



# Hempshill Hall Newsletter

September 2018

Autumn Term, Issue 1

## Diary Dates

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
3.30pm **Y4, 5 & 6** 'Meet the teacher'

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September  
3.30pm **Foundation 2, Year 1, 2 & 3** 'Meet the teacher'

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Swimming Starts for Years 2-5

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October  
Harvest Celebration

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October Last day of school

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Back to School

**INSET Days**  
This year most of these fall within school holidays

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

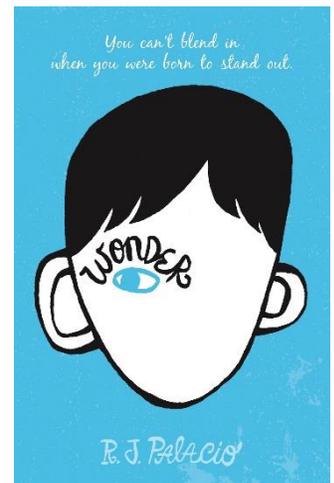
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

## 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 Mr Jack Kendall as a new teacher in Year 4 and Mrs Lindsey Bamford as a teacher in Foundation 2.

Over the holidays we have had building work to create some lovely new toilets for the Year 4 classes and in October we will be starting work upgrading the Year 5 and 6 toilets. We also have plans to revamp the decking area which will offer the children a covered games area at playtime. We have installed security door fobs to external and some internal doors.

We are launching the new school year with a whole school topic based around a book called 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. It is a fictional story about a 10 year old boy called August who has a facial disfigurement. It is a moving story about how he embraces school and how his appearance raises many issues for the other children. Key Stage 1 will use a simpler picture book version of the story. The key themes we are promoting are that we are all different but all equally wonderful in our own way, differences are to be celebrated and that tolerance and understanding are key factors in this. Adam Pepper from 'Silverscreen Productions' will work on these themes with all KS1 and 2 children using clips from the film 'The Greatest Showman'.



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> September** for Years 4, 5 and 6 and **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September** for Years 1, 2 and 3 at 3.30pm in your child's classroom. These



## 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.

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. It is a lovely opportunity for the staff to get to know the parents and find out a little more about the pupils. We want to work in partnership with you and parents are always welcome in school to help with reading, swimming, cooking, sewing or any other hidden talents you may have.

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## Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Festival assemblies will be on **Wednesday 10<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.

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## 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. Children take part in many different reading activities throughout the school week. These may include guided reading sessions, whole class reading of a shared text, individual reading with a teacher or TA, quizzing activities, story time and reading for pleasure time. 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. We are happy for the children to change their reading books as often as they like and 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 child's reading development at home.

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## 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. 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.



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## Behaviour Badges

We continue to reward and praise the children who try to make good choices and

demonstrate good 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.



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## SWIMMING

Swimming will commence on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September for Year 2-5 children (every Friday until 15<sup>th</sup> February) Girls must wear a one-piece swimsuit and boys must have swimming trunks. Goggles may only be worn if your child is a 'club' swimmer or there is a particular medical reason. Children need to get used to having water in their eyes as this is a key water survival skill. Please see your class teacher if you require a goggle form. The school diary has more information about swimming.

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## Attendance

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.



We are unable to authorise any family holidays and whilst we do not fine parents we do ask that every effort is made to reduce the amount of time children are absent. If your child's attendance drops below 95% they are classed

as a persistent absentee and you will receive a letter inviting you in to school for a formal meeting. We are legally obliged to tackle non-attendance and cases are passed onto the Educational Welfare Officers. We thank the many families who support us with this.

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.

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## Family Learning

Nottingham College are once again running sessions in school for parents. This time it is functional skills for Maths. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Bennett in Year 1

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September Swimming Starts for Years 2-5  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Celebration  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October Last day of school  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November Back to School  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November Pirates and Fairies photographs F1  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November Parents Evening 3.30-6pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November Book Fair  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November DARE Graduation  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December Foundation 1 & 2 Christmas Fayre  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol Concert  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2.45pm Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Concert  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Party Day  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Last day of school  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 Back to School  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Conidi/Rushton Class assembly  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January Individual and sibling school photographs  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January Iqbal Class assembly  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February Kendall Class assembly  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February Slaney/Lamont Class assembly  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February Last day of school and final swimming session  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February **INSET Day school closed**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February School reopens for children  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Chamberlain Class assembly



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March McGrath Class assembly  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March Meads Class assembly  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Dakin/Beckett Class assembly  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April Wilson Class assembly  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April Last day of school Easter Break  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Back to School  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May Gowans Class assembly  
Throughout May Year 2 SAT tests and assessments  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 SATS  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Last day of school  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June School Begins  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June Class photographs  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 Sports Day 1.30pm  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and Foundation 2 Sports Day 2.30pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Foundation Sports Day 2.30pm  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fayre 2.30-4pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July Transition Day in New Class  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Summer Concert 6pm  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July Mark Eaton Park Last Day of school

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