



**December 2021**

**Newsletter No. 2**

### Diary Dates

**Friday 10th December – Last posting day for the Hemington School Christmas card post box**

**Monday 13th December – 2pm, Christmas Carol Assembly**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Hemington School Uniform Swish**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Elf Run (Christmas jumper's welcome)**

**Wednesday 15th December - Christmas lunch**

**Thursday 16th December – Brunel Class theatre visit**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Forest Cook Out**

**Friday 17th December - Last day of term – 2pm finish**

**Monday 20th December - Wednesday 5th January - Christmas holidays**

**Thursday 6th January - Term 3 Starts**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Flu Vaccinations**

#### Carol Assembly on Monday

The children are looking forward to performing a short carol singing assembly under the Hornbeam tree on Monday. This will be followed by coffee and mince pies and the raffle draw. We will also be holding a Green Uniform Swish – see details opposite. Please note this event will be weather dependent. Given the current government guidelines we kindly request that all adults undertake a Lateral Flow Test before attending. Test kits are available from school. Please ask a member of staff if required.



#### Hemington School Uniform Swish

Following the carol assembly there will be an opportunity to swap uniform items that have been outgrown for other sizes that might be available. We have a good selection at school already. However, please bring in any quality items that you no longer need (fleece, jumpers/cardigans, polo shirts, dresses or trousers/skirts as well as PE kit items). This is a great opportunity to reduce waste and utilize clothing that would otherwise end up in landfill, as well as a chance to save money.





### Forest Cook Out – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

On the last day of term, children will be cooking their own lunch in an outdoor cookout up in the conservation area. Food will be provided, including for those with allergens. Please ensure that children have a warm, waterproof coat and wellies for this.

**Also, please remember that school finishes early at 2pm and there will be no After School club running next Friday.**



### Website reshuffle

We are currently in the process of reviewing our website. As a result, you may notice that things have moved around a little, and maybe in a different place to where you would have found them previously.



### Update from Hornbeams

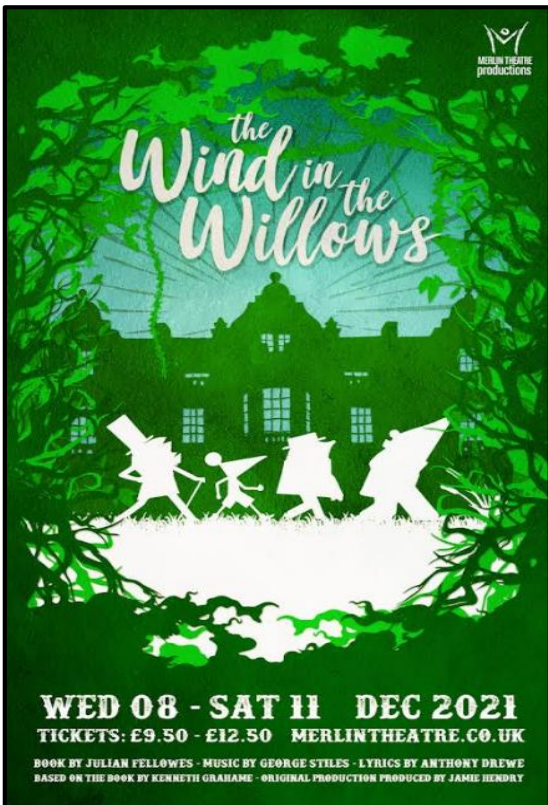
Preschool children continue to make use of our expansive outdoor play areas for their learning. They are particularly enjoying some of the new equipment we have been fortunate to acquire, including an activity/messy play table, a water feature and water pump and new art supplies. The children are taking very good care of the guinea pigs, while learning all about their needs. This term we have focused on the theme of citizenship, looking at how this applies to them in relation to different areas. Winter has been the theme of our songs and crafts.





### First Aid on a Friday

This term, Tina, our Preschool Manager, who is also a qualified First Aid practitioner, has been introducing some basic First Aid skills to the children on a Friday morning. The First Aid lessons have included some theory and practical experience with some short video clips, as well as an exciting visit from the Paulton branch of the South West Ambulance Service, who very kindly spent a morning speaking to the children about the importance of First Aid.



### Deadline for School Admission applications

Please note that the deadline for school admission applications for the 2022/23 academic year is 15 January 2022. More information and the application form can be found at:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/>

If you know anyone who would be interested in coming to look around our new Hornbeams Early Years Foundation Unit, please encourage them to get in touch with the office by emailing [office@hemingtonprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@hemingtonprimary.co.uk) or calling 01373 834320.

### Online Safety Advice from ThinkUKnow

Lots of us will continue to rely on technology over the winter break, for entertainment and keeping in touch with friends and family. Please see below, links to useful articles about keeping safe:

[A parent's guide to privacy settings](#)

[Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)

[What is the Internet of Things \(IoT\)?](#)



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## **Educational Psychology Service (EPS)- September 2021- March 2022** **Telephone Helpline for Parents and Carers**



During these unprecedented times, we all find ourselves facing new challenges. For many, this will bring about new anxieties, for others, it may worsen existing worries.

Where children and young people are affected, you may notice that they react to uncomfortable feelings and thoughts by changing their behaviours and demonstrating behaviours you have not seen from them before. In turn, these behaviours can add to an already stressful home situation.

It is important to remember that self-isolation, does not equate to social isolation.

If you are a parent/carer of a child in Somerset and would like to speak to a Psychologist with any concerns arising for you, or your family during this time, then The Educational Psychology Service is here for you. We are able to offer an initial 30-minute telephone consultation (discussion) and a potential follow up call, of another 30 minutes if appropriate.

Calls will be offered Monday-Friday, during usual working hours.

Unless the Psychologist feels that you, or someone else is in danger of harm, then full confidentiality will be respected. In order to offer the best possible service, a brief summary of the discussion will be recorded, which may be shared with colleagues from other services. If you do not wish for a record to be taken, then please make this clear to the psychologist during your call and they will only record the name of the school. For further details of our privacy notice, please follow this [link](#)

If you would like to access this service, then please email [EPSHelpline@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:EPSHelpline@somerset.gov.uk) with the following information:

- Your name
- The name of your child's school (or 'EHE' if Electively Home Educated)
- Times and dates that you are not available for consultation

If email is not possible, then call 01823 357000. Please understand that we are likely to be slower to respond to phone calls. Our aim is to offer a consultation within 5 working days of receipt of email.