

Hemingford Grey Primary School

Newsletter 22nd September 2023



Mrs Marriott News Update:

The new House Team Key Influencers will be announced in assembly on Monday, replacing Simone Biles, Tom Daley, Jonnie Peacock and Marcus Rashford with Key Influencers who have a Special Educational Need or Disability. Following a very successful Sports Day, where many House Points were awarded, House Team in the lead at the end of this week is: Tom Daley (Purple) with 478 House Points!

A big THANK You to Miss Perry for organising a fantastic sports day last week which was enjoyed by everyone. The House Winners for Sports Day was Yellow for KS1, Blue for KS2 – the overall winner across school was Yellow!

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3-4) enjoyed an immersive Victorian Day on Tuesday this week – thank you to all parents/carers who came in to support their learning on the day.

You will hopefully have seen the newsletter that went out earlier in the week sharing the AMAZING total of fundraising from Friends of Hemingford Grey School – a massive THANK You to Rebecca Moore and her Team for putting so much time and effort into this. Also, to John Mitchley for use of the Pavilion and

contribution to the funds raised from the BBQs. All fundraising for the school benefits your children directly; I hope you will have seen the Fundraising Newsletter sent a couple of weeks ago sharing how this funding is being spent.

Last week, I shared one of the school's four Strategic Development Foci for the coming year, which was becoming a Well School Well Schools Film - YouTube¹. Please do come to hear more from Miss Perry, our PE Lead on Thursday 28th September, next week from 9-10am in the hall to hear about we are supporting physical health through activity and how you can be involved.

This week, I share another of the four which is Reading. In summer 2022, we invested in a new phonics scheme which is now embedded across school and this year our 2021 Intake (current Year 2) achieved and AMAZING 91% on their Year 1 Phonics Check. The phonic skills are key to early reading alongside access to rich and varied stories, poems, rhymes and non-fiction. Reading with children is a key part of this success to follow up the high-quality teaching in school. As we focus on reading in school, you can help by reading at home with your children. The Reading Shed is being relaunched next week once the new shed arrives, so there will be lots of books available to borrow. Any parents/carers, grandparents, other family members or community members who may be interested in volunteering to read with children in school can contact office@hemingfordgrey.cambs.sch.uk² for an application form.

We have an open-door approach at Hemingford school and value the contribution in positive and constructive feedback that our parents and carers provide. Following the information last week about how to raise a concern or get in touch with us at school, just another gentle reminder that if you have a concern or query related to your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. A lot of anxieties can be reduced by talking to the class teacher or phase leader. We are keen to collect parent/carer views and usually use the Ofsted questions twice per year. Next week, we will be sending a slightly different questionnaire, more specific to our school to gather views as valued stakeholders of the school.

Staffing Updates:

1. Miss Honey is due to begin her maternity leave in the coming weeks of this term and so I am delighted to share that Mr Carter and Miss Bonnot will be sharing the role of Phase Leader and we will be welcoming Mr Mark Wellington to the UKS2 team as the class teacher.
2. Mrs John has decided not to return to Hemingford after her maternity leave - who can blame her when she has gorgeous baby Nala to spend her days with!



¹<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aKPtuRIUzHM>

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

What's on next week:

Tuesday 26th September

Choir - For the children who have signed up. 8:15am start

Wednesday 27th September

Year 1/2 Nene Valley Railway Trip

Hemingford Harriers Running Club 8.05-8.35am (meet past the bike shed on the school field)

Dance Club - 3:15 - 4:15pm

Thursday 28th September

Come To Understand - Physical Education 9:00-10:00am, no need to sign up, just come to the school office (Sports kit optional!)

Information for Parents/Carers



