

# HEMBLINGTON NEWS

Week beginning Monday 11th December 2023

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## Seasons Greetings

As we head into the final full week of our very busy half term, it is time to reflect upon the wonderful week that has just gone by. Our choir visited Thorpe St Andrew High School to practice in advance of the carol service in the cathedral, the pantomime was very well received on Wednesday afternoon, the Santa Dash was great fun with high levels of participation and the Friends' Christmas Cracker lived up to its name.

### Be Responsible

One of the many wonderful aspects of Hemblington is the responsibility older children have been showing at lunchtime to the younger year groups who help and walk them to their classes.

### Be Resilient

With rehearsals underway, it has been wonderful to see the resilience many of the children are showing in learning their lines and lyrics to the songs.

### Be Respectful

We received a lovely message from teachers at Thorpe saying how respectful and polite the Hemblington children in the choir had been - Well Done for passing on such a positive image of the school.

### Be Ready

The readiness last week was clearly evident with so many children remembering all the different pieces of equipment, jumpers, and shoes they've needed for the exciting activities this week.

## Act of Kindness

The Assistant Manager of the Rushcutters Arms in Thorpe St. Andrews has contacted us to say every year donations of toys for less fortunate children are left near the tree at the Rushcutters for families who might need a little extra help. If you know someone who may benefit, please let them know they can drop by and pick some up.



## Be The Best You Can

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

## Parent Forum

The parent forum met on Wednesday 29th November 2023. There was representation from the majority of year groups either face to face or via email.

Discussions took place around the quality of school meals since Aspens took over. Mrs Norgate confirmed there had been some teething problems, but following meetings with the Trust and Aspens things were improving. A new menu has been drawn up which hopefully will be available from January. It should include the return of weekly roasts, pizza without bbq sauce and other favourites.

Concern was raised about the lower school needing more encouragement to drink water during the day. Mrs Norgate confirmed she would feed this back to staff.

Parents of younger children also reported that they were not eating their packed lunch. Mrs Norgate agreed to ask the Midday Supervisors to remind children to eat most if not all of their lunch.

Parents asked if a different photographer could be used for future school photos. Mrs Norgate said she would ask Mrs Gant to organise this. Suggestions of companies are Vancols (as used by Thorpe St. Andrew High School and Dussindale) or Memories to treasure.

Mrs Norgate confirmed the new chess sets had arrived and that Mrs Goodson and Mrs Swift will be running the club during this academic year.

Now the colder weather is upon us, parents of children in the younger classes asked if that their coats were done up before leaving the classroom at the end of the day. Mrs Norgate agreed to feed this back to staff.

Parents gave positive feedback on the family learning sessions. There was a request to hold them on different days for working parents and this will be considered moving forward.

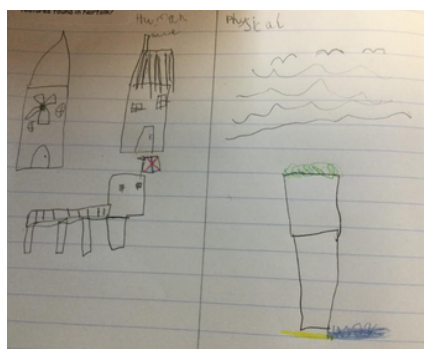
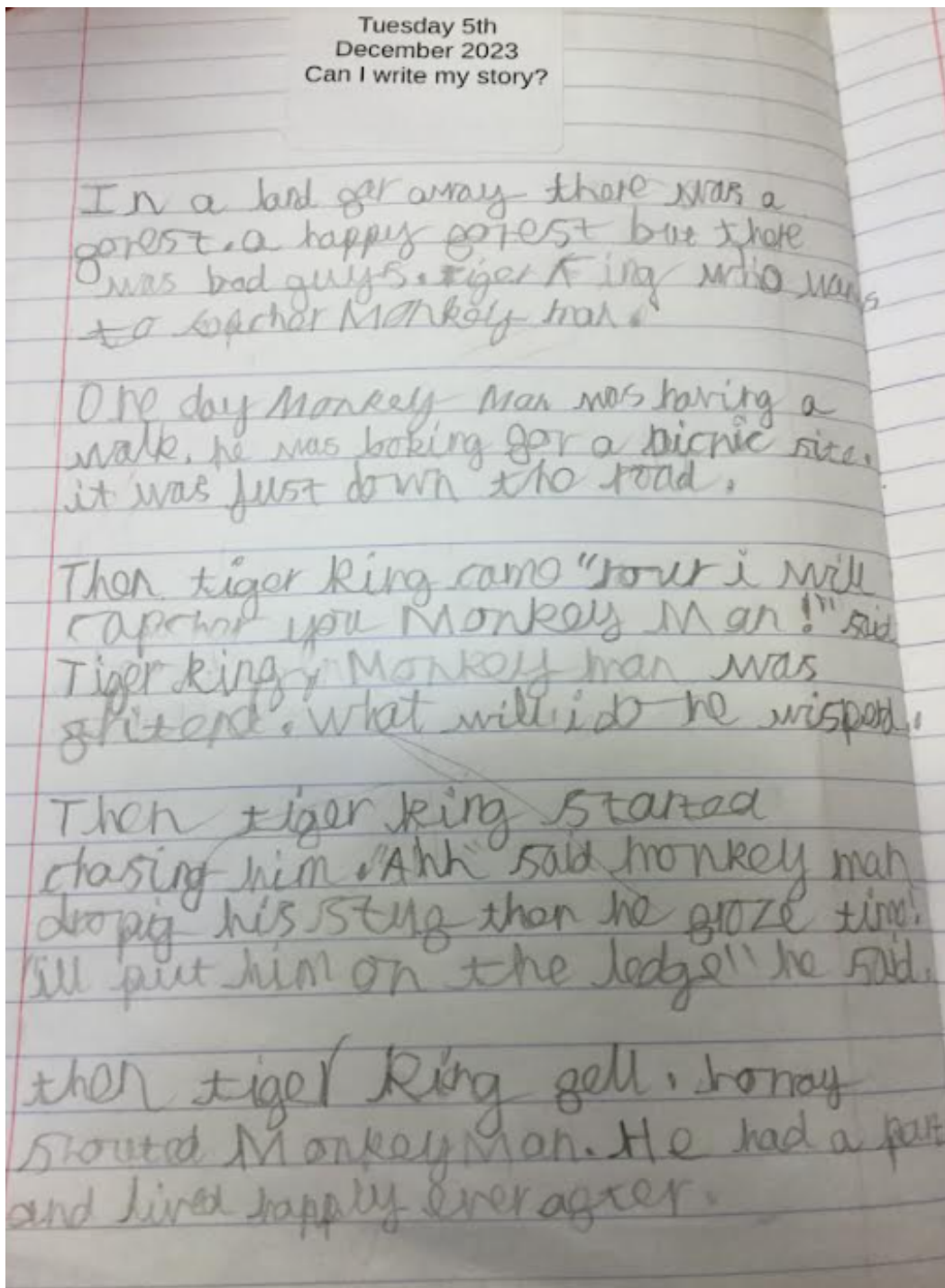
Given the business of Mill Road and Woodbastwick Road at the start and end of the school day, parents asked if children could have road safety awareness taught. Mrs Norgate agreed to ask Mrs Gant to look into this and also shared if they have significant concerns about road safety to email them to [roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafety@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Pupil Admission Number

We have been asked to make parents aware that we are currently consulting on a proposed change to our admission numbers - details can be found [here](#)

# FANTASTIC LEARNING

To promote writing - here is a fantastic 'frozen in time' story from Robins. Enjoy!!



Swans have been learning about the human and physical geographical features in Geography.

# REMINDERS

## **School Lunches**

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via Parent Portal by 8am on the day.

Menus for the three weeks are available on the school website : Autumn 2 menu

**Please note week beginning 11th December is Week 3 of the menu.**

**Christmas lunch** (chicken, chipolata, roasties, vegetable medley and gravy, followed by rice krispie snow ball) is **Thursday 19th December**. **Friday 20th December will then be a menu change to fish fingers and chips**. All Christmas lunch orders have now been placed, so if your child does not have a Christmas lunch please provide them with a home packed lunch.

## **School Uniform**

Pupils are expected to wear a royal blue sweatshirt with the school logo, white polo shirt, black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt with grey or white tights or socks and plain black, flat shoes with a good sole grip. Blue and white gingham dresses are also permitted. Your child's teacher will confirm when the class are learning PE and on these days children are expected to attend in their house colour t-shirt, black shorts, dark colour trainers and the navy school logo sweatshirt or black, navy or grey tracksuit. Please note all clothing must be plain or showing the school logo.

## **School Day**

The site opens at 8.30 am and the doors at 8.35 am. The gates close at 8.45 am as this is registration. Any child arriving after 8.45 am will need to enter by the main office. In the afternoon the gates open at 3.05 pm ready for Reception to be collected at 3.10 pm and Year 1-6 at 3.15 pm.

## **White Rose App**

Within school, we use White Rose Maths and they have released a free app called '1-Minute Maths' to help children to practise at home. The app is aimed at children in Reception and Key Stage 1 so if you have children in those year groups please download the app and encourage your child to have a go!

## **Parking**

Parents and carers are reminded to be considerate of local residents at the start and end of the school day. Please use Heathlands or the Tamarind for parking before and after school.

## **Friends of Hemblington**

Future events include:

- Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Jumper Day - £1 donation to Save the Children

## **Norfolk Athletics Club**

Please click this link for a list of [Athletics Clubs in Norfolk](#).



## Help with Living costs - Winter 2023/24

Help with Living Costs - Winter 2023/24 Norfolk Assistance Scheme can help you get support and financial assistance for food, energy, water, and other household essentials including white goods. Please click on the link above which will take you to the Norfolk webpage.

## MSA vacancies - can you help?

We currently have vacancies for permanent and bank Midday Supervisor Assistants at Hemblington Primary School. If you are interested in applying for the role or want to know more, please contact

Mrs Norgate/Mr Howard via the office email: [office-hp@yare-edu.org.uk](mailto:office-hp@yare-edu.org.uk)

## Lost Property

Please name all items of clothing so it can be returned to pupils. Unnamed items will be kept in the office for a fortnight for collection.

## Dyslexia Awareness Parent/Carer Workshops

Tues 6 Feb 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Technology Focus (secondary age)</b> – The workshop will explore technology useful for supporting a dyslexic young person with reading, writing, spelling and maths at high school.	£10 per person
Weds 27 Mar 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Making Learning Stick (all ages)</b> - The workshop will explore what working memory is, as well as many ways for you to support your child with working memory skills to help increase their confidence and ability when reading, writing, doing arithmetic or studying for exams.	£10 per person
Thurs 2 May 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Supporting Maths Difficulties (all ages)</b> - The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing maths and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person
Tues 18 Jun 2024 9.30 – 11.45AM	<b>Reading/Spelling Strategies (primary age)</b> – The workshop will look at the types of challenges a dyslexic young person might face when doing reading and spelling, and explore a wide range of practical support tools, resources and apps that you can use at home to support your child.	£10 per person

To book your place please click [here](#)

Please contact Laura Bates for further information or to book a place at:  
[dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org](mailto:dosadmin@taverhamhigh.org) or telephone 01603 860505 ex 239



An Invitation to  
**Broad Horizons Education Trust**

# Carol Service



Please click [HERE](#) or  
SCAN the QR Code to  
book your free  
reservation



**Norwich Cathedral**  
Tuesday 12 December 2023  
at 7.30pm  
Please be seated by 7.15pm




# PRIVATE PEACEFUL

BY MICHAEL MORPURGO  
ADAPTED BY SIMON READE

7.00PM WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER &  
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

SOUTH SITE HALL

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS



# DIARY DATES

Tuesday 12th December - Choir rehearsal at the Cathedral  
Tuesday 12th December - 7.30 pm Choir sing at Cathedral  
Thursday 14th December - 10 am Year 1/2/3 Christmas Production  
Friday 15th December - 11 am Reception performance in classroom  
Friday 15th December - 10 am Year 1/2/3 Christmas Production  
Monday 18th December - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children  
Monday 18th December - 10 am Year 4/5/6 Christmas Celebration  
Tuesday 19th December - 10 am Year 4/5/6 Christmas Celebration  
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Dinner  
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Jumper - donate £1 to Save the Children Fund  
Wednesday 20th December - Friends non uniform day  
Wednesday 20th December - Last Day of Term  
Thursday 21st December to Tuesday 2nd January - Christmas holiday  
Wednesday 3rd January - INSET day - School Closed  
Friday 12th January - Robins Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale  
Wednesday 17th January - Basketball taster day  
Week beginning 22nd January - Maths Family Learning sessions  
Monday 29th January - Choir to Young Voices  
Wednesday 31st January - Kidditch Taster sessions  
Friday 2nd February - Kingfisher Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale  
Monday 5th to Friday 9th February - Mental Health week  
Tuesday 6th February - Swallow Class to Time and Tide Museum  
Monday 12th February - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children  
Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th February - Parent Teacher Consultation Evening  
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term  
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day  
Friday 15th March - Comic Relief TBC  
Wednesday 20th March - Year 5 Wicked trip  
Monday 25th March - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children  
Thursday 28th March - Trust INSET day, school closed  
Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holidays  
Monday 6th May - Bank holiday Monday  
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Key Stage 2 SATs week  
Monday 20th May - 8.50 - 9.20 am Parents reading in class with children  
Monday 20th May - Wednesday 22nd May - Year 4/5 residential to How Hill  
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half term  
Week beginning 10th June - Year 1 phonics screening  
Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th June - Year 6 residential to Hautbois  
Thursday 4th July - Sports Day and picnic