



HEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Diary Dates

17—21/02/2020	Half term
6—17/04/2020	Easter Holidays
10/02/2020	Library Bus, 10.15am
9/02/2020	Library Bus, 10.15am
3/03/2020	Visit from Professional Athlete Nick Butter
6/03/2020	School trip to Somerset Rural Life Museum
3/04/2020	Last Day of Term
20/04/2020	First day of Term

Attendance and Term Time Leave

We hope that the following information is helpful to our families at Hemington. If your child is ill, please contact the school first thing in the morning on the first day of your child's illness.

If your child is absent at any time, please let the school know why.

If your child needs to miss school for any exceptional circumstance, please ask for permission well in advance and give details.

It is important to note that the school is unable to authorise any holidays which are taken during term time.

You can find out more about the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership policy on attendance on their website:

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/uploads/files/policy-attendance-2019.pdf>

Thank you for working with us to support learning at Hemington with good attendance and punctuality.



Stay and Play at Hornbeams

Did you know that Hornbeams run a 'Stay and Play' Forest School every Wednesday morning 9.30-11.00 (term time only)? Sessions offer an opportunity for you and your child to come and join in with our Forest School. It is a great way to experience a range of outdoor activities, whatever the weather! Wellies and waterproofs are advisable. Suitable for walking toddlers up to 5 years. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided. £2.50 per family (£1 per extra child for childminders).



We also run an indoor Stay and Play on a Monday morning. This is a chance for you and your child to get a sense of what nursery is like and join in with activities such as arts and crafts and story time. Suitable for babies from 6 months to school age. Drinks and healthy snacks are provided. £2.50 per family (£1 per extra child for childminders). Please feel free to pass this information on to families who you think might be interested in coming along.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items and joined in with our festive celebrations including the Christmas Gift Shop, Raffle and mince pies for our Christmas Assembly, as well as the Shoe Box collection in aid of Go Blue for Lucia. We are very grateful for all your contributions.



Safer Internet Use

Many of the children are very excited about the amazing tech gifts they have received over Christmas. This is a great opportunity to talk to children about online safety and always remind them to talk to a member of their family or staff at school if they are worried about a message or any online behaviour. We will also remind children that as soon as they write or share something online, they no longer have control over who it could subsequently be shared with.

Think you Know have a useful guide on helping to keep children safe online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Listing/?cat=72,70,69,67,66&ref=4765&keyWord=>