Hempland Primary News

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A message from Mrs Innes

This week, Year 3 have been out and about in the community visiting the York Chocolate Story and cheering on Sir Kevin Sinfield in his challenge to complete 7 marathons in 7 days. Please have a read below of their experiences.

Young Minds – Hello Yellow

Next week, on **Friday 9th October**, our school will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of HelloYellow in support of YoungMinds and World Mental Health Day.
To show our support, we are inviting all children to **come to school in their normal school uniform, but wearing something yellow** alongside it (such as a yellow hair ribbon, socks, or a badge).
In the run-up to the big day, children will be creating yellow handprints decorated with positive mental health affirmations. These will be displayed in the school hall and at the Marks & Spencer York Vanguard store for you to see.
If you would like to support the vital work YoungMinds does for youth mental health, voluntary donations can be made directly on the YoungMinds Hello Yellow Donation Page:

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/shop/checkout/make-a-donation/

New School Build Update

This week, progress has continued with the installation of the Structural Framing System and weather defence boarding to the building façade. External works have also continued, including the completion of perimeter tarmac works.
Looking ahead to next week, we are hoping to begin fitting windows with bricklaying beginning in mid October.

Hoping you all have a good weekend.
Mrs Innes

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Highlights of the Week

Early Years – People who help us in school

This week we discovered that our Everywhere Bear (who normally lives on a shelf in our classroom) had been on an adventure! We couldn't believe that the cheeky bear had been all around the school to visit lots of different members of staff who help us. We decided to retrace his steps to find out who he had met on his travels. We found the kitchen staff, the office staff, Mrs Innes and Mrs Hutchinson and found out about all the different jobs they do to help us. All the children walked so smartly around school and impressed everyone they saw with their wonderful manners. I wonder where our Everywhere Bear will travel to next!

Year 3 – Supporting Kevin Sinfield

Today Year 3 went to watch Sir Kevin Sinfield on his challenge to complete 7 marathons in 7 days. All of Year 3 stood on Hempland Lane with our posters and cheered when he passed. There were lots of other people cheering too. He gave us a wave! He is going from Hull all the way to Old Trafford in Manchester. He is passing all the super league stadiums through the day and staying at a hotel at night. It must be hard work!

By Harvey and Louis

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Year 3 – York Chocolate Story visit

This week, Year 3 visited York Chocolate story to learn all about how chocolate is made and the history of chocolate! We had a tour, which included a film about where in the world cocoa originates from and how it later arrived in York. We learnt all about the chocolatiers and sweet makers who helped to make York the 'Chocolate city', then we were told more about how chocolate is actually made and got to make a chocolate lollipop. As well as this, we got to take part in a workshop about Charlie and the Chocolate factory where we made our own edible wallpaper! Everyone got to take home lots of chocolate which was brilliant!

PE timetable for week 5 of Autumn term 1

Monday 5th October	Tuesday 6th October	Wednesday 7th October	Thursday 8th October	Friday 9th October
Early Years Introduction to PE	Year 3 Dance	Year 2 Target Games	Year 1 Dance	Year 2 Dance
Year 5 Dance	Year 6 Dance	Year 5 Hockey	Year 4 Dance	Year 3 Hockey
Year 1 Net and Wall	Year 4 Basketball		Year 6 Football	

Diary Dates

Monday 5th October	
Tuesday 6th October	
Wednesday 7th October	
Thursday 8th October	
Friday 9th October	Year 2 Pirate Day Hello Yellow day – see below

Year 5 Residential to Boggle Hole

The presentation from the Boggle Hole parent meeting is now on our website and can be found if you click on the following link: https://hemplandprimary.co.uk/parents/residential-trips/

Work with Pathfinder

Are you looking for a new opportunity in education? Pathfinder Multi Academy Trust regularly has a range of vacancies across our schools and central team, from teaching and support roles to leadership and professional services positions.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about working for Pathfinder, visit our vacancies page to see the latest opportunities.

York Family Learning Courses

Here is a link to York Family Learning Courses held at The Avenues, St Hilda's or Online: https://yorklearning.org.uk/family-learning/

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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

BUN CLUB

Inspired by last week's Great British Bake Off? Why not put your baking skills to the test and bake some treats for Bun Club! We'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch at friendsofhempland@gmail.com.

Not a baker? No problem! Shop-bought treats are just as gratefully received. Please remember that all donations must be nut-free.
Every donation is hugely appreciated.

THE GREAT HEMPLAND "P" HUNT IS BACK!

Wednesday 14th October 2026
Our first fundraising event of the year is back! Each year group will have three minutes to find as many "P"s as possible on the school field. If you would like to donate, keep an eye out for sponsorship forms in your children's reading folders. All money raised will help fund school visits and activities for all year groups. Due to allergies, we use clay pebbles instead of dried peas to make the event as inclusive as possible.

UNIFORM DONATIONS & SALE

Our red donation bin is available for preloved uniform, and we're particularly low on larger items featuring the school logo. If you have any to donate, we'd be very grateful! Preloved uniform is also available on the rails in reception. Donations are welcome and can be made in cash or via our online payment link.

UPCOMING EVENTS

📅 **Thursday 3rd December**
Our Christmas discos will be taking place after school for Years 1–6. More information to follow – save the date!

Keep your eyes peeled for some other exciting events!
🫖 Early Years Tea Towels
🎟️ Christmas Raffle

More details coming soon... watch this space! 👀✨

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HEWORTH WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL

FREE CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN DISCO

with

Hay Jays Ultimate Glow Up Disco

Community Centre
38 Applecroft Road,
Heworth, YO31 0HQ

Friday 30th October 2026

Early Years and Year 1: 4:00pm - 5:00pm
Year 2 and Year 3: 5.15pm - 6.30pm
Years 4, 5 and 6: 6.45pm - 8:00pm

All children are recommended to be accompanied by one adult per four children

Snacks & drinks provided:
Crisps, Chocolate, Fruit snacks
Hot and cold drinks