

Hemingford Grey Primary School

Newsletter 8th September 2023



Mrs Marriott News Update:

Welcome back!

What a wonderful start to the school year! Not only is the sun shining, we have so many smiling children arriving at school, ready to focus on their learning and spend time with their friends.

I cannot start the new year without sharing the end of the year House Point Winners – Jonnie Peacock MBE (pink) were the winners with a total of 5852 House Points! Well done to all the House Teams who all managed to collect over 5 thousand points each. The winners cup is in the front entrance, currently with pink ribbons on it to represent the summer 2023 winners. Each half term the House Team in the lead has extra play together and the ribbons are changed on the cup.

So now, we begin again. Our House Team Key Influencers are changing from the sports theme with Jonnie Peacock MBE, Simone Biles, Marcus Rashford MBE and Tom Daley to Key Influencers with SEND.

Our pupils who left Year 6 in the summer spent time researching these and the new Key Influencers will be announced soon. House Points are awarded to all pupils for demonstrating our 7Rs of: Responsible, Resourceful, Respectful, Reflective, Resilient, Risk Taking and Relationships. We announce the cumulative totals in Celebration Assembly on a Friday. In this assembly, children may also receive 7R certificates awarded by their teachers for demonstrating the 7Rs in their learning.

We reviewed our communication approach a year or so ago, which can be found on our website - Hemingford Grey Primary School - Communication¹. Whilst more detail can be found in the document, please know the staff are all very approachable and here to help. Please ensure that you initially direct your queries to the most appropriate person who can help.

General contact channels - if you have a query about:

- A general query about the school day or about learning: your child's teacher – FamLy – Pre-school, Seesaw – Year 1 to Year 4 and Showbie for Year 5 and 6.
- Each Phase also has a Phase Leader, who sits on the School Management Team (SMT) who will be able to assist as an initial point of contact. (Early Years is Pre-school and Reception with Mrs Askew, KS1 is Year 1 & 2 with Mrs Gaynor, LKS2 is Year 3 & 4 with Mrs Read and UKS2 is Year 5 & 6 with Miss Honey).
- A safeguarding concern: the DSL team – safeguarding@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk²
- A query for the school office – office@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk³
- For Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND) – Mrs Parker mparker@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk⁴ (see below)
- You are also welcome to contact any member of the senior team with specific queries who will always be happy to help direct them - Mrs Jermy (Deputy Head) djermy@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk⁵ and myself head@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk⁶.

At the start of the year or term, I sometimes share a link with staff which I mentioned to a parent this week. It is in fact a parenting video which is a good reminder that the success of the children is a partnership. I hope you can take 5 minutes to watch it and value the message that all children are different and need different support in order to be successful. Animal School - YouTube⁷

Please see attached a flier from Leanne Martin our Education Inclusion Support Advisor who also offers monthly drop ins for parents/carers who wish to talk through specific challenges. The Workshops are really beneficial – see the flier for details.

¹<http://www.hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk/web/communication/558828>

²<mailto:safeguarding@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk>

³<mailto:office@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk>

⁴<mailto:mparker@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk>

⁵<mailto:djermy@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk>

⁶<mailto:head@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk>

⁷<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8limRtHZPs>

Staffing Update:

Some of our Pre-school parents/carers, who now have children joining Reception, may know Zoe Ryall who worked in the Pre-school. Mrs Ryall is now working in Y3/4.

Michelle Parker will be gradually returning to school life this term. If any parents have SEND or Inclusion queries, please talk to class teachers in the first instance or email myself at head@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk⁸

Staying Safe:

Road Safety is high on the agenda as everyone resumes their journey to school. If you drive to school, please leave time to arrive and park. Like with all schools, space to park is limited, so a good option is to Park and Stride (Park a little way from the school and walk the last part) Park and stride (brightwayz.co.uk)⁹. We have already had reports that parents arriving late to park have parked unsafely and caused distress to those using pathways. Keeping children safe is a shared responsibility.

What's on next week:

Friday 15th September

Sports Day - KS1 9:00am to 10:30am KS2 1:30-3:15 (please note earlier start time for KS2 - further details will follow next week)

Ice Cream Friday after school in the playground

⁸<mailto:head@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk>

⁹<https://brightwayz.co.uk/park-and-stride/>