



# Hemlington Hall Academy

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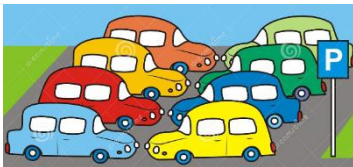
Welcome back after half term! Remember: newsletters will be published on our website, on our Twitter feed and on our app each fortnight to keep parents and carers updated of important information and key dates.

## ♪♪♪ All together now...! ♪♪♪

On the Friday before we broke up for half term, the whole school celebrated Music Day. There was an amazing atmosphere around school which included children singing to music and acapella, playing instruments, creating sound stories and building drum-playing robots, which were all performed to the rest of the school. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Knox for leading the Big Sing and her impressive piano playing!



## Please help keep our children safe



On a morning, when children are arriving at school, please can parents ensure that their children do not play in the car park. Our car park is in regular use with traffic coming and going, so for the safety of our children they must not be used as a play area.



Also, for the safety of our children, please can we remind all parents that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds unless they are assistance dogs.

## God Save the Queen

Children from Nursery up to Year 6 entered our latest handwriting competition – writing the National Anthem – and we were bowled over by the entries!

Mr Elliot, our chair of governors, judged the competition and winners across the school were selected to win a prize and have their handwriting put up on display for everybody to see how much of a handwriting hero they are! The display will be in our Key Stage 1 hall.



## Save 10% on School Uniform!

Our school uniform is a Royal Blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper worn with black or grey trousers / skirt. Summer gingham dresses for girls should be blue / white and shirts, blouses or polo shirts should be pale blue or white. Children should wear black, sensible school shoes.

Across the month of June there is a **discount of 10% on school uniforms** – please ask in the office for further details.



Remember to check out our website - <https://www.hemlingtonhallacademy.co.uk>

You can follow us on Twitter too - [@Hemlingtonhall](https://twitter.com/Hemlingtonhall)

If you would like a paper copy of our newsletter free of charge, please ask at the school office.





## Top Tips to Keep Your Children Safe Online



1. Set up parental controls to block upsetting or harmful content, in-app purchases and how long your child can spend online – remember that **you** are in charge!
2. Restrict payment methods in all games and apps – even ‘free to play’ games like Fortnite have the opportunity to make in-game purchases, which can add up very quickly!
3. Prevent your children from talking to strangers by turning off voice chat features (usually found in the ‘Settings’ menu of a game).
4. Encourage children to create a ‘strong’ password: a combination of upper/lower case letters, numbers and symbols. Remind your child that their password is not to be shared with others.
5. Show your child how to make a report if they feel another player is behaving inappropriately, for example through CEOPS. You can find out more about CEOPS at <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
6. And most importantly, talk to your children about staying safe – have regular discussions about what is acceptable from them and from others, and what to do if they feel something isn’t right.

## Win £5000 for the school and £100 for yourself!

We would love it if all of our parents entered the National Book Token Competition to increase our chances of winning £5000 for new library books - with the added bonus of £100 to spend on yourself! Please go to <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

## Fingers crossed for picnic weather!

Our annual Summer Picnic Day is the 28<sup>th</sup> June, and parents and carers are invited to come and join us from 12 noon for Summer fun and fiesta.



Any donations for the tombola or raffle prizes are welcome, in addition to good-condition school uniforms for the uniform sale.

### Important Dates

Y3RC Swimming ..... 11<sup>th</sup> June (two weeks)  
 EYFS Maths and Science Event ..... 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 Y5 London Visit ..... 13<sup>th</sup> June → 15<sup>th</sup> June  
 Y1 Visit to Nature Reserve ..... 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 Early Years Maths and Science Day ..... 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 Y6 Visit to Crucial Crew ..... 26<sup>th</sup> June  
 Annual Picnic Day ..... 28<sup>th</sup> June  
 PD Day (School Closed) ..... 29<sup>th</sup> June  
 Children begin new classes ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> July

### Attendance

Our attendance target is



Children **must** be in school on time every day!

Reception – 93%

Year 1 – 86%

Year 2 – 94%

Year 3 – 96%

Year 4 – 91%

Year 5 – 96%

Year 6 – 90%

## A great big thank you!



A great big thank you goes out to the wonderful team of parents, grandparents and carers who have kindly volunteered their time to help out in school. If you feel you too could offer support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Geaves.

