed areas at the front of school.



Christmas 2020 Plans

We have added a special Christmas 2020 newsletter to the website along with this week's news as a snapshot of what we have planned for the festive season. All restrictions in force locally or nationally will be followed in school; this should be the same for you at home too.

Here are some more details of the events:

At Home: 14 Days of a Hempland Christmas

[On our website here](#) you can find an activity grid which has something for every school day during December that you could do as a family if you would like to. We'd love to see how you get on with the things you do at home – please tag us in a tweet using @hemplandprimary so we can share your fun. Some of the things are school related, like 'bling up your transport' and some are for you to try outside school. We've tried to include something for everyone and hope you can join in to bring some cheer at this difficult time.

We will send out printed copies of this grid next week so you can stick it on the fridge and tick them off as you do them.

At School and Home: BSL Advent Calendar and Signed Songs

Every day in December, we will be recording and sharing on our Twitter account @hemplandprimary a new Christmas BSL sign.

All children in school will be learning BSL for 2 classic Christmas songs. We will again be recording this to share.

At School and Home: Nativity for EYFS

We can't do our usual large scale production with a huge audience this year for obvious reasons. We are, however, working on a virtual nativity alongside the wonderful Lee & Dawn from Animated Objects. We will get in touch directly with EYFS parents next week with more details.

At School and Home: Foodbank Collection

On **Friday 11th December**, we are holding a collection for the York Foodbank to help families in our area throughout the Christmas period. Any donations you wish to make can be brought into school. At the moment, they are especially looking for:

- Laundry detergent
- Biscuits
- Sponge puddings
- Tinned fruit
- Jam
- Toothpaste
- Shaving foam
- Disposable razors
- Long life fruit juice



At School: Christmas Crafternoon

On Tuesday 1st December, we will be spending the afternoon making a wide variety of Christmas crafts for the children to bring home.

At School: Animated Objects Theatre Company

We are very excited to be having animated objects in school on Wednesday 9th December. **There will be multiple performances to ensure social distancing. Lee & Dawn from Animated Objects will be more than 2m from all children and staff at all times.**

At School: Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting this once again for Save the Children on **Friday 11th December**. We have set up a JustGiving page for you to make a donation should you wish to support this.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hempland-primary1>

Please note that there is no need to buy a Christmas jumper especially for this event. Feel free to add a festive touch to an existing jumper instead – homemade and creative are usually better anyway!

At School: Christmas Parties

We are planning our bubble parties to take place in school on the following dates:

Mon 14th: Y4

Tues 15th: Y1 & Y3

Wed 16th: Y2 & Y6

Thurs 17th: EYs & Y5

Children should come to school dressed in their party wear on their party day! No school uniform on a party day!

We are asking for a £1 contribution per child to be paid in cash on the day.

At School: Christmas Cards

We know that many children like to send cards to their classmates and class teachers. In order to still do this within any restrictions, children can bring cards into class from Tuesday 1st December where there will be somewhere to put them (teachers will explain this to the children). They will then be given out on a Friday in class.