



Headteacher's Introduction

We have had another very busy and hardworking week in school. It is great to see the learning taking place both in classrooms and outdoors and our Happening This Week newsletter is a great place to see all of what is happening throughout school. The Year 5 Survival Day has been a particular highlight this week with the Year 5 children putting up their own tents, foraging for food by using their orienteering skills and then designing their own menus. What a fantastic day!

Our word of the week has been 'patience' and our Shining Example certificates have been awarded in praise assemblies today in recognition of those children that have displayed this very important skill. It is wonderful to hear how children have been displaying patience this week in many different scenarios and see them so proud of what they have achieved.

Our Christmas preparations begin in school next week which is something that all of the children and staff are really looking forward to. Please see further details of the events for next week in this newsletter.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

Phonics Information

The Year 1 team have put together a really informative PowerPoint for parents centred on the teaching of phonics. It includes lots of useful information and explanations and tips on how to support your child at home.

[The videos can be found on our school website here.](#)

Milk

From January, we will be changing our milk supplier and will no longer be using Cool Milk. We are making this change to reduce waste and the impact on the environment of having small individual tetra-pak cartons and plastic straws in school. We will be purchasing milk in larger containers to pour out into reusable cups for the children instead and are able to recycle the milk bottles.

Payments for this will be made to school directly on Wisepay. You will have the option to pay for the Spring term or for the remainder of the school year. The cost for the Spring term will be £10.80, Summer term will be £13.60 or in full to the end of the year will be £24.40. If your current account with Cool Milk is in credit, this money will be reimbursed directly by them. If you have any questions regarding this, please get in touch with the school office via office@hempland.pmat.academy

School lunch change

There will be a permanent change of dessert for Wednesday of the Week 2 menu. Rather than peach fool, it will now be a fruit cookie.

After School Clubs

We are pleased to say that after Christmas we are able to offer an after school sports club for Y6 children. It will be provided by Ignite Sports Coaching and is bookable directly through them – see the flyer on the website for more details.



Christmas 2020

Events this week....

At Home: 14 Days of a Hempland Christmas

Tuesday 1st December will see the start of our 14 Days of a Hempland Christmas! You can find the activity grid on our website and a paper copy has also been sent home with your child. We'd really 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. We will send out the Christmas quiz next Friday for you to have a go at over the weekend.

At School: Christmas Tree Decorating Ceremonies

On Monday, our Christmas trees are arriving in school and on **Tuesday 1st December**, we will be decorating these in our bubbles. We are really looking forward to this and the beginning of our Christmas festivities.



At School: Christmas Crafternoon

Also on **Tuesday 1st December**, we will all be spending the afternoon making a wide variety of Christmas crafts for the children to bring home. The whole school will be getting very creative and we are sure that glitter will be playing a big part in proceedings!

At School: Christmas Cards

Children can bring cards into class from **Tuesday 1st December** where there will be a special place to put them in their classroom. Cards can be brought into school on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** and they will then be given out on a Friday in class.

At School: Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch will be on **Friday 11th December**. We would like the children to pre-order their Christmas lunch in class by Wednesday 2nd December. This is in order for our cook to order the required amount of food. The class teachers will be asking the children so it would be really helpful if you can chat to your child before next week so they know if they will be having the lunch.



The lunch will be roast turkey with all of the trimmings and the vegetarian option will be mozzarella and tomato crown. The dessert will be a chocolate Christmas log.

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.