



Hempsted Church of England Primary School October 2021 Newsletter



Monday 4th October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The first full month of the new school year is over! I have been so impressed with how well the children have returned to school. There were many school routines that were new to so many children. For example, the Year 1 children had never been to a Collective Worship with the whole school, and even for the current Year 2's it will have been a distant memory for them.

Other aspects of life have returned including the reopening of the hall for both lunch and indoor PE. Playtimes must have been very strange for the younger children as they had gone nearly 18 months and may not have even realised that there were big children in the school.

Clubs have restarted, the children are mixing with children from other year groups and it feels that we have the Hempsted 'buzz' back. Long may it continue!

Riotous Royalty

Class 4 are learning about different monarchs who have had an impact on British History.

So far we have studied William the Conqueror and King John. We enjoyed making our own Magna Carta (The Great Charter) that is still part of our English Law today. We had an area of the classroom set up as Runnymede (area near London) to sign and seal each handmade Magna Carta, just like King John did on 12th June 1215.

Next is Henry VIII, Queen Anne, Queen Victoria and of course our current monarch, Queen Elizabeth II.



Beginning and End of Day Routines

This seems to be going smoothly. I've not had any comments that the paths are too congested so we will be continuing with these arrangements. Please remember that school staff take over supervision at 8.50am. Please try to arrive on site no earlier than 8.45am and avoid letting children use the play equipment. Items like the tyres and the pirate ship are very often wet with morning dew and are therefore likely to cause an accident. Footballs etc should also not be in use as there are just too many people, including little ones on the playground at this time.

Admission September 2022

Paper work for primary / infant admission will be posted out by mid November 2021. If you have not received a pack by December you will need to contact Admissions and Transfer Team at Shire Hall Tel: 01452 425407

We will be arranging a number of sessions where prospective parents can come in to school so that they are better informed on making their school choices.

Does your child have a diagnosis of asthma?

If your child has a diagnosis of asthma, then they should have their inhaler in school at all times. Please also be aware that the school has an emergency inhaler. This is for emergency use only, when the child's blue inhaler is not available. However, we are only able to administer the school inhaler IF you have signed and returned a completed permission form. If you would like a copy of this form, please email the office. Please note, your child MUST have a diagnosis of asthma to be able to be eligible for the school emergency inhaler.



Can you help Year 5?

We are looking for magazines to cut up for collaging mythical beasts next term. Anything with animals and nature, or landscapes and textures in a holiday or gardening magazine. Thank you!

Thank you

We recently received a £500 donation from Redcliffe Homes who are building on Rea Lane. This has been sent to the Friends of Hempsted School to support their fundraising which benefits all children in the school.

Parent/Teacher Consultation

Parent/Teacher consultations will return to face to face meetings. The dates are Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November. We understand that there may be a few parents who for medical reasons, will be concerned about coming into school. If this is the case, please let the teacher know and they will arrange a telephone appointment.

The meetings are for a maximum of 10 minutes, so anything that requires a lengthier discussion, will need to be arranged for another time.

We are again using the School Money website to book appointments this year. This should make it far easier for you (and the teachers) to arrange the appointments. You will receive a text to advise you when the booking page is live.

Absence

If your child is absent, please ensure that you phone the office on the first morning of your child's absence and on every subsequent day of their absence.

Breakfast and After School Club

Bookings and payment for the above Clubs can now be made for sessions in Term 2.

Lost Property

There's already a mountain of lost jumpers etc. Please can you label everything, as if it is labelled it will get back to you. Please keep checking that the name is visible as names written in pen will soon fade. On the subject of lost property, we have a pair of prescription (we think!) sunglasses in a navy blue 'INVU' case. Please call at the office if they are yours.

Sports, clubs and activities

Team Hempsted have set off with a flying start with sporting activities for this academic year.

Boys' football, girls' football, netball, fitness/wellbeing and multi skills clubs are already up and running. This week, cross country will be starting for classes 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as they prepare for the district competition.

The leagues have started for the football and netball club where the children play against other local schools.

After half-term, a Maypole dancing club will be starting led by Miss Price. We will also have a parachute club running led by Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Jones.

And finally...

The Governing Body of the school met in September and reviewed the findings of the parental questionnaire. The results of the survey can be viewed on the school website. Once again, the replies were mostly very positive. However, it was noted that the number of returns submitted was down on previous years and therefore they will be sending out an online survey in the new year.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Waller

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>OCTOBER</u>			
Friday	8 th	am	School Council Elections
Saturday	9 th		Circus
Wednesday	20 th	8.30am	Class 6 trip to the 'WW2 Evacuation Experience' at Great Western Railway, Winchcombe
Friday	22 nd	All day	INSET day. School closed to pupils
<u>NOVEMBER</u>			
Monday	1 st	9am	Start of Term 2
Tuesday	2 nd	pm	Parent/Teacher consultations (details to follow)
Wednesday	3 rd	pm	Parent/Teacher consultations (details to follow)
Monday	8 th	9.30am	Open morning for Reception 2022 parents (please phone to book a visit)
Tuesday	9 th		School photographs (individuals and siblings)
Thursday	11 th	9.45am	Open morning for Reception 2022 parents (please phone to book a visit)
Friday	12 th	9.30am	Open morning for Reception 2022 parents (please phone to book a visit)
<u>DECEMBER</u>			
Monday	6 th	10am	Open morning for Reception 2022 parents (please phone to book a visit)
Wednesday	15 th	All day	Whole school flu immunisations – details/consent forms to be sent out closer to the day
Friday	17 th	All day 2pm	Christmas Jumper Day End of Term 2 – No after-school club

Change to term dates.

Please note - Term 6 will now finish on **Thursday 21st July 2022** in lieu of the additional Bank Holiday that has now been allocated in June for the Queen's Platinum Diamond Jubilee.