



Headteacher's Introduction

It was great to see so many parents at the phonics meetings earlier this week. If you were unable to attend, all the information can be found on our school website along with the answers to questions that were asked <https://hemplandprimary.co.uk/curriculum/subjects/english-phonics-and-early-reading/> The children are really enjoying their phonics lessons and making super progress.

In staffing news, Miss Robinson will sadly be leaving Hempland at the end of next week to take up a position at York University. While we will all really miss Miss Robinson, we wish her well in her new role. She has been a really fabulous member of our staff team and know that she will be fantastic in her new role.

We also say goodbye today to Mrs Robertson who has worked at Hempland since September providing cover in Early Years. Mrs Robertson has been brilliant and we are sure we will see her at Hempland again soon! She would like to thank the Early Years parents for all her lovely cards and gifts she has received.

As ever, have a lovely weekend

Mrs Innes

What has been happening across school this week?

Early Years have enjoyed looking at the artist Ben Eine over the last couple of weeks, and have started to create their very own pieces of artwork inspired by him, to display in the art gallery. The children have also been busy becoming experts at knowing how to keep themselves happy and healthy - learning all about their personal hygiene, and even taking part in the tooth brushing challenge! Next week, they can't wait to celebrate Chinese New Year by having a celebration day complete with food tasting, crafts and even a New Year dance.

Year 1 have been doing some fantastic spelling in their new Little Wandle Phonics lessons. What an improvement in confidence and accuracy! Well done Year One!

Year 2 children have written some phenomenal retells of Ernest Shackleton's treacherous journey to Antarctica! Drawing on all of their new vocabulary, the children painted a picture of mixed emotions and courageous bravery. It has been lovely to hear such a buzz around this topic from the children and parents of Year 2 doing extra learning at home.

Year 3 have had a fantastic time reading and studying the first three chapters of Ted Hughes's 'The Iron Man' and making some brilliant predictions about what will happen next. The children have also been using what they know about 'The Iron Man' so far to write some beautiful nonet, haiku and cinquain poems. We definitely have some future poets in the making!

Year 4 have been inspired by the surrealist work of local artist Lincoln Lightfoot to create their own surrealist collages and drawings involving York landmarks. They were really fortunate to have a visit from Lincoln who talked to the children about his inspirations and how he produces his works of art.

Year 5 have been exploring baked goods (evaluating modern baked products in previous weeks) and this week got to try baking an authentic Tudor biscuit recipe. The children learnt the techniques required for biscuit making including rubbing butter into dry ingredients to make a crumble and then kneading the dough before forming our biscuit shapes. They finally tasted and evaluated them on Thursday which was a thoroughly delicious experience!



Year 6 have really embraced our values of Ambition and Resilience with their Design Technology project. The children have created fairground rides, using a pulley or gear mechanism to work, and all of which were controlled using computer programming with the Microbits.

Friends of Hempland Update – Pre loved uniform

Our next second hand uniform sale will be on Friday 4th February, straight after school in the KS2 playground. Please SAVE THE DATE and keep your fingers crossed for good weather!



As ever, thanks for all your generous of pre-loved uniform. Please note that, thanks to your generosity, we have plenty of stock and don't need any more donations of non-logo items (grey trousers, white shirts, etc). We are, however, still collecting logo jumpers and cardigans so please drop off any that you are happy to donate in the school office **by Friday at the latest**.

Please DO NOT leave bags of other uniform items with the office.

Thanks for your understanding and we look forward to seeing lots of you at the sale next Friday!

Max Card

The Max Card is the UK's leading discount card for foster families and families of children with additional needs. Families can use their Max Card at venues across the UK to get free or discounted admission.

Please find below the link to the website which you may find useful.

https://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Local%20Offer/max-card-and-other-discount-cards.htm?fbclid=IwAR0v4K1PrRRJBipT7kWIsW16_dRzn7SWUOdxAvqjPpcrG-K-k_NWhskydls



Yourcafe

Yourcafe was set up in 2015 and is run entirely by volunteers including current and ex parents of children at Hempland Primary School. It runs every Wednesday at 11 am at Tang Hall Community Centre and its team of volunteers collect over half a tonne of surplus food from M&S, Waitrose, Co-op and Tesco's. Saving valuable food from being binned. They run a community cafe and have been chosen as one of the local Co-op members fund this year. This means that if you have a membership card and choose Yourcafe as the local cause, then all the money received will be used to keep the project going, and to buy extra fruit, vegetables and fresh food for families in need. All are welcome and the food provided is currently helping to support over 180 people every week plus families at a number of local primary schools, a homeless centre and a local women's refuge.

The link is <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/58334>





E-safety tip of the week

YouTube is the default video-viewing app for so many people, wherever they are (it averages a billion views per day, for example, just from smartphones – accounting for around a quarter of daily global mobile traffic) that when something is uploaded – age-appropriate or not – it can reach a staggering number of people in almost no time at all. It’s easy to understand why many are concerned about harmful clips featuring profanity, sex or violence being equally likely to go viral rapidly. The free National Online Safety guide also highlights YouTube’s other potential risks.

Deaf Awareness



Dates for the week ahead



Monday 31 st January	
Tuesday 1 st February	
Wednesday 2 nd February	
Thursday 3 rd February	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 4 th February	Friends Pre Loved Uniform Sale - Key Stage 2 playground

Future diary dates

Tuesday 8th February – Year 1 History of Toys Day

Children will be coming to school dressed up as their favourite toy/character and will be thanking grandparents for their videos about what they played with when they were young. Further details will be sent home from the Year 1 Team.



Hutchison's Catering Vacancy

We are currently looking for a Kitchen Assistant to work with the fabulous team at Hempland school. We offer a competitive salary, uniform and ongoing training and development.

Salary: £9.50 per hour

This is a great opportunity to get into school catering. The role involves a little food prep, serving the children and cleaning down after service. You will work term time so it's ideal for someone with children of a school age.

Hutchison Catering is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role

This position is term time only - working 39 weeks with 4.2 weeks holiday

Part-time hours: 16 per week

10.30 -1.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Expected start date – Monday 7th Feb 22

Please contact Sara Exley on 07990 065690 or sara@hutchisoncatering.co.uk for further details.

