



Hemington Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Alun Randell

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Parent/ Carer Update

Dear parents/carers,

It has been a very pleasing start to the new year. I was very impressed at how quickly our children and families adapted to our slightly modified school hours. Having the children in school and ready to learn by 8:50am makes all the difference. Teachers and support staff use this time to listen to readers and work with individuals as the class practice key skills, before phonics and spelling lessons start across the school. Punctuality was obviously then impacted by the treacherous driving conditions we have had recently. Hopefully, with the better weather this will return to the levels we had straight after the Christmas holiday.

EYFS Class

Our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) class, Hornbeams, is now open 5 days a week. If your child is in pre-school and is 3 years or older and you would like them to attend Hornbeams on Fridays, please contact our school office to book a place.

Parents Evenings

Our next parents' evenings will be on Tuesday 7th 3:30 - 5:30pm and Wednesday 8th March 4:00pm - 6:00pm (three weeks after half term). These will be 'in-person' to give parents/ carers a chance to view their child's work. Please remember that if you do have any questions about your child's progress in school, you do not have to wait for the next parents' evening - our office staff are more than happy to make an appointment for you to meet the class teacher at any time during the year.

Reading at home

Fluency in reading is the best gift we can give children. We are strongly encouraging our children to read regularly at home. Reading records are checked daily and rewards given. Please simply date and initial your child's record once they have read to you. There's no need to write a comment unless you would like to.

Uniform expectations

Just a little reminder that on non-PE days, children should wear school uniform and black shoes. Please ensure that long hair is tied back. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery other than plain ear studs or to use nail varnish.

Dragon Token Reward

Our children are working hard to earn dragon tokens which go towards a whole school reward. After the success of our conker competition we have a brilliant surprise all lined up but it is well... a surprise! We'll be telling the children next Friday - be sure to ask!

Voluntary One way system

We have a voluntary one way system to help manage traffic through the village at drop-off/ pick up, running from the Faulkand direction towards A362. Please drive slowly and be mindful of our neighbours when parking. The area outside 1-5 Jubilee Cottages should only be used for short term parking at drop off/ pick



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up. Please ensure that front doors/ vehicles of local residents are not blocked and sufficient space is left for farm vehicles and emergency vehicles. Please do not use the parking area at the end of Jubilee Cottages to park or turn around. This is private land and private parking for the residents.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe and in respecting our neighbours.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 8am until 8:45am, offering a variety of activities to get your children ready for the day ahead. As children arrive, they are offered breakfast - a variety of healthy cereal or a piece of fruit, followed by the choice of participating in a coach-led activity or free play. The coach led activities are often exciting and engaging games which look to physically prepare children for their school day, using agility, balance & coordination. We ask for a contribution of £2.50 toward the cost of breakfast club per child, unless your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium in which case there is no charge.

After-school club runs daily from 3:15pm – 4:15pm every day, with each day consisting of a different set activity:

Monday – Multi Sports (a different sport each week that focuses on basics of that sport)

Tuesday – Multi Skills Games (engaging tagging games that focus on agility, balance & coordination)

Wednesday – Board Games

Thursday – Arts & Crafts

Friday – Free Play

We ask for a contribution of £2 toward the cost of After School Club per child, unless your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium in which case there is no charge.

The contents of each day may change at the discretion of the IG Sports Coach. If you have any further questions or queries on the provisions on offer, please feel free to email theo@igsportscoaching.co.uk.

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are available to school children from Yr to Y6 as we do not have the staffing capacity to accommodate preschool age children.

A reminder on how to book on Parent Pay:

Login and click on the child's profile. Select '**Book Meals and places**' from the menu on the left-hand side. Click '**Make Bookings**' immediately underneath. In the box in the middle of the screen, select '**Breakfast**' or '**Afterschool club - 1 hour**' from the drop-down menu where it says '**Make bookings for**'. Next, select the date under '**Week Commencing**' and press '**Make or View Bookings**'. Select the days you wish to book for then press the blue '**Confirm Bookings**' at the bottom of the page.

Any problems, please contact the school office, who can talk you through this or troubleshoot any technical issues.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell
Headteacher