



March 2021

Newsletter No. 6

Diary Dates

Thursday 1 April 2021	Last day of Term
Monday 5 April – Friday 16 April 2021	Easter Holidays
Monday 19 April 2021	First day of Term
Friday 28 May 2021	Last day of Term
Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2021	Half Term Holidays
Monday 7 June 2021	First day of Term
Friday 23 July 2021	Last day of Term

A message from our Chair of Governors

I feel sure that all parents and careers were delighted to hear that all our children could return safely to Hemington School and Hornbeams Pre-School this term. It has been an extremely difficult 12 months for everyone. Naomi de Chastelain and her staff team have shown dedication and resilience to put evolving new systems in place to keep our children safe, whilst supporting the learning both in school and at home. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say a huge thank you to all staff for the incredible effort that this has required.

A huge thank you also goes to all the parents and careers who have supported home school learning. I fully appreciate the challenges that you too have faced. I have provided grandparent childcare bubble home-schooling for a number of weeks for my two grandsons. They have returned to their school now like the children at Hemington and I see many happy faces in the playground on my regular walks.

The governors have met several times online and Naomi de Chastelain has updated us regularly on all the developments. We normally visit the school regularly throughout the year and we have missed being able to come into school, but hope to do so as the lockdown measures are slowly eased.

Governors work in a voluntary capacity with the Head to provide strategic direction for the school. Our role is to ensure that the children receive the very best education that can be provided. We don't get involved in the day-to-day running of the school, but set the criteria by which the school is managed. Governors both support and challenge the Head to ensure that the school performs as well as it should and that all pupils have the very best opportunity to learn and grow. We all come from very different backgrounds but have one thing in common - that we are wanting to make a positive difference.

We are now able to invite applications for the Parent Governor and community vacancies we have. As a member of the Midsomer Norton Academy Trust there are extensive training opportunities available and previous experience of working in an educational capacity is not essential. If this is something that you would be interested to know more about then please contact Christine Iles in the school office, who is also our Clerk to Governors.

Stay safe,
Julie Roberts, Chair of Governors.



Holidays during term time

With restrictions gradually easing we are all looking forward to the possibilities of a fun and adventurous Summer. However, it is important to remember that school attendance is a statutory requirement and that all family holidays should be taken during the school holidays. Please note that families who chose to take their children out of school during term time may face fines, which would counteract the savings made by booking the holiday during term time.

Name a Guinea Pig Competition!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our competition to choose names for our two rather tiny new additions to Hornbeams Preschool. The winning names are.....Boris and Shadow. Congratulations if either of these were your suggestion! The competition raised fifty one pounds towards school funds.



School Fliers

To all parents who live in our school catchment area. Will you be going on a local walk over the Easter holidays? Would you be able to commit to delivering fliers advertising our lovely school to some houses on your way? Please ring or email the school office if you think you could help out.

Guidance for Parents on Keeping Children Safe online

You can find the latest Think You Know newsletter [here](https://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/uploads/files/think-you-know-march-newsletter.pdf) which gives parents guidance and tips on keeping children safe online.

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Tree Planting Ceremony

Many thanks to parent Will Reynolds for organising the donation of ten fruit trees from the Tree Council for our conservation area and for volunteering to assist the children with the planting. Every child in the school and pre-school helped to plant the trees which will not only bear fruit for them to pick in the future, but will also provide shade in the summers to come.





Mr D's Easter Holiday Club

**At Bishop Henderson
Primary School, Coleford**

**Running Weekdays
from 6th - 16th April
8.30am - 3.30pm**

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