



Hempsted Church of England Primary School January 2024 Newsletter



Growing Together in God's Love

Dear Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends of the School,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024. I hope that you were able to enjoy the Christmas break and found some time to recharge your batteries for the year ahead. This is a short newsletter just to flag up a few upcoming events.

Santa Fun Run

Firstly, my apologies as I forgot to include a photograph of the Santa Fun Run in the last newsletter. As you will see, there was a great turnout of children (and parents) for the event, and they had great fun running around the field dressed in festive clothing and listening to Christmas music. We hope to repeat this next Christmas!



Our Value for the Term

Our focus value for this term is '**Community**'. This is the first time that we have explored this value, and we will be focusing on how humility and encouragement can foster a sense of community that can inspire and encourage others. We will explore stories from the Bible, including 'The Good Samaritan' and 'The feeding of the 5000'.

Curriculum Outlines

This summary of your child's learning for the Spring Terms will be available on the school website early next week. You will find them in the 'Teaching & Learning' menu, and then click on 'Curriculum', followed by 'Year Group Outlines'. Please take time to read through with your child – there may be something of particular interest that you have resources or information about. Next to this tab, you will also find 'Helping Your Child at Home' – this is where you can find the links to home learning activities for your child.

School Grounds

Please be aware that the spring bulbs are now showing under the willow. Do not allow children to play around this tree so that we can once again enjoy the snowdrops and the daffodils in the spring.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent/teacher consultations for most pupils will take place during the last week of this term. You will soon receive a link to book these via the School Money app. Parents of children with a MyPlan or EHCP, will be invited to a meeting in the week commencing 11th March for a combined parent/teacher consultation and a review of targets.

School Attendance

You should receive your child's current attendance data this week. A reminder that attendance of less than 90% is known as persistent absence. Good attendance is around 95% or better. Please let us know if you don't receive this information.

Whole School Prayer Day

We will be holding a Prayer Day for the whole school on the last day of term (9th February). We are hoping that there will be an opportunity for families to come into school at the end of the day to take a look at what the children have been doing.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr Waller
Head Teacher

Important Dates for Your Diary

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| <u>JANUARY</u> | | | |
| Monday | 15 th | | Deadline for Reception 2024 applications |
| <u>FEBRUARY</u> | | | |
| Monday | 5 th | | Parent/teacher consultations |
| Wednesday | 7 th | | Parent/teacher consultations |
| Thursday | 8 th | pm | Year 6 online safety talk delivered by police |
| Friday | 9 th | | Whole school 'Prayer Day' End of Term 3 |
| Monday | 19 th | | Start of Term 4 |
| Wednesday | 21 st | | Life Education (Years 1, 4 and 6) |
| Thursday | 22 nd | | Young Voices Choir to Resorts World Arena, Birmingham |
| Monday – Friday | 26 th to 1 st March | | STEM theme week (details to follow) |
| Wednesday | 28 th | | Life Education (Years 2, 3, 5 and Reception) |
| <u>MARCH</u> | | | |
| Monday – Friday | 4 th to 8 th | | Reading Festival, with author visits |
| Friday | 8 th | | Year 1 trip to Crocodiles of the World (details to follow) Year 5 STEM K'Nex challenge (in school) |
| Monday | 18 th | 10am | Year 4 depart for Wilderness residential Year 5 Bikeability course begins (details to follow) |
| Wednesday | 20 th | 2.30pm | Year 4 return from residential |
| Thursday | 21 st | am | Year 6 'Mock Trials' at Skillzone (details to follow) |
| Friday | 22 nd | 9.30am 2pm | Easter Service at St Swithun's Church End of Term 4 |

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- Monday: A Fairy Tale Voyage*
- Tuesday: A Royal Adventure*
- Wednesday: A Fairy Tale Ball of Dreams*
- Thursday: In the Enchanted Realm*
- Friday: Mad Hatters Tea Party*



Prices

- Early session 8.15am - 9.30am is £ 6.00*
- Main Session 9.30am - 3.30pm is £28*
- Late Finish 3.30pm - 5.15 pm is £6.00*
- Whole Day Fee 8.15am - 5.15pm is £35*

**** New sessions added ****

- Morning session 9.30am - 12pm is £10*
- Afternoon 1pm - 3.30pm session is £10*
- Friday Closing at 3.30pm*



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12th - 16th February 2024

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