



# Hempshill Hall Newsletter

January 2020

Spring Term, Issue 1

## Diary Dates

6<sup>th</sup> January

School Re opens

10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 and 5 Panto  
Sleeping Beauty

13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January

Science Fortnight

21<sup>st</sup> January

Class Rushton/Lamont  
assembly 9.10 am

23<sup>rd</sup> January

Class Gowans assembly  
9.10 am

23<sup>rd</sup> January

Family Science  
Homework to be  
displayed in hall after  
school 3.30pm

28<sup>th</sup> January

Individual and sibling  
photo's 8.30am

4<sup>th</sup> February

Class Uppal assembly  
9.10 am

6<sup>th</sup> February

Class Bond/Wright  
assembly 9.10 am

Happy New Year everyone. Let us hope 2020 is a happy and healthy year for our whole school community. We start this term with Science Fortnight which has an Olympic theme to celebrate the upcoming event in July. As part of this event we have sent a family homework project home. We will showcase this work in the hall after school on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. It is always great to see so many creative and cross curricular ideas. Class assemblies are taking place this term. Check the diary dates for details of these and all the other key events. Morning groups and after school activities do not run the first week or last week of each full term.

## Staffing news

There are a few staff changes. Mrs Haines is sadly leaving us in January, as over the Christmas break she has been offered an amazing opportunity with Can You Dance? Mrs Haines has worked at Hempshill Hall for the past 7 years and has been an excellent sport's coach. We will miss her very much. Mrs Lamont is also leaving at the end of the half term. She is relocating back to Scotland with her family. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well. Congratulations go to Miss Cotton who gave birth to baby Daisy just before Christmas.

## Lateness and Attendance

As you are aware our recent Ofsted inspection highlighted our school's attendance as an area for improvement because it is below the expected rate of 95%. The governors have amended our school policy. Lateness and poor attendance will trigger set letters and actions. A separate letter will be sent out explaining the key changes, one of which is that we will now fine for holidays taken in term time. The full policy will be on the website. We hope that the new robust systems will see a rapid improvement. We are constantly reviewing our procedures and trying to support families who we know have issues around attendance. Please come and talk to us if problems arise as we want to work in partnership. Thank you to all of the families who have fantastic punctuality and attendance. Well done to the latest winners of the weekly 100% attendance raffle. Those children with 100% attendance for the whole term also received a Christmas treat.



13<sup>th</sup> February  
Class McGrath assembly  
9.10 am

14<sup>th</sup> February  
Last day of school

24<sup>th</sup> February  
School begins

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#### Winter Weather

As you know at Hempshill we are very resilient and usually stay open whatever the weather. If there is snow, we will clear one path from Armstrong Road to the main entrance for everyone to use. In the unlikely event of school being closed we will send a text, put announcements on our twitter account @HempshillHall and on the website www.hempshillhall.com and BBC Radio Nottingham & Trent FM. If there are no messages school will be open.

#### Community

This term the school council are working alongside the local Council's Neighbourhood Manager and they will be focussing on issues around our local area. Children will be involved in a Ward Walk and we will be identifying a project where we can influence change. We are hoping to involve the whole school community in producing a community pledge. Much of the work will focus around our VE Day celebrations on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May where we will be inviting



parents and other local groups to join us at school for a school street party and many other activities. If anyone has any old tea cups and saucers that you are able to donate please bring them into school. More details will follow. Please let us know if you have any good ideas or community links which we could include in our celebrations.

#### School Photographs

Individual, sibling and family photographs will be taken on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like photographs with pre-school children (not in Hempshill nursery or school) please come through reception to the hall at 8:30am. All children in school will have individual and sibling photographs taken during the school day.

#### Safeguarding

Did Santa bring new gadgets? Please talk to your children about staying safe online- not sharing personal information such as phone number, address or date of birth or using usernames that give this information away and never arranging to meet someone they have met online. If you would like help with setting parental controls you can get this free from an 'O2 guru' either online <https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspsc> or by phone 08088005002 . This service is provided alongside the NSPCC who have lots of other top tips and clear information. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/>



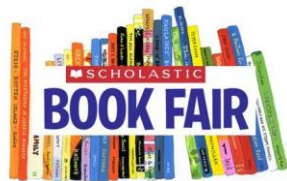
#### Unwanted toys or games

If you have any toys your children have grown out of we are always pleased to receive them to use in breakfast or lunch club. Particularly needed are dolls and toy cars.



## Swimming

Swimming continues until February half term. This is a compulsory part of the PE curriculum and it is important that all children attend each week. We acknowledge that sometimes there are valid medical reasons why a child is unable to swim but generally if they are well enough to be in school, they are well enough to have their lesson. If parents are concerned about wet hair, please talk to your class teacher. Please do not have your child's ears pierced until swimming is over and preferably wait until the summer break.



£757 spent at the book fair, means lots of new books for school.

Thank You

£328.61 raised



BBC

Children in Need



We went to Morrison's as part of the Champion Bulwell initiative and raised £164.68 carol singing and £91.69 bag packing raised.

## Park and Stride

Why not keep up that New Year resolution to take more exercise by parking further away from school and walking in? The roads directly next to school are always crowded whilst there is space on Scott, Borman and Bean Close for those that park on Armstrong or Eisele, Shepard or Cooper for those that park on Roosa. Please remember to park carefully around the estate during drop off and collection times. We receive a lot of complaints about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We want to keep our children safe and maintain good relations with our neighbours. Local residents have been told to take photographs and report directly to the police. In January we will be launching a poster campaign to remind everyone.

## Keeping Healthy

As a healthy school we encourage children to drink water throughout the day and to have fruit or vegetables as snacks. Packed lunch children need to eat a good balance of foods and limit the amount of processed foods- they will be receiving a reminder of what to bring this week.

### Important dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Back to School

**All class assemblies will start at 9.10am and be roughly 20 minutes long.**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January Science Fortnight

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January Rushton/Lamont Class assembly

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Gowans Class assembly

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January Individual and sibling school photographs

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February Uppal Class assembly

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February Bond/ Wright Class assembly

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> McGrath Class assembly

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Last day of school and final swimming session

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February Return to school

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Dakin/Beckett Class assembly

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Kendall Class assembly

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March Strike Class assembly

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March Daniels/ Conidi Class assembly

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March Westwood Class assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Event

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Sewell/Chamberlain Class assembly

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 Great Orchestra Experiment at the RCH

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Parent's Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Shakespeare Week The Merchant of Venice

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April F1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Last day of school - Easter Break

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Return to school

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April Belton/Waite Class assembly

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May VE Day Community Whole School Event pm

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday School closed**

Throughout May Year 2 SAT tests and assessments

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATS**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Last day of school

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June School Begins

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June Class photographs

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day 1.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June Beaumanor residential Year 6

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Year 1,2 and Foundation 2 Sports Day 1.45pm

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June INSET day school closed**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Transition Day in New Class

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Summer Concert 6pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Markeaton Park Last Day of school