



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.

School Improvement Update

Hemlington Hall Academy is always buzzing with excitement and busy learners, with dedicated and passionate staff who provide a broad and balanced curriculum to engage and stimulate the children we care so dearly about. Our results show that children make good progress, and we continue to work hard to increase the number of children who achieve in line with age related expectations and beyond across the whole school: this includes children achieving Good Levels of Development in Reception; those passing the phonics screening check in Year 1; and children in Year 2 and Year 6 who complete the end of key stage assessments (SATs). May we thank parents and carers for the continued support you provide in regards to your children's learning, particularly those who ensure their children maintain a good level of attendance. Our current attendance figure is 95.2%, which is below our minimum target of 96%. Each and every learning opportunity is important; make sure your child doesn't miss out!

Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes

Just before Christmas, Miss Oliver in Year 1 said her goodbyes to the staff and children of Hemlington Hall Academy; however we now warmly welcome Miss Robertson to the team. Also, after many years of service to Hemlington Hall, we bid farewell to Mr Walker. The Year 4 class will continue to be taught by Mrs Robinson and the Year 3/4 team throughout this academic year.

An elephant never forgets...

... and we're sure our children in Early Years and Base 1 won't forget the amazing time they are having learning all about Elmer the Elephant!



Homework Survey

Our homework survey is now up 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>

Important Dates

MFC Visit for 4KR and Base2 Thurs 31st Jan
Number Day Friday 1st Feb
Safer Internet Day Tuesday 5th Feb
Year 2 Snappy Singing Thurs 14th Feb
Break up for half term Friday 15th Feb

Keep your eyes peeled for information about our upcoming celebration events!



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.



YouTube is used over a billion times each day, and so many of our children want to be 'YouTubers' when they're older – but how can you keep them safe when using the app or website right now?

- YouTube has set up 'YouTube Kids', a **child-friendly version of the app** where you can even set a time limit to control screen time.
- You can turn on '**restricted mode**' which automatically blocks any videos that contain inappropriate content that children should not be exposed to. To turn restricted mode on, just go to the settings menu in the app or on the website.
- Turn on **parental controls** through your wifi. Parental controls usually let you set a light, medium or strict filter (or sometimes a custom filter) to help you protect your children from inappropriate content, including a section where you can block specific websites.

Sometimes certain content can sneak through these filters and controls, but remember it is important to speak to your children about staying safe online and what they should do if they find something upsetting or inappropriate.

PE and Sport Update

This half term in PE all of our children are focussing on dance and learning a full routine to perform to the rest of their class. This will involve a lot of working together to develop control and confidence.



The new year also brings along a new football tournament! Our boys team was at the Lingfield Football tournament on Thursday 17th January, before the girls team attended the tournament on Thursday 24th January. We were so proud of our teams in the last tournament, and are rooting for them once again!

A trip back in time

Children in Years 3 and 4 had a very important visitor this half term – Claudia, the wife of an Ancient Roman general. She shared what it was like to live in Britain during Roman times almost 2000 years ago!



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.



Our Local Library

The local library service is a completely free service that can be used by people of all ages – young, old and anywhere inbetween! With regular community events, craft activities, 'tots and toys' mornings, computers and of course a massive range of books to borrow at no cost, it's well worth checking out. Hemlington Library is based at the Community Hub on Crosscliffe, and is open on Monday (9.30 – 5.00), Tuesday (9.30 – 7.00), Thursday (9.30 – 7.00) and Saturday (9.30 – 12.30), briefly closing for a lunch hour between 12.30 and 1.30 on each day.