



# HEMINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## A Good Start For All

February 2019

Newsletter No. 3

### Diary Dates

14th February	Last day for booking lunches for first week of next term
18th February	Half Term
25th February	First day back of new term
25th February	<i>Library Bus is cancelled today</i>
26th February	Reception Children Vision Screening
27th February	Swimming for Brunel Class commences
7th March	World Book Day and Bedtime Stories
2nd April	Parental Consultations

### Head Teacher's Message

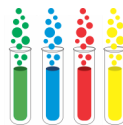
Life in Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership is continuing to provide great opportunities for our pupils. We are very pleased to have welcomed new staff from Norton Hill and Somervale Schools this term, as well as Mr Skidmore continuing to teach IT to Brunel Class.

Additionally, Nightingale Class have again been able to go on a trip, this time to Bath, thanks to the trust minibus and a driver borrowed from Trinity school. We are really pleased with the additional activities we are now able to offer thanks to the MNSP Trust.

**Youtube:** We have had a number of incidents this term where children have copied inappropriate words or actions which they have seen on youtube. Please take time over the half term to remind your child about using the internet safely and reporting anything worrying they see to you. More information on talking to your child about internet safety can be found on the NSPCC website.

### Science!!

Mr Rowland from Somervale School has been visiting the school this term to teach Science. He has worked with Nightingale Class to test materials for waterproof properties. Last Friday he took the children in Brunel class to Somervale School to conduct experiments in one of their Science labs. We look forward to working with Mr Rowland again during our STEM week in the Summer Term.



### French

Madame Collier from Norton Hill school has begun visiting Hemington every other week to teach French to the Year 5 and 6 children. This is a great opportunity for the children, we hope to hear what they have learnt soon!



### Tissues

We are in the middle of our cold season and many of the children are suffering from runny noses! Please can you ensure that if your child is suffering from a case of the sniffles that they do have a tissue handy. Any boxes of tissues donated to the school will be gratefully received!



### Extended After School Club

Reminder to all parents that the extended after school club **finishes at 5pm**. Please can you ensure that you have collected your children by this time.

### Nightingale Class

Nightingale have enjoyed their topic on toys. They have particularly enjoyed visits to Mr and Mrs Sims' house looking at a variety of their toys, a toy workshop at the Assembly Rooms in Bath and a visit to Victoria Park looking at playground structures.

After half term our topic will be food. Please advise us of any food allergies that we may be unaware of.

### School Lunches



Please ensure you book any school lunches that are required for the first week after half term by no later than the 14th February. Any lunches booked after this time will not be accepted. If you need any assistance with this then please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

### Extreme weather conditions

When we are experiencing extreme weather conditions (check the school website for updates on school closures), and need to re locate to Writhlington school for the day, school lessons will start at 9.15. Please park in the leisure centre car park and walk your child/ren around to the main reception where a member of Hemington Staff will greet you. You will be asked to sign your child/ren in and to leave an emergency contact number for the day before leaving your child/ren.



### Snow Day!

Thank you to you all for your co-operation and understanding when we had to close the school due to the heavy snow. We appreciate that it was far from the ideal situation, but we are sure you understand that the safety to the children and the staff is what is most important. All schools in the area were shut that day so we could not relocate on this occasion to Writhlington. We hope that you all managed to get out and enjoy the snow while it lasted!



### Back Packs

Please could children not bring in back packs to school. They are causing trip hazards in the cloakroom and classrooms.

### PE KITS

Please remember that PE kits do need to be in school every day. Half term is a great time for PE kits to be checked over and to make sure all daps still fit and kits are washed.

### BBC Radio 2 500 Words 2019

It's that time of year again - to get thinking and writing. BBC 500 Words 2019 is now open for Entries to anyone from 5 to 13. In the past, many of our children have enjoyed writing an original and imaginative story and entering this competition. The closing date is 8th March 2019, so this is an ideal activity to keep busy with at half term!



You are welcome to enter your child's story, or, if you would like Mrs Dixon to enter a story, please send/give her a copy of the story by Monday 4th March.

For further details:- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>