



# Hempshill Hall Newsletter

September 2019

Autumn Term, Issue 1

## Diary Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
September Band Camp

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
3.30pm 'Meet the  
teacher' Year 4.5 and 6

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
3.30pm 'Meet the  
teacher' Year 1.2 and 3

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5 Saxons trip to  
Wollaton Park

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Swimming Starts for Years  
2-5

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Service for Mr Meads  
5pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Celebration

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Last  
day of school

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Back to School

## Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to everyone and we hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to seeing all the children and meeting the new pupils in Foundation 1 and 2 as they begin their school journey with us. We welcome Miss Billie Westwood as a new teacher in Year 4.

## Whole school launch

We are launching the new school year with a whole school topic based around citizenship. The children will be following the journey of a young immigrant. This will be done through a variety of resources and films provided by Adam Pepper from Silver Screen Productions. By doing this work we hope that the children will begin to understand what an immigrant is, why they are leaving their homes and how their hopes are tied into a new life in a new country. We will also explore what citizenship means on a global level and what it means within our local school community. All work will be age appropriate and will encourage the children to understand that even though there are some differences within communities, fundamentally we are all the same and all have the same hope, dreams and aspirations for ourselves and our children.

Please remember to look at the school website each half term as you will be able to find out up to date information about what the children are learning.

## Keep the date

We are aware that people need to plan to attend school events and are trying to ensure dates are set as early as possible to help with this. Key dates for the year are listed at the end of this newsletter. Dates for the current half term are repeated on the left. Please note that sometimes dates do have to change due to unforeseen circumstances but we will always try to give you as much notice as possible. The first important dates are the **'Meet and Greet'** events which take place on **Tuesday 10th September** for Years 4, 5 and 6 and **Thursday 12th September** for Years 1, 2 and 3 at 3.30pm in your child's classroom. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet the class teachers and find out a little more about the routines and curriculum specific to that year group. The teacher will give a brief talk and then there is always an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have. This meeting will last roughly 30 minutes.. We want to work in partnership with you. Parents are always welcome in school to help



## INSET Days

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Please note changes to  
the May Bank Holiday  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May School  
Open  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank  
Holiday School Closed

with reading, swimming, cooking, sewing or any other hidden talents you may have.

## Attendance

Throughout the year we have worked hard to improve attendance at school. We have had limited success with this and we are now at the point where we are reviewing our school policy. It is likely that we will start fining for families who take children out of school during term time. The Education Welfare Officer has told us that we are the only school in the city who are not doing this. We will keep you informed and share the details of the new policy once the update is complete and approved by governors. We will continue to authorise absence in exceptional circumstances (details of these can be found on the school website in the current attendance policy). Attendance at school is crucial for the children to make good academic progress. We encourage the children to be at school every day. Well done to last terms winners of the weekly 100% attendance raffle who won an INTU shopping voucher.



The school day starts at promptly at 9am and the classroom doors will be open at 8.55am and closed at 9.05 am so the children are ready to begin learning. If your child is late please escort them to the school office where they will be able to sign in and receive a late register mark.

## Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Festival assemblies will be on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** (these are for children only). If you are able please send donations of tins and packets which will be donated to the Bulwell Food Bank.

## Read to succeed

We continue to promote a love of reading throughout the school and very much value the part that parents can play in this. We have also introduced the 'Top 50 book box' across each year group. These are high quality books which have been recommended for a particular age group. Every child will have a reading passport and will be encouraged to read as many of these books as they can over the year. To support your child's reading development we would very much appreciate it if you could read with them at least 3 times a week. Every class rewards the children for the effort that they put in at home and achievements are recognised in assemblies. Once children can read fluently they are able to access the whole curriculum more easily and this supports their learning in many other areas. Your comments in the home school diary are greatly appreciated. All children should have a school reading wallet which they can store in the classroom. In response to parent requests we will be holding some events to show how to support your



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## LOST PROPERTY

Please, please, please label all clothes.

We continue to have a lot of items left around school. Particularly coats and jumpers as the weather warms up. Lost property is stored for four weeks in the conservatory. On the last three days of each half term all remaining items are displayed in the conservatory. After this we take anything left to the charity shop.

child's reading development at home. Reading speed and stamina are two key areas we will be focussing on this year.

## Building work

Over the holidays we have had some building work around the school. The entrance to the main school has been resurfaced and we are hoping the new doors will be in place very soon. We are having to have the brick panels replaced around part of the school building. This work is scheduled to be completed in a couple of weeks. Please be extra careful when on the school site and supervise children at all times. The long overdue work on the old decking area beside the 'Hempshill Zoo' will be completed during October half term. We now have electronic locks on all the external doors. Please help us to keep the children safe by not wandering through the building but always access the school through the main reception. Thank you to Mr Squire and his staff for making the school look so clean and tidy.

## Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart on their return to school. The uniform policy is available at the front of the home school diary. Please can PE kit be brought in a drawstring bag as these are the best solution to tight space in the cloakrooms. All long hair should be tied back and any hair accessories should be small and in school colours. Hair should not be dyed or have shaved patterns. Nail varnish should not be worn. If children have pierced ears they may wear stud earrings but these must be removed for swimming and covered or removed for PE. Please help us return lost property to the correct children by writing their name in all items of clothing.

## Behaviour Badges

We continue to reward and praise the children who make good choices and demonstrate high standards of behaviour and attitude towards their work. Our bronze, silver and gold badges have encouraged many children to aspire to be the best they can. Children can achieve super stamps or stars through acts of kindness, good cooperation and contributions in class, politeness, academic achievement or effort and good behaviour. We aim to ensure that the systems are clear to the children and rewards are consistent across the classes and key stages.



## SWIMMING

Swimming will commence on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September for Year 2-5 children (every Friday until 14<sup>th</sup> February) Please see the home/ school diary for what to wear. All classes require additional adult support at the baths so if you are able to help please let your child's class teacher know.



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## Family Learning

Nottingham College are once again running sessions in school for parents on Thursday afternoons. This time it is functional skills for Maths. If you are interested please speak to Miss Bennett, who is now in Year 2



Can you help us stay snug as the weather gets cooler by donating hay or straw. We also love any fresh or dried food you can spare. Mrs Tobin looks after us.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Y4, 5 & 6 'Meet the teacher' - 3.30pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September F2, Year 1, 2 & 3 – 'Meet the teacher' - 3.30pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September Swimming Starts for Years 2-5  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Celebration for children  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Spanish Café after school for parents  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Last day of school  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Back to School  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November RSC to perform 'The Merchant of Venice'  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November & Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Parents Evening 3.30-6pm  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November Book Fair  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December Party Day  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Back to School  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9:10-9:30am Class Rushton/ Lamont assembly  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 9:10-9:30am Class Gowans assembly  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January Individual and sibling school photographs  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 9:10-9:30am Class Uppal assembly  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 9:10-9:30am Class Bond/ Wright assembly  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 9:10-9:30am Class McGrath assembly  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Last day of school and final swimming session  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February School reopens  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9:10-9:30am Class Dakin/ Beckett assembly  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9:10-9:30am Class Kendall assembly  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9:10-9:30am Class Strike assembly  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9:10-9:30am Class Westwood assembly



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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9:10-9:30am Class Daniels/ Conidi assembly  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9:10-9:30am Class Sewell/ Chamberlain assembly  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March & Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Foundation 1 Easter Bonnet Parade 10-10:30 am  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Last day of school Easter Break  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April Back to School  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 9:10-9:30am Class Belton/ Waite assembly  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday  
**Throughout May Year 2 SAT tests and assessments**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATS**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May Last day of school for children  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May INSET day  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June School Begins  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 Sports Day 1.30pm  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Beaumanor residential for Year 6  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and Foundation 2 Sports Day 2.30pm  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Foundation Sports Day 2.30pm  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Transition Day in New Class  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July Summer Concert 6pm  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:10 – 9:50am  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July Last Day of school

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