



# Hemblington Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd April 2021

Values for April:  
Honesty and Fairness

## Headteacher Message

We also have some new additions to our Hemblington family in the form of x2 collared dove chicks (nestlings). We are lucky to be able to document their growth and development until they fly the nest. Thanks to Mr Shingles for his excellent photography skills!



Thank you to Mr and Mrs Jeffry for kindly donating a large connect 4 game to the school to show their appreciation to the school for welcoming their family into the school community.

This has been an excellent, fun way for the children working together to problem

solve and challenge each other.



The sunshine is really making a difference to health and wellbeing at school. Many more lessons are able to take place outside; including some science sound lessons this week in Swallow Class and a fantastic outside art lesson with Swan Class. Break and lunch times are a real pleasure to watch as the children play on the field, making dens, hunting for bugs and enjoying the wonderful weather with their friends.

Let's hope the weather continues into the weekend so you can all enjoy a wonderful outdoor time with your children.

*Miss Collier (Headteacher)*

## PE Kit Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child comes to school on PE days in the correct PE kit uniform. This should be navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms, their house colour t-shirt (this should have the school logo or be a plain coloured t-shirt with no other logos, design or writing on) and a plain navy long sleeved top or their school



jumper/fleece if needed. We are currently exploring the possibility of introducing a school logo hoodie for PE for the autumn term and more information will be sent in the final half summer term about this if we proceed. Do let us know what you think.

Having the correct uniform on PE days will support us to ensure we maintain high standards and that the children come into school 'ready to learn' and to 'be the best they can be'. We really do need your support to help ensure this happens.

### *Parking at Drop Off and Pick Up*

Please park respectfully when dropping off and picking up your children. We do ask parents and pupils to bike or walk to school where possible. If this is not possible, then we request that you park at Heathlands and walk to the school to prevent congestion along Mill Road.

There have been a number of work vehicles that have been given permission to park long Mill Road this week, please be respectful to the work staff who are doing their job and following instructions from the council. Thank you.

### *Year 5 & 6 Residential*

Just a reminder to Year 5 & 6 parents to complete the booking form and pay the deposit by Friday 30th April to secure your place.

The online meeting to discuss the residential is Thursday 29th April at 2pm.

A link will be emailed to Year 5 and 6 parents the day before the session.



The children have already had a session with Miss Collier and their class teachers to look at the Hautbois website and ask any questions about the trip. They are all getting really excited about this event and so are we!

We are aiming to have 100% of Year 5 and 6 pupils attend so no child is left out of such a valuable experience.

We are aware that some parents are having trouble paying for the deposit. Please follow the instructions on the sheet and go through the parent portal to pay. There have been issues using the app so we advise to go via the website. If you are still having difficulties please contact the office. Mrs Hubbard is working hard to resolve any issues so please be patient. Thank you!



## Leave of Absence from School During Term Time

Please note that parents/carers do not have legal entitlement to take their child on holiday during term time. Schools have to comply with the Education Regulations, which means that we cannot authorise a leave of absence from school unless it is exceptional circumstances.

If you are intending to take your child out of school during term time, you MUST complete a Leave of Absence form prior to the event. These can be obtained from the reception area or requested from the school office. Failure to make a request will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised.

As the pupils have had such a disrupted year of school, we do urge you not to take your children out of school unless it is absolutely necessary. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## Breakfast Club: Spaces Available

Give your child a great start to the day!



A reminder that our Premier Education Breakfast Club 'START Active' sessions run for up to 60 minutes (07:45-08:45) every day at Hemblington.

Our Breakfast Club is only £4 per session and includes a healthy breakfast as well as sport activities with a qualified Premier Education instructor.

To book your place, please go to the Premier Education website and put in the school postcode NR13 4QJ to find our venue and book up today:

[www.premier-education.com/parents](http://www.premier-education.com/parents)

## Snapshot of learning this week:

Cygnet class had fun learning about what a seed needs to grow and planting their own seeds.



The Swans created a very 'active' piece of fire art. They enjoyed the freedom of working outside to splash and flick the paint. The finished artwork is a backdrop for a Great Fire of London display in the classroom.



Robin class learning about plants and growing.



Drama in Robin class: Boat to Scutari, Crimea.



Writing awards for Theo and Josh this week!



Kingfisher class learning about bones in the body and the skeletal system.

This week in Swallow class science, we began an exciting new topic of learning, all about 'Sound'. The children thought about the quietest and noisiest areas of the school and considered the idea of silence. We then became sound investigators on a 'sound walk' around the school. We moved between different locations and identified the sounds that we could hear in that area. The children enjoyed describing the sounds and asked thoughtful questions about the sounds they heard. Swallows explored making sounds with different musical instruments and discovered that sounds are made when objects and materials vibrate. A fantastic start to our learning on 'Sound'.





Eagle class learning skills and techniques for ultimate frisbee in the sunshine!



Kestrel class, hard at work in science researching amphibians and insect life cycles.



## Dates for the diary

Monday May 3rd Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd-Friday 7th May  
Children's Book Week

Friday 7th May Number Day

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June  
Half-term holiday

Monday 7th June-Sunday 13th June  
Love Your Burial Ground Week

Monday 21st June Year 2/3 Bucket Beats  
Event Norwich Cathedral

Monday 21st June & Tuesday 22nd June  
Acle Academy Transition Days

Wednesday 7th July-Friday 9th July Year  
5&6 Residential Trip

Monday 12th July & Tuesday 13th July  
Transition days

Last day of summer term for pupils  
Wednesday 21st July. (Finish at 1:15)

INSET Thursday 22nd July

