

Hemingford Grey Primary School Newsletter



Friday 27th January 2023

Mrs Marriott News Update:

There are so many children enjoying after school clubs – Netball, Forest School and AnsteyArt are running this term. Each term, we change the provision of the sport club in conjunction with Hunts School Sports, our providers to vary the provision. A big thank you to our parent helpers who have enabled the Hemingford Harriers running club on a Wednesday morning to continue. Last term this was set up and supported by Doug at Hunts School Sports and it's success continues with this great parent involvement. Please do come along – children must be accompanied by an adult.

Mud Glorious Mud – following the freeze and rain, we have some very muddy areas around the school site which in coming weeks will be fenced off and into the spring will be re-seeded to hopefully grow back some grass. These sections will be out of use for a number of months and we appreciate your support at morning drop off and pick up to keep children off these areas. We hope for brighter weather and a chance for the field to dry off so that the children can enjoy the full outside area.

At lunchtime, our zones and clubs continue to be enjoyed. The Craze of the Week and outside Dance Club remain firm favourites along with Chess Club, Drawing club and Quiet Club indoors.

Staffing update:

This week we have welcomed Zoe Ryall to the Pre-school Team and we have appointed and look forward to Mandy Riley joining the UKS2 team soon.

Staying Safe:

Following on from the two lunchtime 'Online Safety' Zoom sessions, provided to parents/carers by Mr Carter, school's Technology Lead, a letter is attached to the email which details a log in to National Online Safety. This is provided by the school and you can download an App so that you have all the up-to-date advice on keeping your children safe online at the tap of a button. Please take a few minutes to set up a log in and prioritise keeping children safe online.

Best Wishes

Kirsten Marriott

Headteacher

What's on next week:

Monday 30th January

AnsteyArt After School Art Club:

- Years 2&3 – 3:15-4:20pm
- Years 4, 5 & 6 - 4:30-5:30pm

Tuesday 31st January

Swimming Year 3 Sessions - 1:30-3:20pm (Please can you ensure that your child has a swimming costume or swim shorts, a towel and a swimming hat)

SATS/Phonics Evening for Year 1, 2 and 6 only:

5:00-5:30 - KS1 - **Year 1** Phonics

5:30-6:00 - KS1 - **Year 2** SATS

6:00-6:30 - UKS2 - **Year 6** SATS

(Powerpoint and phase information shared with families - If you are unable to attend in person the materials will be uploaded to the website following the evening)

Wednesday 1st February

Hemingford Harriers Running Club - 8:05-8:35am (meet past the bike shed on the school field)

Coffee Morning - 9:00-10:00am: Team Sigma Miss Bonnot (for a reminder of all dates for each class for the Spring Term please go to the website: [Connect Coffee Morning Dates](#)¹)

Forest School After School Club - 3:15-5:00pm



Thursday 2nd February

¹http://www.hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk/web/community_connection/595333

Behaviour Forum for Parents and Carers - 4:00-5:00pm - With Mrs Marriott and Mrs Jermy

Friday 3rd February

Netball After School Club - 3:20-4:20 : Years 4/5/6

World Thinking Day - Wednesday 22nd February

World Thinking Day is a global event where children are encouraged to celebrate international friendship, and speak out and raise awareness for issues facing young people. Each year World Thinking Day has a theme, between 2022 and 2024, the theme is on the Environment and Climate Change.

World Thinking Day is celebrated around the world by children who attend rainbows, brownies, guides, beavers, cubs and scouts.

Children who attend any of these clubs can wear their guiding or scouting uniforms to school on Wednesday 22nd February.



Parent News and Information:

- For those of you that were unable to attend our 'Come to Understand' KS1 phonics reading session with Mrs Gaynor or the KS2 reading session with Mrs Read at the end of last year please click on the link to view the presentations: [Come to Understand Presentations²](#)
- To view 'Picture News' presentations that have been discussed in assemblies this week, previous and for next week click on the link to view: [Assembly Picture News Presentations³](#)
- **Home start - Volunteers needed:** Home start is a charity that works alongside families with preschool children in their own homes to support and empower parents. They are at present recruiting volunteers with some parenting experience to support more families locally. All

²http://www.hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk/web/come_to_understand/574580

³<http://www.hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk/web/pshe/612404>

volunteers receive training and continual support. Volunteers need to attend a 3 x 4 hour in person training as well as some e learning. You would need to commit to 2 hours per week to visit a family in the home for at least 6 months. This Volunteer role can be an excellent steppingstone to looking for paid employment as well as an excellent role for those that have retired. A Huntingdon volunteer course is starting soon (28th February). Please see the poster below for further information and how to contact them.



HOME START
Cambridgeshire

BE AMAZING

BE A HOME-START VOLUNTEER!

When you volunteer for Home-Start Cambridgeshire you will be a lifeline for a family; helping them get back on their feet and develop the skills they need to cope.

Our next volunteer training course is on
TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY, 7th MARCH and 14th MARCH
10am – 2pm

At All Saints Church, The Hollow, Hartford, Huntingdon, PE29 1YF

Home-Start Cambridgeshire offers a valuable and unique service for families by training volunteers to support parents with young children. This fulfilling role requires energy, commitment and reliability.

You can contact us on tel: 01480 700242 or email:
office@homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk
or find out more at: www.homestartcambridgeshire.co.uk

VOLUNTEER TODAY! We couldn't carry out this vital work without you, so if you have parenting experience and can spare 2-3 hours a week to do something amazing, please contact us.

“The most amazing organisation. I am a completely different person now and I couldn't do it without them.”

YOU REALLY WILL BE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO FAMILY LIFE

Charity Number: 1106007