



November 2020

Newsletter No. 3

Diary Dates

Wednesday 3 December 2020

Wells Festival of Literature Author Visit

Friday 18 December 2020

Last Day of Term – finish at 2pm, no after school club

Friday 18 December

Christmas jumper encouraged – no donations required

Monday 21 December – Thursday 31 December 2020

Christmas Holidays

Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 January 2021

Inset Days

Wednesday 6 January 2021

First day of Term

Google Classroom

You should have by now received your children's login information for [Google Classroom](#). Please login and have a look. We have posted some homework to trial out this system to ensure that it works in advance of having to use this as our main form of teaching, should we have to close the school at short notice due to Covid-19. Please contact the office either by emailing office@hemingtonprimary.co.uk or calling 01373 834320 any weekday morning should you need any assistance. Please let us know if you do not have a device that your child could use.

Elf Run

We are looking forward to the Elf Run Fundraiser event for Dorothy House on Thursday 17 December. Sponsorship forms will be distributed next week. Please return these to school by Thursday 17 December.

Tissue Boxes

Please could you rescue any empty tissue boxes from the recycling box and bring them in to school as Nightingale class are going to be making fire engines!

Christmas Raffle

We are sorry that we are not able to invite parents in to school to join in with celebrating the festive season this year. However, as well as our Elf Run fundraiser event, we will be drawing a Christmas raffle with a variety of prizes. We would welcome any donations towards a hamper in to school by the end of next week. Raffle tickets will be available next week – we will send a note home in book bags.

Christmas Cards

If your child would like to send out Christmas cards to their friends in school they will be able to post them in the Christmas Post Box in the hall between Wednesday 2 December and Wednesday 9 December. The post box will then remain sealed for a week to allow time for quarantine and Christmas cards will be distributed on the last day of term. Please do not allow your child to hand out Christmas cards individually at school. Please could you ensure your child brings a carrier bag to school on the last day of term to bring things home in.



Online safety advice

You can access the #OnlineSafetyAtHome resources through the [Good to Know parents and carers website](#). Alongside their video guides for parents and carers you can now access their new [top tips videos](#) through the Good to Know Youtube channel and website.

These 30-60 second videos set out simple things that parents and carers can do to keep their child safe while they're engaging in different online activities such as live streaming and gaming.

The November issue of **the Family Matters Magazine** is now available in online format [here](#)

Music Lessons

Somerset Music are now back up and running and able to visit schools again. Current lessons being offered are guitar, ukelele and percussion. However, if there is enough interest, they may also be able to source a teacher for keyboard. Sign up forms will be sent home in book bags. If you would be interested.

Virtual Author visit

We are excited to be hosting an online talk with children's author, Ross Montgomery on Wednesday 9 December. Huge thanks to the Wells Festival of Literature for enabling this. Each child will be given a free book from the author to take home on the day.

Snowy Weather

As we enter the season of snow and ice please note the following procedures in the event of school closure. Before setting off for school, families with internet access should check the school website www.hemingtonprimary.co.uk A notice will be posted on the home page if the school is closed. There will be a link to click to read any additional information, such as a delayed start time. If you do not have access to the internet you will need to telephone the school and listen to the answer phone message to hear notification closure.

Please use the website as your primary method of contact if you have internet access. This will avoid congestion on the school telephone line, allowing those without internet access to get through.

Remember that the roads of Hemington can sometimes become impassable even when the surrounding areas are clear. We recommend double checking that the school is open before setting off during bad weather, or if the temperatures are close to freezing.

In the event of heavy snow during the school day we will contact families to collect children early, therefore please ensure that we have your up-to-date contact details.



HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR

The Wellbeing Practitioners at Young Somerset are offering support for parents with a child, aged 5-12, who are displaying mildly challenging behaviour at home.

This intervention is useful if you would like support and help to understand this behaviour and learn strategies to encourage positive behaviour and reduce negative behaviour.

We are able to offer an initial telephone assessment to establish whether this is the right support for you, followed by 6 telephone sessions to help you develop skills in managing difficult behaviour.

This will involve working your way through a workbook emailed to you, by one of the Wellbeing Practitioners, and discussing the material during weekly phone sessions. This support is suitable for mild difficulties with behaviour.

Unfortunately, our Wellbeing Practitioners are not able to work with young people who are struggling with difficulties which are complex, causing high levels of distress or where the difficulties pose a risk to the young person's safety.

If you are interested in this service or to find out more please email wellbeing@youngsomerset.org.uk



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