

# HEMBLINGTON NEWS

Week beginning Monday 18th December 2023

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## Seasons Greetings

Yuletide Felicitations to you all! Last week was certainly eventful and fun-filled. I am sure that all of those who have attended any of the events, be it, the Years 1,2 and 3 productions, the reception Gingerbreadman performance, or the carol service at the cathedral will have been greatly proud and moved by the children's performances. As Mr Howard's happy time at Hemblington comes to a close, he writes *'I have been greatly moved by the work and dedication of the whole community to the school and the children. I am very appreciative of everyone who has made my time here so enjoyable. - Mr Howard'* We would like to thank Mr Howard for his hard work and wish him continued success as he takes up Interim Head at Hillside Avenue Primary, in the New Year.

### Be Responsible

Kestrels showed great responsibility when cooking their bolognese sauces in the kitchen. They were very meticulous in their health and safety and created tasty sauces.

### Be Resilient

Cygnets showed great resilience with their rehearsals for the Gingerbread Man; persevering and making us all proud

### Be Respectful

It was again noted by other schools and the church, just how respectful the children who represented Hemblington were at the carol service in the Cathedral.

### Be Ready

While we are thinking about Christmas and getting prepared for that holiday - We are also planning to be ready for a return to school on the 4th of January with our new deputy Mrs Brugger.

## Tuck Shop

Please note there is no Key Stage 2 tuckshop this week or for the first two days when we return. The service, provided by Aspens, will resume from Monday 8th January 2024.



## Be The Best You Can

Be responsible, Be respectful, Be resilient and Be ready

## Guide for parents worried about Neurodiversity Differences/Additional Needs

Although a clinical assessment for neurodevelopmental differences such as autism or ADHD is helpful for some families, a diagnosis is not required to access special education needs (SEN) support. It is important to remember that having a name for your child's condition does not change who they are. It is helpful to think about what goals you and they are aiming for so that you can access the support available to help achieve these goals. This NHS [guide](#) (on the SEND page of the school website) signposts families to resources and services to support you on your journey as well as useful information about training, EHCPs and help with sleep and mental health difficulties. Please reach out to these services for help.

## 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](#)

## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Show Box Appeal. Your generous donations will be gratefully received.

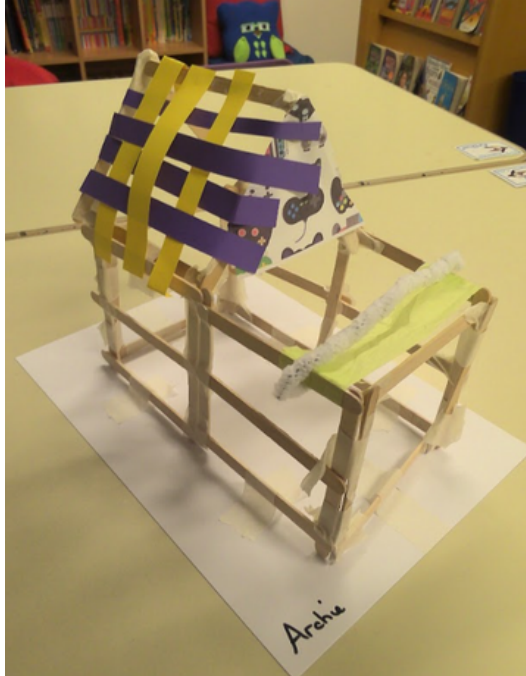


## Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December - non uniform

Children are invited to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper (with uniform bottoms and appropriate footwear) on Tuesday 19th December donating £1 to 'Save the Children' and in non-school uniform/party wear on Wednesday 20th December.

# FANTASTIC LEARNING

Swallows have made some fantastic 3-D constructions in DT exemplified brilliantly by Mackenzie and Lilly.



School Choir taking part in the Trust Carol Service

Kingfishers have used cross-stitch wonderfully to make these fantastic festive bookmarks.



# REMINDERS

## **School Lunches**

Please order (or cancel) your child's school lunch, via Parent Portal by 8am on the day. A revised three week menu will be available on the school website and Parent Portal shortly. **Please note week beginning 1st January 2024 is Week 2 of the menu.** Menu changes this week are **Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December and Fish Fingers and chips on Wednesday 20th December.** If you have not pre ordered Christmas lunch, please provide your child 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.

## **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

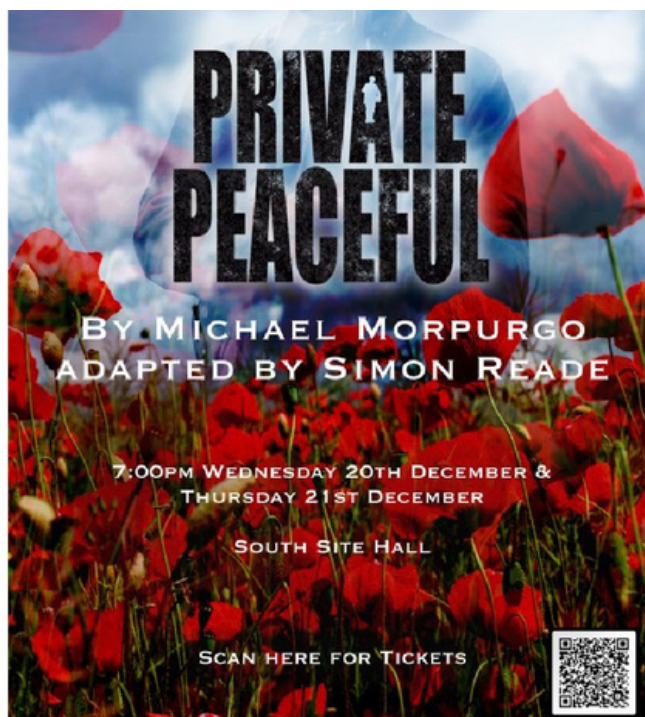
Please name all items of clothing so it can be returned to pupils. Unnamed items will be kept in the office for a fortnight for collection.

## Dyslexia Awareness Parent/Carer Workshops

<b>Tues 6 Feb 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<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
<b>Weds 27 Mar 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<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
<b>Thurs 2 May 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<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
<b>Tues 18 Jun 2024</b> <b>9.30 – 11.45AM</b>	<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



# DIARY DATES

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  
Thursday 4th January - Pupils return  
**Monday 8th January - Swallows start swimming at Thorpe St. Andrews High School**  
Friday 12th January - Robins Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale  
Wednesday 17th January - Basketball taster day  
**Monday 22nd January - Year 5/6 NCFC Football event**  
Week beginning 22nd January - Maths Family Learning sessions  
Monday 29th January - Choir to Young Voices  
**Wednesday 31st January - Parents Forum 08.45 am in the Owlery**  
Wednesday 31st January - Kidditch Taster sessions  
**Thursday 1st February - Kestrels to Coding event at Thorpe St Andrews High School**  
Friday 2nd February - Kingfisher Class provide cakes for Friends Cake Sale  
Monday 5th February - Year 1/2 Football Festival with NCFC  
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  
**Monday 12th February - Year 3/4 Girls Football event with NCFC**  
**Thursday 15th February - Year R Vision and Hearing test**  
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