



Hemlington Hall Academy

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Don't forget that our 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.

Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to all of the parents and children who have already donated to our reverse advent calendar. In the true spirit of Christmas, this involves donating items such as tins and packets towards our school food bank. Your kindness is overwhelming!



Book Fair

Lots of children and parents have already ordered books at our Christmas book fair, which we have in school until the end of the week. The final chance to browse and buy will be at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 13th December.



Homework Survey

Our homework survey is now and running, and we would love to hear from you! There are six quick questions for you to tell us what you think about homework, and each completed survey will be entered into a free prize draw to win a book bundle including Horrid Henry, Peppa Pig, Tom Fletcher and David Walliams books! Just click on the following link to begin:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SMHY9ZZ>

Safety First

Please can we remind parents, children and any other visitors to our school that the safety of everybody is a top priority, and as such we ask for bikes and scooters to be pushed around the school grounds, rather than being ridden.



Reading Survey

A huge thank you to all of the parents who completed our reading survey, and a big congratulations to the winner of the prize draw! We have used your feedback along with feedback from the children to look at how we can continue to improve reading across the whole school – watch this space for upcoming events!

We now also have a homework survey up and running – see below for more details.

Important Dates

Base 1 Crafts	Thurs 13 th Dec @ 2.15pm
Christmas Fair	Thurs 13 th Dec
Year 1 Performance	Fri 14 th Dec @ 9.30am
Year 2 Performance	Mon 17 th Dec @ 9.30am
Church Service	Mon 17 th Dec (pm)
Year 3/4 Performance ..	Tues 18 th Dec @ 9.30am
	and also Wed 19 th Dec @ 9.30am
Year 5 Performance	Thurs 20 th Dec @ 9.30am



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.

E safety

As Christmas approaches, many children may be asking Father Christmas for new phones, tablets and other devices. If they are lucky enough to receive these type of gifts, it is really important to make sure they are used safely by your children. Here are some things you might want to think about:

- Screen time – How long do you think is reasonable for your child to spend on their device? Too long can be damaging to children’s health and wellbeing. Many devices have settings which mean they will lock after a certain amount of time.
- Child lock settings – Some games and apps are not suitable for all children, therefore it is really useful to set up passwords in the App Store and to block certain websites.
- Using the device in a safe place – It can be difficult to monitor your child’s device use if they take it into their bedroom. Having a ‘downstairs only’ rule can be really useful in ensuring your child’s safety.
- Talk to your children – Educating your child is the most effective way to keep them safe online. Let them know what is and isn’t acceptable, and talk to them about what to do if something makes them feel worried, scared or confused.

PE and Sport Update

A big well done to our children who recently participated in the Athletics competitions. Our Y5/6 team came tenth, which is an improvement of five places from last year. Even more impressive, our Y3/4 team finished in 4th place – an improvement of ten places from last year!

Miss Connors children also recently took part in a huge skipping festival, where they had great fun learning about different techniques.



It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Each and every year, we are overwhelmed by your kindness in sharing Christmas gifts with us: we really appreciate the effort parents and children to go to show their thanks at this special time of year. This Christmas, if you would like to, how about donating to our school food bank instead? All donations go towards helping others at what can be a difficult time for many. Please ask your teacher or at the school office for further details.



Do you tweet?

Even if you don’t use Twitter right now, it is well worth setting up an account just to follow our school. There are regular updates and photos of what is going on in and around almost every day.



Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas fair is due to take place on Thursday 13th December, and it is due to be the best one yet. Come along and see for yourself!

- Visit Father Christmas in his grotto - Have a ride on one of our ‘reindeer’ - Tombola -
- Bouncy castle - Gift stalls - Games - Snow Globe Photo -

A good time guaranteed!