



Headteacher's Introduction

Well, it has certainly been a very busy and eventful term but we have made it! This last week has been full of festive fun with our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children performing their nativities this week. They were all superstars and really enjoyed showing off all of their hard work. We have also held seven Christmas parties with lots of singing, dancing and games.

We would like to thank you all for your support and understanding throughout this term and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mrs Innes

What have we been working on this week?

We have been reviewing our Early Years outdoor planning and provision and are really looking forward to the delivery of new resources in January. We have ordered a new mud pie kitchen, sand and water stands, scooters and a stage area amongst many other things. We will keep you updated with our progress with this area and share with you the transformation.

Friends of Hempland Update

We would like to thank our superb Friends of Hempland team for all their hard work and support this term. All of your time and effort is hugely appreciated and we look forward to more exciting events in the Spring term. Attached with this newsletter is Friends newsletter which highlights what has been happening so far this year.

Recent Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who donated money to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Together we raised 243.72!

Last Friday was Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children and a total of £200 was raised. Thank you as ever for your generosity.



School Lunches

Please find the full spring term menu on the school website <https://hemplandprimary.co.uk/parents/school-dinners/> School lunches can be booked on Parent Pay.

Deaf Awareness

We hope you have enjoyed our BSL Twelve Days of Christmas posts on Twitter and the performance of our Sing and Sign on Thursday morning at the front of school.





E-safety tip of the week

Now that we have the chance to spend some quality time our families over Christmas, many face a familiar struggle to prise their young one's attention away from their phone, console, tablet or computer. Fun family bonding over the festive period, however, doesn't have to exclude devices. There are sackfuls of Christmas activities and ideas online which grown-ups and children can enjoy together. National Online Safety have compiled a 'nice list' of seasonal suggestions of how to make the most of the online world this Christmas.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as video calling family members, playing video games as a family and listening to your favourite seasonal songs online.

Upcoming events

Monday 3rd January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	Teacher training day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday 5th January	School re opens for pupils
Thursday 6th January	
Friday 7th January	

Spring Term – Diary dates so far

DAY	TIME	EVENT
WEEK 2 – 10 th Jan 2022		
Monday 10 th January	5pm	Peat Rigg Residential Meeting for Year 5 parents
WEEK 3 – 17 th Jan 2022		
Monday 17 th January	5pm	Robin Wood Residential Meeting for Year 6 parents
WEEK 4 – 24 th Jan 2022		
WEEK 5 – 31 st Jan 2022		
WEEK 6 – 7 th Feb 2022		
WEEK 7 – 14 th Feb 2022		
Friday 18th February	LAST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM	



Free kids winter activities at St Nicks nature reserve!!

For children 12 and under

December 18th - 10:30-12:30 or 1:30-3:30
December 22nd - 10:30-12:30 or 1:30-3:30

St Nicks
The Green Heart of York

We will be making winter crafts, playing games, having a fire (with marshmallows!) and food and hot drinks will be provided. Wrap up warm and wear clothes you don't mind possibly getting muddy! Children over 8 may be unaccompanied by adults if they have full parental consent.

Meet at the main building compound at St Nicks Nature Reserve & Environment Centre, Rawdon Avenue, York, YO10 3FW

For more information and to book a place email greenmentor@stnicks.org.uk