

# Hemingford Grey Newsletter

## Welcome back!

We hope that you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. The children have returned to school ready to learn with lots of enthusiasm. The year 1s have settled in well and are demonstrating some excellent learning attitudes. The year 2s have been very supportive to their new classmates and they have also modelled good learning behaviours. We have many exciting things planned this term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and talk to a member of the team.

Best wishes, Miss Atkins, Miss Griffiths and Mr Mephram

## Reading books

Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record to school every day. Your child may be asked to read one to one with an adult during any given point in the week, and it can be disruptive if the book is not in school. Please read at least 5 times a week with your child.

**'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!'**

Dr. Seuss

## Spelling Homework

Please ensure that your child regularly practises reading their tricky word card at home as well as learning to spell them.

Every two weeks your child will receive spelling homework linked to the sounds and spelling rules that they have been learning in class.

Please ensure that your child completes this homework and returns it on time as stated on the homework.

## Times tables

Throughout the year, we are going to be focusing on ensuring that children have fluently learnt the times tables that are relevant to their year group expectations. For Year 1, this is 2x, 5x and 10x tables and for Year 2, 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables. These are high expectations, and practising them regularly at home will support your child in meeting them.



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## Dates for your Diary:

15<sup>th</sup> September - Mr Mephams' Coffee Morning

20<sup>th</sup> September- Y1/2 Meet the Teacher 6.00pm-6.30pm.

3<sup>rd</sup> October - Mr Mephams' Come to Lunch

6<sup>th</sup> October - Miss Griffiths' Coffee Morning

12<sup>th</sup> October- Individual and family photos

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October- Parents' evening

20<sup>th</sup> October - Miss Atkins' Coffee Morning

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October - HALF TERM

10<sup>th</sup> November- KS1 disco 5.15pm-6.15pm

16<sup>th</sup> November - Miss Griffiths' Come to Lunch

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Miss Atkins' Come to Lunch

1<sup>st</sup> December- Christmas fayre

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December- KS1 performance

14<sup>th</sup> December- KS1 Party

18<sup>th</sup> December- Church trip KS1 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup> December - END OF TERM

Information about theme trips/visitors will be coming shortly.

## P.E.

This term, PE will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons. We are fortunate enough to be working alongside Huntingdon Gymnastics Club and St Neots Football Academy, whose coaches will be working with class teachers to deliver high quality PE lessons. Please ensure that your child has appropriate PE kit in school every day, which should include outdoor trainers, navy/black shorts or jogging bottoms, a white/navy blue top and jumper. Children with long hair will be asked to tie it in a ponytail so please ensure that your child has a bobble in school. Also, earrings must be removed or covered with tape for health and safety purposes.

This term's theme for Years 1 and 2 is '*Why do we have castles?*' We will be looking at different castles and finding out about the different designs and purposes. We will also be learning about the different people who lived inside castles and settlements.

If you have any artefacts related to castles or if you are particularly knowledgeable in this area and are willing to get involved, please talk to your child's class teacher.

"Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again."

Nelson Mandela