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Newsletter No. 1

Diary Dates

Monday 10th October	Hello Yellow Day for Young Minds
Thursday 20th October	Last day of term
Friday 21st October	Inset Day
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October	Half Term holiday
Monday 31st October	First day of term
Monday 14th – Friday 18th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Assembly
Friday 15th December	Last day of term
Monday 19th December – Friday 30th December	Christmas Holidays
Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd January	Inset Days
Wednesday 4th January	First day of term
Friday 10th February	Last day of term

Welcome Alun and Amanda

Hopefully you will have read the update letter emailed last week explaining that **Alun Randell**, Head Teacher at Midsomer Norton Primary School is joining us at Hemington to support leadership while Miss de Chastelain is recovering. You are likely to meet Mr Randell at the gate either side of the school day. Alun says: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my first day at Hemington getting to know children, families and staff. They say first impressions count and I must say that I have been immediately struck by the welcoming, caring ethos of the school. This is a wonderful school with a real community feel and I much look forward to my time here as head."

We are also very pleased to welcome Amanda Bottle as our new Lunchtime Supervisor, also starting today. Amanda will be familiar to many of you as a parent and volunteer in Hornbeams preschool. She will be a valuable addition to the Hemington team.



Hello Yellow Day Monday 10th October

We will be taking part in #HelloYellow on Monday 10th October 2022, World Mental Health Day.

We'll be joining thousands of schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for YoungMinds. To take part, children are invited to wear yellow to school on Monday, and we invite parents and carers to consider making a donation to YoungMinds by visiting:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us>

Reading at Home

It has been lovely to hear about the exciting books the children have discovered while they have been away from school. Please continue to take the time to do this. It will also develop your child's language and comprehension skills to talk about what they have been reading. Research shows that children who read for 20 minutes at home every day are significantly advantaged in their learning at school.

Activities during the school week

Just a reminder that both classes have PE on a Tuesday and Friday this year. Please ensure children come to school already wearing suitable clothing for this, including trainers and joggers instead of shorts going in to the winter months.

Forest School takes place for both classes on a Friday. Please ensure children wear old (not precious), long sleeved clothing, and bring a waterproof coat and wellies to school on this day.

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.

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy on the School's Local Governing Board for a Parent Governor. This is a rewarding role which requires attendance at evening meetings once a term and occasionally some communication in between. This is an opportunity to represent parents in making a positive contribution to the school community and to help ensure the best start for all our children. Please get in touch with Mrs Iles in the office if you would like to hear more.