



Headteacher's Introduction

It was a really great start to the week as we were pleased to be able to hold our parent meetings in person for the first time in two years on Monday and Tuesday evening. There was a very positive atmosphere around school and we hope you found the meetings informative and enjoyed the chance to look through your child's books.

On Monday, Year 2 had a visit from Ross Divorty and his company 'Healthy Me'. Throughout the morning, the children explored different ingredients, their origins and how they came to the UK. After time exploring, the children were able to make some delicious smoothies using the ingredients they had learnt about. Mr Divorty was kind enough to share his secret recipe so the children can make them at home!

In the afternoon, the children set up a Science experiment and were tasked with helping famous chef Jamie Oliver to keep his ingredients fresh for the weekend. They discussed everything a plant needed to grow and made predictions about which plant would survive until the weekend. The children continue to monitor each plant's progress!

The Year 4 children enjoyed a sunny stroll into York on Wednesday as they visited the Jorvik Viking Centre to journey back to the Viking Age. They learnt how the Vikings lived and enjoyed travelling around a Viking market to experience how it would have been. They certainly weren't a fan of the smells! Each class was then given their own Viking coin to take back to school to look after.

Finally, thank you once again for your very generous donations for Red Nose Day. The grand total raised in school was **£835.63** which is truly remarkable. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Innes



What have we been working on this week?

Our school council members met together with our new school council lead teachers, Miss Whittome and Mrs Chesters. The children were thrilled to be back talking together, discussing events and ways to further develop our school and their first meeting was a real success. Lots of great ideas were shared and all of the children were so keen to get involved. Another meeting is planned just before the Easter holidays where plans will be finalised for some exciting upcoming events. Well done school councillors!

LGC update and school survey link

It was a pleasure to meet many parents and carers at this week's parents' evenings and great that these could be held face to face again. There is a short anonymous parents' survey which is available until next Monday (28th March). The link for this is: <https://tinyurl.com/hemplsurvey>

It would be fantastic to get as many responses as possible so we can hear your views about what you like about the school and any suggestions for improvements. Your opinions are genuinely valued, and we look forward to analysing your comments which will help us shape future plans.



Dodgeball

Last week, Hempland had two Dodgeball teams represent the school in fixtures against Carr Juniors. This was the Y3 and Y4's second fixture. It was a tight game with the children displaying some fantastic dodging skills! At the final whistle, it was Carr who came out victorious but the children showed amazing fight and resolve to battle until the very end.

Year 5 opened their Dodgeball account in the Y5 and Y6 Dodgeball league. With the Year 6 squad being away and having too much fun on residential, the Year 5's stepped in to show what they could do! Again, it was another fantastic fixture but the Hempland Team emerged the winners in a tight 1-0 victory.

Well done to all the children who represented Hempland, you were all amazing!



Hutchison Catering

Our school caterers, Hutchison Catering would like to gather some feedback from parents in relation to developing their menus. Please see the following link for the parent survey should you wish to complete this.

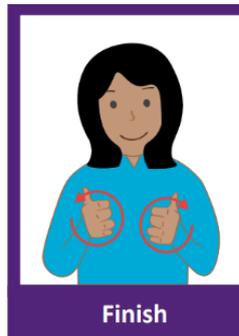
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Ignite Sports Coaching Easter Holiday Club

We are really pleased that Ignite Sports Coaching will be running a holiday club at Hempland in the Easter holidays. Please see the attached flyer for further information and details on how to book a place.

Throughout the holiday club, children will have the opportunity to play and enjoy a wide range of sports, games and activities. Club favourites are dodgeball, capture the flag, go-karting, hide and seek, scootering, football and archery to name a few! As well as four coach-led sessions across the day, there will be supervised free play sessions where the children can choose from the extensive sports equipment on offer! All sessions are engaging, inclusive and most of all FUN for the children and coaches!

Deaf Awareness





Dates for next week

Monday 28 th March	Year 6 SATS parent meeting 5pm
Tuesday 29 th March	Early Years Fairy Tale Day
Wednesday 30 th March	Year 5 Shakespeare performance 6.30pm
Thursday 31 st March	
Friday 1 st April	Year 3 Gardening Day Easter Chocolate Tombola 3pm

Future diary dates

Monday 4th April – Year 6 visit from Taylor’s Yorkshire Tea

Tuesday 5th April – Choral Festival

Wednesday 6th April – YoYo visit to school and workshops in Year 2 and Year 5

Thursday 7th April – Spring Discos

Friday 8th April – Last Day of Spring Term



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Chocolate Tombola
Friday 1st April
After school: KS2 Playground



Children who attend an after school club will be able to enter the tombola after lunch

- Non Uniform
- Bring in a chocolate treat
- £1 = 5 tickets from the tombola
- Get a big chocolate prize for anything ending in a 0 or a 5
- Smaller prize for those without a winning ticket

Thank you for supporting your school!

All proceeds from this event go back to the school to support activities and additional resources for all years.

Friends of Hempland are looking for more volunteers and committee members as current parents of Y6 children leave at the end of this school year.
Please get in touch via friendsofhempland@gmail.com for more information



Spring Disco



Thursday 7th April

Y1 & Y2 : 4pm-5pm Entry £1.50

Y3 & Y4: 5.15pm-6.30pm Entry £2.00

Y5 & Y6: 6:45pm -8.00pm Entry £2:00

Entry via main reception
Pick up via Breakfast Club entrance, where one way system will be in place



Disco rules



Can all children please bring a water bottle

No mobile phones/cameras, or Heelies

All children to be collected by an adult

Dance like you're on Strictly!

Tuck Shop

- Max £1 spend
- Tuck shop sweets usually 10p/20p; exact change would be very helpful where possible
- Y1&Y2 may want to bring their money in a named envelope which they can keep behind the shop

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If you would like to volunteer please email friendsofhempland@gmail.com with which disco you'd like to help at.