



# Hemington Primary School

"To enable, encourage and equip all children to achieve their best through an inspiring and nurturing environment."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to meet many of you at the beginning and end of school each day. I have really enjoyed my first week at Hemington and would like to thank children, families and staff for such a warm welcome.

It has been a very busy week as I learn to know the school and how it is structured. I thought it would be timely to provide an update for families.

### **Open Day Wednesday 12th October, 09.30-10.30am**

We will be welcoming families whose children are looking to start school in September 2023 to come and look around Hemington on the morning of Wednesday 12th October. This will coincide with our regular Forest School Stay and Play session, which runs from 9.30am every Wednesday. Please spread the word to friends and family who you think might be interested.

### **Communication**

This is one of my first priorities. It can be very challenging to ensure consistent communication in schools when key staff are absent. We are putting together an online calendar which will be added to our website very soon with all the key dates for the year to help give you an overview of what is coming up.

In the first week after half term, we will be holding Parents' Evenings so that you can discuss your child's progress with your child's class teacher. These will continue to be online as feedback shows this helps what can be a very busy event run smoothly. However, we also recognise that parents and carers value opportunities to see their children in action and view their child's work. Throughout the year we will be maximizing opportunities for parents and carers to come into school. The parents' evenings will be on **Tuesday 1st November and Wednesday 2nd November between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.**

Sometimes, a 10 minute parents' evening consultation is insufficient time to discuss a child's progress/needs. Now that covid restrictions are in the past we are keen to embrace an open door policy and encourage parents to feel free to ask for an appointment to meet your child's teacher at any time during the year.

### **Nightingale class**

I have been very impressed by the resilience the children in Nightingale class have shown this week. It is not always easy when your regular teacher is replaced by a number of different supply teachers. This week, Mrs Remington has been teaching the class Wednesday - Friday. Next week, I have taken the precaution of booking Mrs Remington in for the entire week so that she and Mrs Hayward can plan together and provide consistency and stability for the children.



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## Harvest

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration on **Monday 17th October at 2pm**. This year we will hold the celebration in school to give families an opportunity to come in and stay for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

## Previously loved School Uniform

The Harvest Festival Celebration will also be a chance to browse through the second hand uniform selection we have been donated recently - all in excellent condition. Please make use of this, for an optional small donation.

## School Photos

The school photographer will be in school taking photographs of the children on the morning before the Harvest Assembly, **Monday 17th October**.

## Holiday requests and pupil illness

I would like to remind parents and carers that term time holiday requests can only be granted in exceptional circumstances, for example, on compassionate grounds. After the disruption of the last few years, it is vital that we ensure that children's attendance is as high as possible as we continue to address the impact of the pandemic. Likewise, an ill child should not be in school; however, if your child is feeling 'a bit under the weather', please do send them in. The business of school can be a welcome distraction when you are not quite yourself - we will, of course, let you know if a child is, in fact, unwell and needs to be collected.

## Hello Yellow

Just a reminder that on Monday 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: [www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us)

## Skip

And finally, I would like to apologise for the rather unsightly skip just inside the school entrance. As you have probably guessed, we are having a bit of a clear out! It was an extreme challenge for the delivery driver to deposit the skip - hence the rather awkward placement. We promise the skip will be removed as soon as possible!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,  
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