

Hemingford Grey Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th February

Mrs Marriott News Update:

Children's Mental Health Awareness week, has given everyone a great end to a very busy half term. The children and staff have loved looking at and talking about their baby photos as part of the Growing Together theme. Thank you for sending them all in. It is great to see everyone 'Dressed to Express' today.

It was great to hear the KS1 children so engaged and motivated in their learning on Wednesday for their Florence Nightingale Day.

Hopefully, we can start to say goodbye to Covid and plan to enjoy more events in the next half term. We have a theatre company visiting in the first week back as part of our drive to develop enjoyment for reading. We will be getting our reading shed up and running and are so pleased with the books that have been donated so far. Year 4 have their trip to Grafham to look forward with lots of adventures. We are also planning a DISCO for the end of term – finally!!

We wish you all a great half term!



The team played brilliantly yesterday in the football fixture against Thorndown we won 3-0!

Hybrid Home School Meetings

Monday 28th February - 3:30-5:00

Tuesday 1st March - 3:30-7:00

Wednesday 2nd March - 3:30-5:00

We are awaiting guidance from the local authority as to whether we can hold in person or virtual meetings, this will be advised to all families at the beginning of the week when we return after half term.

In the interim we would like to invite you to book a ten minute slot meeting on one of the dates shown above via our Parents' Evening System¹

Bookings will open on Friday 11th February at 7:00pm and will close at 9:00am on Tuesday 22nd February. For all children please book with their teacher.

If your child is in Foundation Stage you will need to book a slot with their keyworker teacher. If you are unaware of the keyworker teacher for your child please check with one of the Foundation Stage teachers. When you book a slot for your child in Foundation Stage you need to ensure that you choose the event specific to your child, for example if their keyworker teacher is Mrs Askew you just

¹<https://hemingfordgrey.schoolcloud.co.uk>

click on the evening appointments for that teacher. (Please note Mrs Sandfield will be holding appointments on one extra date Thursday 3rd March).

If you wish to discuss any additional needs that your child may have related to Special Educational Needs and Development or other barrier to accessing education Mrs Parker, the school's Inclusion Lead will be available for meetings on Wednesday 2nd March between 3:30-5:00.

When you book a slot, you will receive email confirmation stating the time of your appointment. If the meetings go ahead virtually your email address that is linked to the Parents' Evening System will be the email that is used to invite you the meeting on Teams.

If you have any difficulty in booking an appointment please send an email to the office on Monday 21st February and a manual appointment can be booked for you.

Select from Aspens - Parent Registration

Your child/ren should have brought home a letter this week detailing the codes required in order for you to register with Select from Aspens which is launching on Monday 21st February. If your child has a school meal regardless whether free or paid they must be registered in advance of this date. You can go through the meal options with your child and order a few weeks of meals in advance or just one week whatever you prefer. If you need any help with registration please go to: <https://select.aspens-services.com/account/register>²

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 8th February



Safer Internet Day took place this week for information and resources go to: National Online Safety Recommended Resources³

or the NSPCC: Learning NSPCC⁴

What's on the week after half term:

Monday 21st February

Art Club - Year 3/4 - 3:15-4:15pm

²<https://select.aspens-services.com/account/register>

³https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/members-sid-2022?utm_campaign=NOS|SaferInternetDay2022|Members&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=202930065&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--Ejs1SDtUf8YASz5W15JiAuDuES6pgsZa7NI4R9HXKkTzeA045-XeoeOOjkH7LuR0-YFbzBhgXbKypBV5t6GX3qe6aEArFnn7svaNKSHcrmwPE1-U&utm_content=202930065&utm_source=hs_email

⁴<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/>

Art Club - Year 5/6 - 4:15-5:15pm

Tuesday 22nd February

Deadline to book slot for hybrid home school meetings 9:00am (if you have any difficulty please send an email to the school office and they will book a manual appointment for you.

As you know it has been children's mental health week this week, we would greatly appreciate if you could complete this poll: Children's Mental Health Week - Growing Together⁵



Monday 7th to Friday 18th March - National Careers Week

There will be exciting activities running across the UK to help children broaden their horizons and raise aspirations for their futures.

The aim of the week is to:

- Challenge stereotypes and equal opportunities
- Broaden horizons and help children to feel empowered to have multiple options and choices for their future education and careers
- Help children learn about transferable skills and the type of activities that can help them to develop these
- Help pupils to identify which skills they already possess, and which activities have helped to develop these skills
- Encourage pupils to aim high and explore a vast range of careers/jobs available to them in 2030
- Make children aware of the changes in technology in the past ten years and look into what technology could be like in 2030, when they are entering the world of work and the impact this may have upon jobs in 2030
- To promote the eight essential skills for the world of work: **Leadership, Teamwork, Creativity, Problem-Solving, Presenting, Listening, Aiming High and Staying Positive**

Children in Reception Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will:

⁵<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=u9E0BRI13kGoOrBTYHGmSPdTONSIhlpLnndlne1SWo5URVRWT05CRDNQMU9SU0dDMFY1MlRZSIVFWi4u>

- Learn about different jobs and skills you require.
- Have visitors from the world of work, who will share an item/artefact which symbolises the work that they do.
- Discuss and able to ask questions about the lines of work and the difference they make to their world.

Children in Key Stage 2 will:

- have an understanding of what a sector actually is and what this means in the world of work, with an introduction into the 9 sectors of work; **Health and Social Care, Environmental, Building and Construction, Retail, Visitor and Economic, Transport/Technologies, Public, Manufacturing, HEI, Business Services**
- an exploration of real-life contexts for the terminology of careers and the world of work, whilst addressing any misconceptions that they may have
- Have visitors from the world of work, who will share their experiences and give the children the opportunity to ask questions

Week beginning 14th March

During the second week, we would like to inspire the children to get some hands-on knowledge of the variety of careers and pathways from the mouths of those who know. We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to talk to a group of children about some of the following:

- What route you took into a specific career
- What the job entails
- Where you work
- Skills and qualities required for your role
- Best and worse parts of the job
- How you have grown and developed skills

This event may be held in person or virtually, to fit with your commitments and Covid-19 guidance.

Please use the link below and complete the poll to let us know if this is something you can help us with and support the children's learning.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=u9E0BRII3kGoOrBTYHGmSPdTONSIhlpLnndln1SWo5UMFZJMDBUOFJPWEE0WEIRM09XTDNDMFIYMy4u> ⁶

Thank you very much

Danielle Jones and Kathryn Honey

⁶<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=u9E0BRII3kGoOrBTYHGmSPdTONSIhlpLnndln1SWo5UMFZJMDBUOFJPWEE0WEIRM09XTDNDMFIYMy4u>

With the launch of The Learning Shed approaching if you are having a clear out over half term we would greatly appreciate any pre-loved books after half term - Thank you!
