



# Hemlington Hall Academy

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We hope all of our families had an enjoyable half term break. Remember that newsletters are 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.

## Christmas Dates

As Christmas begins to creep closer, please find provisional dates for our festive activities which you are invited to below. More information will be released closer to the time of each date – keep your eyes open for the next newsletter in case of any changes!

**Y1 Performance ..... Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am**  
**Y2 Performance ..... Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am**  
**Y3/4 Performance .. Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am**  
**and also ..... Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am**  
**Y5 Performance .... Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 9.30am**

**Carol Service/EYFS and Y6 Nativity**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec (afternoon)**

**Christmas Fair ..... Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 3.30pm**

**Choir at Centre Square - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 2pm**

Children will also be participating in the following events during school time:

**Dressing the tree ..... Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**  
**Nursery Party ..... Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Reception Party ..... Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Christmas Jumper Day ..... Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Christmas Lunch ..... Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**KS1 and KS2 Parties ..... Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

## Other Important Dates

History Day ..... Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Nov  
School Disco ..... Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Children In Need ..... Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov  
World Nursery Rhyme Week ..... Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov  
EYFS Craft Activities ..... Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Flu vaccinations (Reception – Y5)... Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Tell us your thoughts – and win

**£10!**

Have you completed our reading survey yet? There are five quick questions for you to answer, and each completed survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Waterstones voucher. Just click the following link to take part:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VRNHDPD9>

The survey closes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, so get clicking!

## We will remember...

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November representatives from our school attended the memorial service at the cenotaph in honour of those who fought to protect us in wars past, many giving their lives to save the lives of others.



As part of the First World War Centenary (one hundred years since the end of the First World War), children took part in a special history day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Children learnt about important memories, remembering special events, the significance of the poppy and – in upper school – some of the key events that took place at the end of the First World War.



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.

## Sing a song of sixpence...

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November our children in Nursery and Reception will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme week, singing as many nursery rhymes as possible.

How many nursery rhymes can you spot in the picture?



## Can you beat 96%?

The minimum attendance level which is expected for all primary aged children nationally is 96%. Good attendance is very important so that children are given as much opportunity as possible to develop academically and socially. When children are absent from school they often find it difficult to catch up on the work they have missed and can feel unsettled by this.

To promote good attendance, we are introducing a new termly 'Traffic Light' system: at the end of term, we will be sending out attendance certificates and reports on coloured paper to inform you of your child's attendance level.

A **green certificate** means that your child has attendance that is at or above the government's expectation of 96%.

An **amber report** means that although your child's attendance is not yet 'concerning' it is between 92.1% and 96%, and some improvement is required.

A **red report** means that your child has a significant number of absences and is at risk of underachieving as a result. We would ask for your support in ensuring that attendance improves as we monitor any further absences, and we may invite you into school to discuss this further.

Please see our 'School Attendance – New Traffic Light System' leaflet for more information (which is available on our school website). By working together to improve attendance, we can ensure our children are given the best opportunities to succeed.

## PE Update

This half term, all of our classes are developing their skills in gymnastics, practicing how to complete and combine rolling, travelling, balancing and jumping.

Did you know that our football fixtures and league tables are available to view online? Our teams have done amazingly well!

### Boys' Football Table 2017.18

Teams	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Hurworth	15	14	1	0	42	3	39	43
2 Hemlington Hall	15	12	1	2	32	9	23	37
3 Heathfield	15	7	1	7	21	19	2	22
4 Mount Pleasant	15	6	0	9	15	24	-9	18
5 Northwood	15	4	1	10	17	20	-3	13
6 Corporation Road	15	0	0	15	2	44	-42	0

### Girls' Football Table 2017.18

Teams	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1 Heathfield	5	8	0	2	16	1	15	24
2 Hurworth	5	8	0	2	16	2	14	24
3 Hemlington Hall	10	5	0	5	6	5	1	15
4 Mount Pleasant	10	3	2	5	4	11	-7	11
5 Northwood	10	3	2	5	4	14	-10	11
6 Corporation Road	10	0	0	10	0	10	-10	0

## An addition to the team!

We are pleased to welcome Amy Robinson to our school, who is a trainee social worker and will be here each Monday until the end of Spring. Amy will be happy to support children and families through the Bungalow partnership and with any wider issues such as attendance and external agency support.