



# Hemyock Primary School



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## Our School Values

**Show Respect**

**Believe in Yourself**

**Be Curious**

**Embrace Community**

## NEWSLETTER 1 - September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer and friends of Hemyock Primary School,

We welcome you all back after the summer break and extend a special welcome to our new families and staff members who have joined us across the school. In addition to this, we are very excited to officially welcome 'Star Class', our nursery setting, into Hemyock Primary School. Thank you for bearing with us whilst we align our practices to provide continued efficient communication.

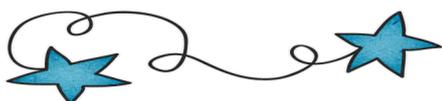


I am proud of the pupils for settling so well into new classes and routines this week. In visiting children during their learning, I have been impressed by their learning attitudes and as always their care for each other and manners.

You may have noticed that over the summer break that the old derelict swimming pool has been removed and the area prepared for grass. This has allowed more light into classrooms and will provide additional outdoor space as the year progresses. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Richard Persey who managed this project and David Shannon who has supported me with the planning of this project over time. Our Caretaker Caleb Phillips, our Groundsman Keith Barr, alongside a number of other willing and kind volunteers, have also ensured that this was achieved in good time. We are humbled and grateful for the overwhelming community spirit. Thank you all.

This week we had the AGM for the PTFA. If you can offer some of your own precious time to supporting us please do come along and meet other members of our community and help us raise funds for our children. The PTFA are close to providing chrome books and a bike shed for our school, through their dedication to this fundraising.

I do hope that the Autumn Term brings success and happiness to all our pupils and that they enjoy the learning challenges ahead of them. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak with class teachers, team leaders, our admin team or myself and we will do all that we can to help you and your child.



Best wishes,

Catherine Willcocks

## STAR CLASS

### Head Count week

Please can parents of children eligible for Early Years Funding, come in to the office to sign the application form for this term during the week

1st-5th October

Our office is open from 8.30am—4.30pm.



## Saturn Class

Year 4 swimming starts Tuesday 18th September for five weeks.

Please send your child to school with their swimming kit and a water bottle.

They will return to school in time for a school meal.

Please pay the contribution towards costs if you have not already done so.

## Collection

Please contact the school office if you have arranged for someone else to pick up your child from school. The school office will inform the teachers accordingly.

We will use the password system if we are not familiar with the person collecting your child.

At the end of the school day please can parents of Key Stage 2 pupils wait for their children under or near the shelter. Please can parents of Key Stage 1 pupils wait for their children on the playground outside Sun and Earth Class.

## Congratulations to our

### House Captains and Vice Captains

#### Abbey:

Bradley Ford and Willow Young

#### Beacon:

Charlie Thompson and Christopher Heydon

#### Castle:

Lisa Horsey and William Porter

#### Culm:

Evie Kenny and Sam Hobson

#### Monument:

Harry Tresidder and Megan Pring

## Duck Race



Duck Race- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018,  
2pm at the river bridge, Hemyock  
followed by cream teas in the Healthy Living  
Centre.  
Everyone welcome

## Nut and Sesame Allergy

Please can we remind you that we have children in our school with nut and sesame allergies. This includes bread rolls, biscuits and cereal bars containing nuts and peanut butter and hazelnut chocolate spread in sandwiches. Please be considerate when packing your child's lunch or snack, as an allergic reaction can be very serious for the children affected and can be brought on by even minimal contact to nuts.



# Our Notice Board



## **Term Dates 2018-19**

### **Autumn Term 2018**

Friday 19th October – Non-Pupil Day

Monday 22nd-Friday 26th October – Half Term

Wednesday 19th December – Last Day of Term

### **Spring Term 2019**

Monday 7th January – Term Begins

Monday 18th-Friday 22nd February – Half Term

Friday 5th April – Last Day of Term

### **Summer Term 2019**

Tuesday 23rd April – Term Begins

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

Monday 27th- Friday 31st May – Half Term

Monday 3rd June – Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 4th June – Non Pupil Day

Wednesday 24th July – Last Day of Term

## **Secondary School Transfer**

All Year 6 students should have received their letter from admissions regarding their transfer from primary to secondary school. All information is available online at:

[www.devon.gov.ukadmissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.ukadmissionsonline)

The deadline for applying for Secondary School places is 31st October 2018.

## **Uffculme Academy**

### **OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 11th October 2018

The school will be open for visitors to see and experience a range of subject based and extra-curricular activities.

There will be talks by the Head teacher: Mrs Lorraine Heath,

6.15pm and at 6.45pm, as well as opportunities to meet with

staff and students from 6pm-8pm.

## **Road Safety**

Safety is of upmost importance. Please can we remind parents to drive with extreme caution around the school area. We have adopted a one way system by entering via Parklands Road and exiting through Logan Way. Please be considerate when parking and think about our neighbours. Please also remind your child to be vigilant when crossing the road.

Many of our children go home on the bus or taxi, so we need to keep the path outside our school office clear to ensure the children reach the transport safely.

## **Safeguarding**

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility and something that we take very seriously. All of our staff are trained in safeguarding and are careful to look for any signs that children are not safe. Catherine Willcocks is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

In line with recent updates for 2018 we are reviewing what we include in our newsletters regarding pupil information and photographs.

## **ABSENCE**

Please call our school office by 9.30am if your child will be absent from school. If there is no reason given by this time, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised until a valid reason for the absence is provided.

# Diary Dates

## September

**21.09.18** Mercury Class Assembly 3pm  
**28.09.18** Neptune Class Assembly 3pm

## October

**01.10.18** Year 6 residential to Grenville House 9am  
**05.10.18** Saturn Class Assembly 3pm  
**12.10.18** Mars Class Assembly 3pm  
**18.10.18** Harvest Celebration 3-4pm  
**18.10.18** **Break up for Half term** **3.30pm**  
**19.10.18** **Non Pupil Day**  
**22-26.10.18** **Autumn Half Term**  
**29.10.18** **First day back** **8.50am**

## After School Clubs

Clubs begin next week unless the start date is after half term.

### Football Club

Year 5 and 6 Football is now on a Tuesday and Year 3 and 4 Football is now on a Wednesday.

### Running Club

We do not have a start date for running club. We will advise as soon as we know.

### All clubs

Please check the clubs page on our website for confirmation that a club is running.

## Parents Evening

**Thursday 8th November**

**5-7pm**

*and*

**Monday 12th November**

**4-7pm.**

This is an opportunity for you to speak to class teachers about how your child has settled into school this term. To make an appointment, please add your name to the appointment lists situated in the entrance hall from Monday 1st October 3pm. For those of you who are unable to make it into school, please ring the school office. We will be happy to assist you in making your appointment.

## Vacancy

### Hemyock Primary School

### School Maintenance Caretaker

Further details can be found on the

Devon Jobs website, use the link below:

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/manual-caretakingcleaningcateringdriving-ventrus-multi-academy-trust-school-maintenance-caretaker-hemyock-primary-school/61183.job>



**ParentPay**  
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## ParentPay

ParentPay has now been updated for this academic year.

ParentPay enables parents to pay for their child's dinners, trips, residential and uniform whenever and wherever you like, 24/7. The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely, offering you peace of mind.

We have issued all Sun Class children with an invitation to join ParentPay and will shortly send home invitations to Star Class with account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay. If you haven't already registered and would like to, please contact the school office. If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: [www.parentpay.com/Parents](http://www.parentpay.com/Parents).