



Hemlington Hall Academy

Newsletter 13.03.2019



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.

Homework at Hemlington Hall Academy

May we say a huge thank you to all those who provided really useful feedback about homework, and congratulations to the winner of the prize draw! Here are the key findings from what you told us:

- 86% of parents felt that asking children to read at least three times each week was the right amount of reading homework.
- Around a third of parents and carers felt that asking children to practise their spellings/key words and maths facts each night was too much homework.
- Almost half of parents and carers would like school to set research tasks for the children to complete about their current topic.
- Lots of parents and carers requested more support to allow them to better help their children with their school work.

So, how are we acting on your feedback?

1. We would now like to ask children to read, practise their spellings/key words and practise their maths facts at least three times a week (but the more the better!).
2. Before starting a new topic, children will be given a research task to complete about it so they come to school with some ideas ready; this could be some written notes, a poster or even a presentation. Children will be awarded house points for their research.
3. Staff are in the process of putting support materials and workshops in place to further support parents and carers to better help their children, such as what questions to ask when reading, how to apply spelling rules to words and how to work things out in maths. Watch this space for more information!

Important Dates

Red Nose Day (Wear something red).. Fri 15th March
Book Bus visit Mon 18th March
World Poetry Day Thurs 21st March
Epilepsy Awareness Day Tues 26th March
Autism Awareness Day Fri 5th April

Please can we remind parents of Y6 children that the End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) take place on the week commencing Monday 13th May. All Year 6 children must be in school on time on each and every day for breakfast and bonding. ☺

PE

We have lots to celebrate with our school football teams! Our boys team finished 3rd in the Lingfield Trust League, and will play for the Trust Cup in June. Our girls team is only one point behind with a full round of matches left too! Our Y3/4 team also finished 6th in the Lee Stephenson Cup in Eston last week.

Just a reminder that plimsolls or trainers should be brought into school for PE lessons and after school clubs as part of our school uniform policy, in order to protect and support children's feet whilst they are being active.



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.

The Big Battery Hunt

We have joined the Big Battery Hunt! Children were introduced to the idea in assembly and learnt all about how batteries can be recycled rather than just throwing them in the bin. Each child will receive their very own recycling boxes to collect used batteries at home, which they can then bring into school for our big recycling container.

Children can keep a tally of how many batteries they have added to our school container, and there are prizes available for the children and schools who contribute the most to the national initiative.

Please go to <https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/> for more information, and to find out how you can become involved.



World Book Day

We had such a great time celebrating World Book Day – check out our story jars in the KS1 library area!



Parental Controls

After some advice about how to set up parental controls on devices and games to help keep your children safe? There is loads of help and support on the NSPCC website; go to

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



Let's keep everyone safe and happy!



1. Please help to keep our site litter-free!
2. For the safety of everyone, please do not ride bicycles/scooters on the school grounds.
3. Please do not bring Dogs on to the school grounds (this includes carrying them in). Secure them safely away from school gates.
4. Please help us to keep your Children safe. The car park is for disabled/visitors, staff and deliveries only. Do not drive onto the school site and walk on the paths.
5. For health and safety reasons, Children are not allowed to climb on the play equipment before / after school. Please supervise your child(ren) at all times.

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