



Headteacher's Introduction

All children have enjoyed a thoroughly entertaining show performed by Animated Objects this week and nativity play rehearsals have been going well too. We are really looking forward to sharing these with parents next week.

Next week is also party time! All year groups have an afternoon party (please see dates below) where teachers have planned lots of fun and games. Your child can come dressed in their party clothes for the whole day on the day of their party.

Thank you to all of you who saved the Morrison's Good to Grow vouchers for our school. We will be getting a delivery in the Spring of a 4 tier mini greenhouse, an insect hotel, secateurs, widgets, dibbers and trowels, all ready for the new growing season. We can't wait!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Innes

What have we been working on this week?

Our new phonics resources have arrived in school this week and we have been busy organising these and continuing with our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds revised phonics training. The new books we have purchased look great and we are really looking forward to sharing these with the children.

Friends of Hempland Update

Your child should have received a festive puzzles and trail booklet this week. We hope you enjoy it, and that you have fun walking around our local area and looking at all the decorated windows. Thank you to everyone who offered to take part, including the Lions@Hempland after school club for their colourful 12 drummers drumming! Spare trails will be available at the school entrance over the weekend. We have also attached a copy with this newsletter.

The Christmas raffle will be drawn on Monday 13th December. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes. Special thanks to year 6 for their wonderful letters to local businesses!



Finally, a huge thanks to all of you for all your support this year!

Merry Christmas from the Friends of Hempland!

Deaf Awareness

On Thursday 16th, the Sing and Sign choir will be performing a few Christmas Songs, at the front of the school building as children and parents arrive. If your child is part of Sing and Sign choir and would like to join in, please arrive at school 5 minutes early at 8.35am.



E-safety tip of the week

Alexa is an artificial intelligence (AI) software assistant created by Amazon in 2014 through which smartphone, tablet and smart device users can issue voice commands and ask questions in a range of languages by issuing the 'wake' or activation word Alexa. It can be accessed in several ways and is integrated into a growing number of 'smart' products including speakers, phones and clocks. Once viewed as expensive gimmicks, Alexa is now one of the most used voice assistants in the world.

In the free National Online Safety Guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as privacy risks, age-inappropriate content and insecure devices.

Upcoming events

Monday 13th December	<p>Early Years Christmas Party</p> <p>Year 4 Christmas Party</p> <p><i>Book Sale 3pm – we will be setting up a table at the front of school where there will be a collection of books that we are no longer using in school. These will be for families to take – any donations would be welcome.</i></p>	
Tuesday 14th December	<p>9:15 Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 10:45 Early Years Christmas performance</p> <p>Year 1 Christmas Party Year 5 Christmas Party</p>	
Wednesday 15th December	<p>9:15 Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance 10:45 Early Years Christmas performance</p> <p>Year 2 Christmas Party Year 6 Christmas Party</p>	
Thursday 16th December	<p>Sing and Sign choir performing 8.35am</p> <p>Year 3 Christmas Party</p>	
Friday 17th December	Last day of the Autumn term.	

