



Headteacher's Introduction

It has been a busy time in Year 5 and Year 6 with lots of preparation taking place for the upcoming residential next half term. The Year 5 and 6 teams held two successful meetings and all of the information shared and the documentation can be found on our website under the Parents tab.

Next week we are holding our Phonics and Early Reading meetings for parents/carers of children in Early Years and Year 1. These meetings will be held in school but will also be available via Zoom should you be unable to attend or would prefer not to attend in person. We are sure these meetings will be really informative and provide you with lots of helpful information regarding our new phonics scheme Little Wandle. We will also have all of our wonderful new books and resources on display for you to have a look at.

Should your child be absent due to testing positive for Covid-19, resources are available on Google Classroom (Years 2-6) or on Tapestry (Early Years & Year 1) If you would prefer a paper pack of work to complete at home, this is no problem at all and can be requested through your child's class teacher or via the school office. Class teachers will continue to provide feedback on the work completed at the end of every day. There is of course no expectation to complete the work should your child be unwell.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Innes

What have we been working on this week?

Staff have had 2 training sessions over the last couple of weeks linked to SEN. The first was delivered by Carolyn Ray (MAT SENCo) and Miss Le Pla (SENCo) and looked at the processes and procedures within school of identifying children with a SEN.

In the second session, we were pleased to invite in two members of the specialist teaching team for Autism – Nicky Wallace and Sarah Manville – who delivered a really interesting session on Social Stories. These are stories written for and about a child by a person who knows them well that can help explain a confusing social situation and can therefore lead to positive change in a child's reaction and behaviour. We were pleased that so many of our teachers and Teaching Assistants were able to attend.

Vacancy – Midday Supervisory Assistant Monday to Friday (5 hours per week)

We are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our hardworking and conscientious lunchtime support team.

You will be required to supervise pupils during lunchtimes to maintain a calm environment in the dining room and provide direction and supervision of activities whilst on the playground.

In return we are offering:

- Full training
- £9.50 per hour
- 24 days holiday a year (plus bank holidays)
- The opportunity to join the Local Government Pension Scheme if you wish.

If you would like further information then please contact Ann Kirkpatrick via the school office on 01904 806506 or email office@hempland.pmat.academy

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E-safety tip of the week

Disney+ is the latest big player in the TV streaming market. The global brand has released its own subscription-based streaming service to rival that of competitors such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Apple TV. As the name might suggest, it's designed to be family friendly, with content restricted to PG and PG-13 (UK equivalent 12a). It can be streamed on pretty much any device – mobile phones, tablets, PC's, TVs and games consoles – and features a huge library of classic Disney titles. In the free National Online Safety guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as hackers, age-inappropriate content and outdated cultural depictions.

Deaf Awareness



Whole School Art Gallery

In order to showcase all of the excellent art work the children are producing as part of our whole school artists study, we will be setting up an art gallery in school for the week beginning 14th February. We are really hoping to invite parents in for this event and will organise this in year groups on the days and times below.


Miss Whittome will be sending home further details next week about this exciting event!

	1.15-2.00	2.15-3.00
Monday 14th February	Early Years	Year 3
Tuesday 15th February	Year 1	Year 4
Wednesday 16th February	Year 2	Year 5
Thursday 17th February	Year 6	



Dates for the week ahead

Monday 24 th January	4.30pm – Phonics Meeting for parents/carers of Early Years children. 5.00pm – Phonics Meeting for parents/carers of Year 1 children.
Tuesday 25 th January	
Wednesday 26 th January	
Thursday 27 th January	
Friday 28 th January	



Future diary dates

Wednesday 9th February – Year 4 visit to Jorvik Viking Centre

Tuesday 15th February – Year 2 Shackleton Day

Further details on both of these events will be sent by the Year Group Team.