



## Headteacher's Introduction

I would like to thank you for your positive comments regarding our recent Ofsted report. We are very pleased with the outcome and are continuing to work hard to build and continue to develop our school further. We will be including a new section on our newsletter to highlight what we have been working on in school throughout the week which we hope will keep you updated with our progress.

Christmas has well and truly arrived at Hempland and our tree decorating ceremonies took place this week with all children adding a Christmas decoration to our trees. They really do look very festive and full now! We have a number of Christmas events happening next week and are looking forward to welcoming Animated Objects Theatre Company who will be performing for all children.

We will finish the week with Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. We have set up a Just Giving page should you wish to make a contribution [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hempland-Primary4](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Hempland-Primary4) Please can children wear normal school uniform and should they like to, replace their usual school jumper with a festive jumper instead. Also on Friday, we are really looking forward to sitting down to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch. If you would like your child to have the Christmas lunch option, please contact the school office by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 5pm if you have not yet booked via ParentPay.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Innes

## What have we been working on this week?

Part of our school development plan is to implement a new phonics scheme. We have chosen the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised scheme and all of our staff have started their training this week. We will invite parents into school in the spring term to share more information about this.

### E-safety tip of the week

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, Squid Game. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why National Online Safety have created a guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what Squid Game is all about.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate content, viral spin-offs and scene re-enactments.



## Deaf Awareness

We started our Hempland BSL Calendar again on Wednesday and will be posting daily on our Twitter page. This is now our third year of doing this and to start things off a little differently, we have decided to learn the Twelve Days of Christmas in BSL. The children are really enjoying this and we hope you are enjoying the daily updates.

## Upcoming events

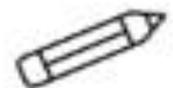
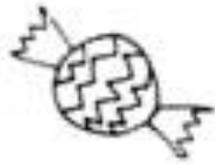
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Artist Visit 
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Flu Immunisations in school  Animated Objects Theatre Performance for all year groups – Early Years and Key Stage 1: Little Red Riding Hood Key Stage 2: Peter and the Wolf   Year 3 York Theatre Royal visit
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and 2 Singing workshop 
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Narnia day  Christmas Jumper Day    <b><u>School Christmas Lunch</u></b>

*All children have created Christmas artwork which will be displayed in Waitrose, York from 17th December onwards throughout the Festive period. Head down to take a look, it is super!*



## Friends of Hempland Update

### Decorate a jam jar competition!



All jam jars will be coming back home – maybe your jar could be a present for a friend or family member!  
(We hope the jam jar hoop-la will be back next year!)