



Hemington News

6th January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and are looking forward to a safe, happy and healthy 2022.

The children returned to school on Tuesday with so many stories about their Christmas activities—it was really wonderful to hear all about their break. And they have all settled in so well with their new teachers. All children welcomed Mrs Bennett (Class 2 teacher) and Mrs Cheetham (Class 3 teacher) to Hemington and Miss Timbrell has had a lovely time with Class 1.

Just a quick reminder of PE and Forest School days this term:

PE: Wednesday for all children

Forest School: Class 1—Monday

Classes 2 and 3—Tuesday

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the appropriate clothes on these days (see information below).

Keep a lookout for photos and updates on activities in your child's class on our Facebook page.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Eimear Davis—Headteacher

UNIFORM—PLEASE LABEL ALL YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM CLEARLY!

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO PE UNIFORM

School colours are red and grey: Grey or black trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafore dresses. White or red polo shirts, red jumpers, cardigans or fleeces (preferably with the school logo). Black shoes or sandals.

For indoor PE: Plain white T shirt and black shorts or leggings; indoor P.E. shoes.

For outdoor PE: Plain grey or black track suit bottoms, a white t-shirt/polo shirt and school jumper/cardigan or black jumper/hoodie; outdoor P.E. trainers.

For outdoor learning: Old clothes (not jeans), wellingtons or boots and preferably long trousers/leggings/tracksuit bottoms.

Uniform (jumpers, tshirts, cardigans with logo) can be ordered

COVID-19 UPDATE

Please note that there has been a change of guidance for testing of close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case. Close contacts are **no longer asked to get a PCR test, instead they are asked to take a daily LFD for 7 days.**

From Tuesday 11th January, PCRs are only needed for:

1. People with symptoms
2. Unvaccinated contacts of cases aged over 18 years and 6 months.

This means for children (under the age of 18 years, 6 months) and vaccinated adults that come into contact with a positive case **should not** get a PCR test, but instead perform **daily LFDs for 7 days.**

SELF-ISOLATION PERIODS

Government advice has changed on the duration of self-isolation for a positive COVID-19 case. Those who test positive for Coronavirus must self-isolate and do a lateral flow device (LFD) test no earlier than day 6. If the test shows a negative result on day 6, then another LFD test should be done on day 7 (no earlier than 24 hours after the test on day 6). If this test is negative, then the child can come back to school. If the LFD test is positive, the child must continue to self-isolate and continue testing with a LFD on days 8, 9 and 10.

Please contact the school office if you are unsure of what the guidance means for your child.

After School Clubs—Spring Term

Please note that the following after school clubs will be held at the school for the Spring term.

Mondays 3.30-4.30—Kids With Bricks (Lego) - all children

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30 (start date tbc) - Football—Years 3-6

Wednesdays 3.15-4.00—Music—Years 4-6 (invoices to be sent to parents after the lessons)

Thursdays 3.15-4.15—Sports Club—all children

Enrolment details have been sent by email.

TERM DATES 2021-2022

Spring Term

New Year Bank Holiday: Monday, 3rd January 2022

Schools open: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Half term break: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Schools close: Friday 8 April 2022

Summer Term

Schools open: Monday 25th April 2022

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd May 2022

Half term break: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022

Schools close: Thursday 7th July 2022

(Extra day off for schools for Queen's Platinum Jubilee Friday 8th July in place of Friday 3rd June)

Inset/Teacher training days 2021/2022

23rd, 24th August; 31st December 2021; 11th and 12th July 2022

Healthy Eating Award

In the coming weeks, we will be writing to you to let you know about how Hemington Primary School will be applying for its Healthy Schools Award. This will entail a whole school focus on healthy eating and enjoying a balanced diet. Combined with physical activity, this will be the basis of achieving the award. We will also be linking objectives to our Science and Design and Technology learning.



Houses

This week, we have talked to the children about Readiness - being ready to begin 2022 and to achieve our goals. We have talked about what we want to improve on but also what we did really well last year and we are going to continue with this year. Housepoints have been awarded to the children in their houses of **Soar, Derwent, Trent and Witham** for doing good work, being kind and displaying manners and politeness and ensuring that they maintain a positive attitude. We will be announcing the housepoint totals in next week's newsletter.

Breakfast Club and School Dinners

Please note that **all Breakfast Club payments will have to be received BEFORE children take up their breakfast club session.** This will make it easier for the school and families to keep note of payments and to prevent misunderstandings. We are currently only accepting online payments for clubs, dinners and trips/sundries, in line with schools throughout the country. You will be notified of any changes to payments well ahead of time. The period of transition to a cashless system has now ended.

SCHOOL DINNERS: We are now only accepting online payments for school dinners. We have sent parents dinner menus so your child can decide what days they would like dinners. Please note that dinner choices do not need to be made online and children should tell the class teacher what they would like for lunch on the day.

In the meantime, if you have any issues with your School Money account, please contact the school office.