



## Headteacher's Introduction

This week has been Anti-Bullying week in school and the focus this year was *One Kind Word*. We started our week with Odd Socks Day to show that everyone is different and unique. The children have participated in many brilliant activities including writing kindness cards, sharing kindness stickers, making kindness wreaths and creating kindness spells plus much more!

The following links have information and guidance for parents that you may find useful.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents>

<https://www.bullying.co.uk/advice-for-parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit>



Our Hempland Christmas Tree is now on display as part of the York Minster Christmas Tree Festival. We are very proud of it as all children in school have contributed to making the decorations to reflect the Twelve Days of Christmas and we think that it looks just fabulous! The festival is open now until 6<sup>th</sup> January from 10am – 7pm every day. Further information can be found on the York Minster website

<https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/event/the-york-minster-christmas-tree-festival/>



You can vote for your favourite so we would of course welcome any votes for our Hempland Tree!

## Children in Need

Many thanks for all of your generous donations on our Children in Need Just Giving page. We have raised so far a total of £343 which is amazing! We have also enjoyed a bun sale in school and are just busy counting up the money which will increase our total even further. Thank you!



## Friends of Hempland Update

### Bun Club: bakers urgently needed!

Thanks for all your ongoing support with Bun Club. We desperately need your help to keep us supplied with buns, as we've come very close to running out a few times. If you could bake 12-15 cupcakes /biscuits approximately once every 3 weeks, we'd love to hear from you and would be ever so grateful! You can get in touch with us on [friendsofhempland@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhempland@gmail.com). Thanks!

### Christmas festivities

#### COMING SOON: CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Inspired by the amazing Hempland Christmas Tree on display at York Minster, we need 12 families to get creative and decorate a house window (must be visible from the street) around the theme of 'The 12 Days of Christmas'.

We'll pick 12 houses to make a good walking route near school, but the creativity will be up to you!

Email [friendsofhempland@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhempland@gmail.com) by the 24th November if you'd like to get involved!



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Christmas raffle tickets are coming home soon, and it's not too late to donate prizes. Big or small, all are gratefully received.

### CHRISTMAS JAM JARS

Get saving your jam jars! We might not have the usual Christmas fair this year, but we still want to see those decorated jam jars for our annual Christmas jam jar competition! More details, plus what to put inside the jars, next week!

### E-safety tip of the week

Last year, around one in five children aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To a child who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens someone's day and resets their perspective. That's why **'One Kind Word'** is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. National Online Safety are supporting this year's event by bringing you **ten top tips** for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness in their most recent free guide.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as reaching out, thinking before commenting and recommending fun things.

### Deaf Awareness

[Please and Thank you](#)



Our Christmas Tree at York Minster has BSL on it too!

### Upcoming events

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Year 6 visit to the Van Gogh experience in York Year 4 library visit
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School Discos Y1&2 4:00 - 5:00pm Y3&4 5:15 - 6:30pm Y5&6 6:45 - 8:00pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 and 2 singing workshop
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Army STEM day Year 1 Using your Voice workshop