

Headteacher: Mr Alun Randell

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Friday 28th February 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Celebrating World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March and have an exciting day planned for all the children with a wide range of activities to help nurture the children's love of reading.

World Book Day book tokens have already been distributed earlier this week. These can be used at local booksellers. This year, they are also sharing a digital version of the book token, which can be downloaded <u>here</u>. Tokens are exchangeable for any of the special £1 titles from now until the end of March.

Children are welcome to come to school dressed as a book character or a word, or to bring in a token symbol to represent their favourite book or word if preferred.

'Random Reading' photo challenge

Ahead of Thursday's celebrations, we encourage families to take part in our Random Reading photo challenge. Where is the most random place you can read a book? Maybe bouncing mid-air on a trampoline? Maybe whilst riding your bike? Bonus points if you link the book with the location! Please think about this over the weekend and early next week and send your photos in to the school office at office@hemington.mnsp.org.uk to be shared on social media on Thursday.

World Book Day is always a fun and creative whole school event and we look forward to celebrating books and reading with our children.

Parent evening next week

A reminder that we have our parents evening appointments on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March. Please contact the office to book an appointment if you have not done so already.

Fundraising update and STEM Week

We are delighted to share that we have been awarded a £350 Crest Award ahead of STEM week (which begins on 10th March) to buy science equipment which can be used to work towards the Crest Science Award. More information about this to follow.

A reminder that we have several shopping sites which return a percentage of commission back to school. This is proving an effective fundraising tool which really makes a difference to our income. You can shop at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hemington-primary-school/ or https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/. This year, through these fundraising sites plus the ASDA CashPot4Schools scheme, we have already raised a total of £175.24 so every penny really does add up to make a difference. Thank you for supporting us in this way.

Red Nose Day 14th March

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 14th March. We encourage children to wear a painted red nose rather than an unsustainable plastic nose. Donations are already live via parent pay for anyone who would like to contribute.

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A reminder of the following trips and events taking place this term:

Friday 21st March - Brunel visit to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery

Children will need to be in school on time as the coach will be departing at 09.00am.

Monday 24th March - Dance Umbrella event

Pre-ordered tickets have been allocated. Please make payment for this via Parent Pay. If you wish to purchase additional tickets for family and friends please do so directly at https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/250//dance-umbrella-2025

Children who are taking part will need to be collected at 1.15pm to be taken to the event ready for the dress rehearsal.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Alun Randell Headteacher