



Hemington Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After three weeks at Hemington, I can honestly say I am hooked! Apart from the idyllic setting of the school, I have been struck by the strength of the passion of all members of our school community for Hemington Primary School and the determination of all to provide the best for our children. I thoroughly enjoyed our harvest celebration on Monday and it was a pleasure to see our families back inside the school building after the disruption of the last few years.

With tomorrow an INSET day, today is the last day of term and I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard work. We finished today with our final celebration assembly before the Year 5/6 trip to Wells for their author visit.

Rewards

As a staff we are reviewing our behaviour policy and practices and have revised our rewards. Headteachers awards continue; these will be awarded for outstanding effort. We have also introduced a 'gold' award for behaviour above and beyond the usual expectations; for example, through showing generosity, looking after others or showing resilience in difficult circumstances. Children will be given a 'Hemington Hero' gold pencil.

Over the past two weeks, I have learned that 'dragon tokens' are named after the 'dragon' that lives in the boiler room. Apparently once the heating has been turned on you can hear the occasional roar! Children earn dragon tokens for making positive choices and collaboratively work as a school to earn enough tokens for a whole school prize. This term, the children have earned over 500 tokens and the whole school prize is.... a school conker competition! On Thursday 3rd November, we will be holding the competition. All children will be provided with prepared conkers (more than one in case of breakages). However, do feel free to collect conkers on autumn walks and prepare your own during the half term holiday if you wish. Staff will be continuing to review our behaviour policy during our INSET day tomorrow with an updated policy published soon after half-term.

Photos Videos

All families have been asked previously to state whether or not they give permission for their child's image to be used for school purposes such as the website/ social media etc. I would like to remind parents and carers that at school events, families are welcome to take photos or videos for their own personal use; however, please do not publish any images on social media. In the autumn term we will be launching a



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school Facebook/ Instagram/ Twitter page to help promote the school and to give families more of a window into daily life in school. Only images (unnamed) of children for which we have permission will be posted. You are invited to follow our social media once launched - and to share as widely as possible so that we can celebrate this amazing school.

Open Day

We will be holding a second Open Day for prospective parents on 16th November 9:30-10:30am. If you are aware of any friends or acquaintances in the process of choosing a school for their child please do share the date!

Upcoming Dates:

Monday 31st October - **First Day of Term 2**

Tuesday 1st November/Wednesday 2nd November 3.30 - 5.30pm - **Online Parents' Evenings** Please see separate letter for booking details

Friday 11th November - **Remembrance Day**, Nightingale Class visit the church

Wednesday 16th November **Open Day**

Monday 14th - Friday 18th November **Anti-Bullying Week**

Friday 18th November **Children in Need**

Tuesday 6th December - **Elf Run** - Charity fundraising event

Monday 12th December - '**Christmas Treat Day**'

Wednesday 14th December - **Christmas Dinner** - please book on Parent Pay as usual