



Headteacher's Introduction

Today is the final day of home learning and we all sincerely hope this is the last time we have to do this. We are all really looking forward to having all of the children back in school – the buzz of a full school and seeing and hearing children learn and play throughout the day is irreplaceable and brings a smile to everyone's face.

This newsletter has some news about things going on in school, while reminders about the arrangements for next week and beyond can be seen on our website: <https://hemplandprimary.co.uk/headteacher-update/>

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

World Book Day

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating books and reading. Key Stage 2 children enjoyed an amusing assembly with David Walliams which was very entertaining!

The Masked Reader challenge was also great fun with many children enjoying guessing who the teachers were: 'Kylo Ren' was Miss Humphreys, 'The Wolf' was Mrs Hearld, 'The Witch' was Mrs Boulton, 'The Hempland Hero' was Miss Gardonyi and 'The Dark Knight' was Miss Pope. Well done if you figured out all five readers correctly!

Children across school have also enjoyed reading the book 'Tuesday' and have been inspired to write and make lots of creations. There were some fantastic entries for our Book in a Box competition and it is very difficult to choose a year group winner! Prizes for the lucky winners will be awarded next week in assembly. Thank you everybody for taking part in these activities and don't forget to spend your £1 voucher too!

Parent Pay

Thank you for activating your ParentPay accounts. We now have 96% of our families with accounts, which is fantastic! Thank you!

Due to the fantastic response, we are now in a position to let you know that you are able to pre-order lunches on ParentPay from today. The menu runs until the end of this school year and so you can order lunches with immediate effect until July should you wish. Please note that the system will require you to pay on booking. If your child is then absent from school their account will be credited automatically with a refund.

This three week period will allow you to become familiar with the system and for us to answer any questions you may have.

We will continue to keep you updated with information regarding ParentPay.

If you would like your child to have milk while at school, you can also pay for this through ParentPay.

Chromebooks

Thank you for the return of the Chromebooks that were loaned from January. If you have not returned the Chromebook, then please bring to school on Monday morning and leave on the trolley outside the main office. Thank you.



Comic Relief – 19th March

A date for your diaries - It is Comic Relief day on Friday 19th March. This is a really great day in school and one in which there is always lots of fun and laughter – something we are all particularly looking forward to this year!

The theme for this year is Superheroes so we will be having a Superhero dress up day. If your child would prefer to come to school just in non uniform, this is absolutely fine.

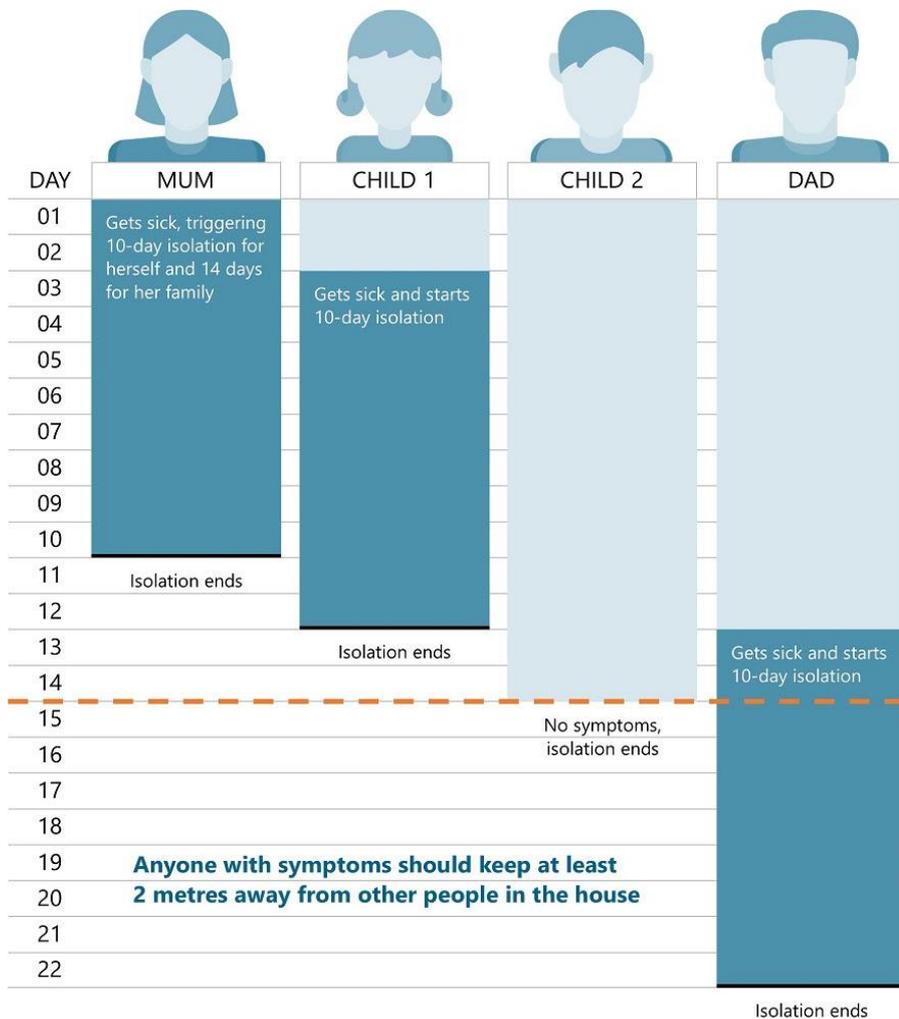
We have set up a JustGiving page in which you can make any donation you wish to.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hempland-primary2>

Year 3 request

Year 3 will be using recycled materials as part of a science lesson in the week beginning 15th March. If you have any plastic containers, plastic bottles etc, please could you bring them to the Year 3 door by Monday 15th March to enable us to quarantine them before using at the end of the week. Please make sure any items that you are able to bring in are cleaned and washed out. Thank you in advance!

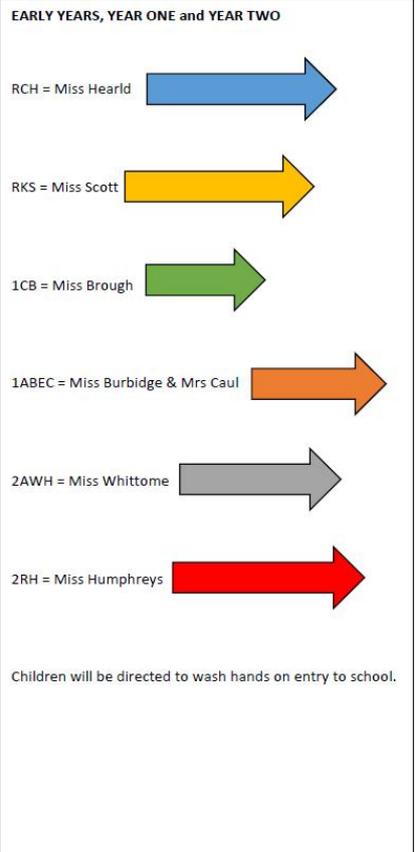
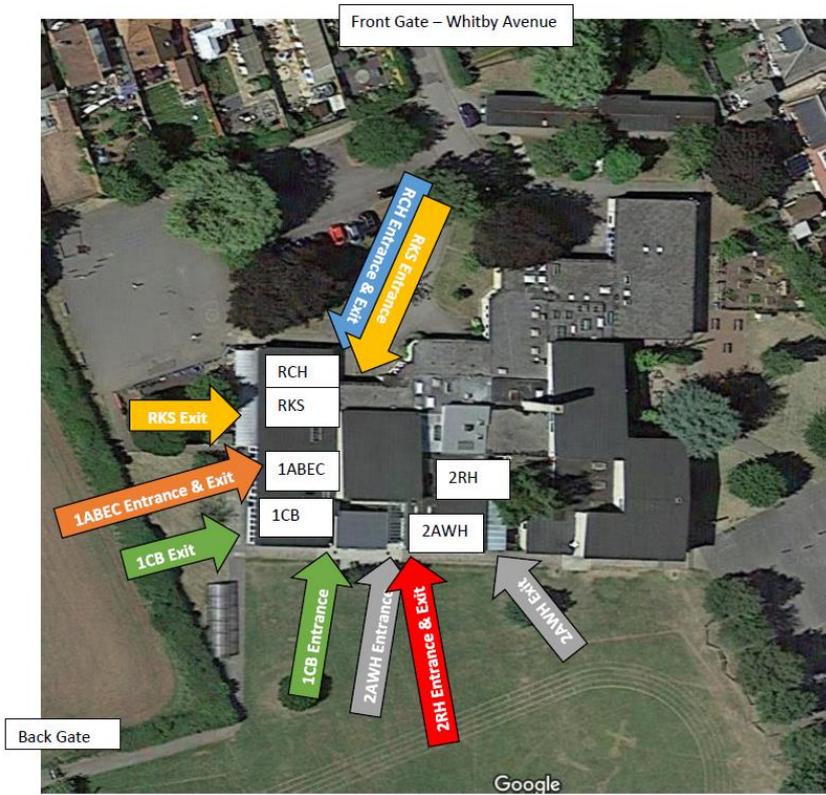
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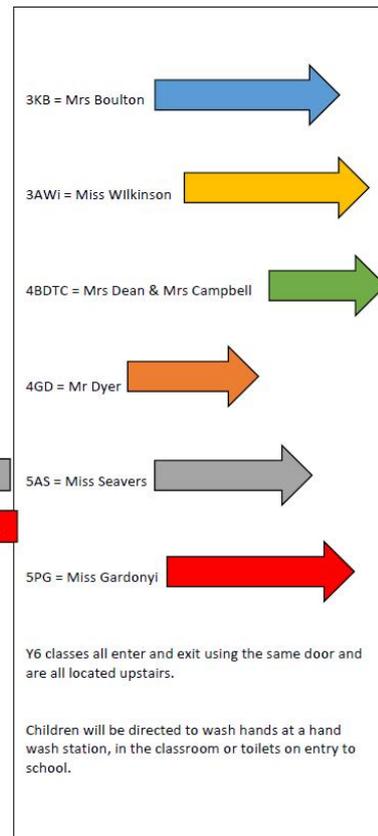


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EARLY YEARS & KEY STAGE ONE



KEY STAGE TWO





Update from the DfE about asymptomatic testing for households

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

How to get a rapid lateral flow test

Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils

This section does not apply to secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, who should take twice-weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online



Get a test through your employer

- Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

- You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.
- You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

Collect test kits

- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.
- Anyone 18 or over can collect.
- Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.
- Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

You can find more information here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>