



# Hemington Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Alun Randell

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Thursday 1st December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Phonics/ Reading Coffee morning**

Thank you for the great feedback from families who attended our recent Phonics/Early Reading coffee morning. If you were not able to attend the session, you can see the slides from our presentation online here: <https://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/uploads/files/phonics-presentation.pdf>

Please ensure children arrive at school for 8:50am so that we can start our phonics/lessons promptly at 9:00am. Our children can earn 'Book Worm' certificates by reading regularly to an adult at home. There's no need to write a comment in their reading records - simply initial and date.

## **Staffing**

It is with mixed emotions that I must announce that Mrs Hayward will be leaving the school at the end of this term. She will be taking on an exciting new role as an Elective Home Education Visitor in BANES, supporting families engaged in home education. Mrs Hayward has taught at Hemington for two and a half years and will be sorely missed. I would like to say a personal thank you to Mrs Hayward for all her support as both Mrs Gilford and I have started at Hemington. As you may know, Mrs Hayward is a big fan of Christmas and is leading our nativity performance. She has also promised to come back and see the nativity next year! Nightingale class will continue to be taught full-time by Mrs Gilford during Mrs Finch's absence. Our best wishes to Mrs Hayward as she begins her new adventure!

## **Hornbeams EYFS Class to open 5 days a week**

I am delighted to announce that our Early Years Foundation Stage class will be open for nursery children and Reception children 5 days a week from January 2023. Amanda Bottle, who has already devoted a great deal of time in school as a volunteer, has been appointed as an Early Years Apprentice. Mrs Hunt will also be working in both Early Years and in Key Stage 1/2.

These staff changes mean that we will soon be advertising for the posts of

- School Midday Supervisory Assistant (7.5 hrs a week)
- Part time Teaching Assistant (12 hrs a week)

Please share as widely as possible!

## **School timings**

As explained previously, the government has stated that by September 2023, all schools must provide 32.5 hours of provision a week (including breaks). The school day at Hemington begins at 8:50am and finishes at 3:10pm which equates to 31.6 hours. We have decided to extend the school day by 5 minutes at either end of the day for Reception - Year 6. Lessons will begin at 8:45am and finish 3:15pm from January; however, given this is a transitional period, the register will be taken at 8:50am. From September 2023 the register will be taken at 8:45am. The nursery children will continue to attend 9:00am - 3:00pm.



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## **Keeping our children safe**

In order to assist children to arrive punctually, the school gates will be open at 8:40 am. Although the school is on a very quiet road, there are concerns about road safety. Therefore from January, parents and carers are invited to come into the playground area in front of the school building once the gates are opened at the beginning and end of the day.

## **And finally...**

Thank you for supporting our school uniform policy. The full policy can be found on our school website here: <https://www.hemingtonprimary.co.uk/parents-information/school-uniform.htm>

Best wishes,

Mr Randell  
Headteacher