



Headteacher's Introduction

We have had a great first week back and our new topics have really taken off throughout school. The parent learning overviews for this half term can be found on our website here

<https://hemplandprimary.co.uk/curriculum/learning-overviews/>

We received some very exciting news this week that we have been selected to have our very own Christmas tree in the York Minster Christmas Tree Festival. We are of course thrilled with this news! This is the first year of this event which will be held in Minster Yard and opens on the 18th November until 6th January. We have decided to decorate our tree with the theme of the Twelve Days of Christmas and children in Early Years to Year 6 will be involved in making decorations to reflect the twelve days. In addition to this, we have decided that all decorations will be made from recycled materials. We will keep you updated with our progress.

Mrs Innes

Poppy Appeal

Children will be able to purchase a poppy in school from Monday 8th November until Thursday 11th November. The Year 6 children will be visiting all classes each day and children can bring in their donation and will be given their poppy.



Friends of Hempland

Another huge thank you for all of your generous donations for the Great Hempland Pea Hunt. **We were very excited to be able to give each year group £500** to spend on items of their choice - more details to follow from the happy teachers next week!

We are pleased to announce that we will be going ahead with the school discos on Wednesday 24th November. Look out for the flier coming home next week, giving more information of a few changes we are making, to keep everyone as safe as possible.

We have taken the decision, with the support of school, that the Christmas Fair will not go ahead in its usual format. The limited space in the halls would have made it very hard to hold a covid-safe event, and the unpredictable weather meant that we could not confidently plan an outside event. However, we are working on plans to make sure your children still have some fun Christmas events this term, more details to follow!

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the families who volunteer to bake for Bun Club each week, and to everyone who buys a bun on a Wednesday after school! We have raised over £100 since we re-started in October, and this money will be going straight to Mrs Souch to spend on resources for Cook School, including new baking trays and kitchen equipment. Cook School sessions are much enjoyed by all children in school throughout the academic year, and we are delighted to be able to support it.

Many thanks again for your support!





Book Fair

On Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November we are pleased to let you know we will be holding a book fair after school. The book fair will run from 3.10 – 4.00 on both evenings. Entry into school will be through the main entrance and we will be operating a one-way system to exit out of the KS2 hall using the Year 5 and 6 door. We may have to stagger entry to the hall to ensure we have plenty of space for all.

Every book that you buy helps to purchase more books for school. Please see the attached invitation for more information about the book titles on offer and information on how to purchase. Books can also be bought using cash or cheque.

E-safety tip of the week

With over 180 million users, Snapchat has continued to evolve and attract new followers, particularly with a younger audience.

Snapchat's willingness to move with the times, strategically adding new features such as Spotlight and Snap Map, has kept it relevant and appealing. Each fresh tweak, however, provides potential scope for new harms – whether deliberately or accidentally inflicted. The National Online Safety guide has all the information you need to make sure both you and your child are safe with this popular app.

Deaf Awareness

Sing and Sign Choir

Beginning next week on Friday lunchtimes, Mrs Day and Mrs Hardy will be leading a sing and sign choir. All children are very welcome to join at 12:30 in the KS2 hall.

The sign this week is for fireworks!

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmUSUOO1Mlu1RBqHM92y5YBsCCuklwld->

Upcoming events

Monday 8th November	Parent Meetings 3.30 – 6.00
Tuesday 9th November	Parent Meetings 3.30 – 7.00
Wednesday 10th November	Year 3 Comic Book Workshop Early Years Health Screening Book Fair in the Large Hall 3.10 – 4.00
Thursday 11th November	Year 2 Artist visit Book Fair in the Large Hall 3.10 – 4.00
Friday 12th November	Non Uniform Day (for all teams filling up their coloured tubes)

Parent Meetings – should you have any problems booking your appointment or logging on for your appointment time, please either email or call the school office and we will be able to help.