



# Hempsted Church of England Primary School

## May 2021 Newsletter



Dear Parents, Governors and Friends of the School,

Welcome to the 'Summer' Term. It feels quite different to this time last year when we were in the grips of the first lockdown – there are a few normal 'things' beginning to reappear in school which lift the spirits of everyone. For example, it was fantastic to see the Year 4 children get on a coach last week and go swimming!! We are so looking forward to the restrictions easing further and are desperate for the ending of 'bubbles' so that we can bring all of the children back together again. Fingers crossed!

### **Easter Service**

We still managed to have our Easter service despite not being able to visit the church. Nikki led the service along with our Hempsted Children and Families Worker, Rachel. It was lovely for the children to see Rachel again having already met her (virtually of course) in a question and answer session earlier in the term.

As the lockdown rules ease, Rachel is a permitted visitor into the school and will be soon getting to meet the children in person.

### **Value for the Term - Compassion**

This term our focus value is **compassion**. Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone. We have already held a collective worship about the importance of noticing a need in a person. Future collective worship will focus on being a good neighbour, putting on the right attitude and having the courage to care. As ever, we will be looking out for and celebrating children who demonstrate this value.

**No act of  
kindness, no  
matter how  
small, is ever  
wasted.  
(Aesop)**

### **Life Education**

We were delighted that Anita from Coram Life Education was able to visit the school recently. Unfortunately, there was no bus or tent for the children to go into, but Anita was still able to visit each class to deliver sessions linked to our Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum. My thanks to the Friends, who completely pay for these sessions.

### **Medicines in School**

With the warmer weather surely arriving, no doubt the pollen will also and we will start to see children with hayfever. If your child suffers from hayfever, then please remember that the school is not able to give pupils medicine. Therefore, it is important that a child is medicated with some of the longer lasting hayfever medicines before setting off for school. Likewise, we are unable to administer any non-prescription medicines in school, such as Calpol.

## **Uniform**

As the weather warms up (hopefully) more children will be choosing to wear the summer uniform which is:

**Boys:** Grey or black trousers or shorts; white shirt or polo shirt; grey or black socks.

**Girls:** Blue & white striped or checked dress; grey, white or black socks.

**We expect all our children to wear Hempsted school jumpers / cardigans with the school logo.**

Sensible school shoes (preferably black) which can have polish applied.

NO TRAINERS.

Toes are best kept covered and no sling-backs.

Key Stage Two children (Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6) require a change of clothing and trainers suitable for outdoor games (no jeans, strappy tops or crop tops).

If the weather does get warmer please send your child to school with a hat and suncream preferably already applied (there are plenty of long-lasting creams which can be applied in the morning before school and will last the day).

**The smart appearance of Hempsted pupils is often commented upon. Thank you for your co-operation.**

**Please remember that our uniform is available from Monkhouse Schoolwear on Northgate Street and online from [myclothing.com](http://myclothing.com)**

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME (**See below!**)

## **My Nametags**

We have teamed up with a company called My Nametags to enable you to buy nametags for your child's belongings. For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, My Nametags will contribute 24% to The Friends of Hempsted C. of E. Primary School! Please help us to return lost clothing and support the school's fundraising efforts by placing an order for labels with My Nametags. You can do this by visiting [www.MyNametags.com](http://www.MyNametags.com) and inputting the School ID: 29250.



Every order placed when clicking on the website link or going directly through the company's website, using the ID number, will be counted in the fundraising total for our school.

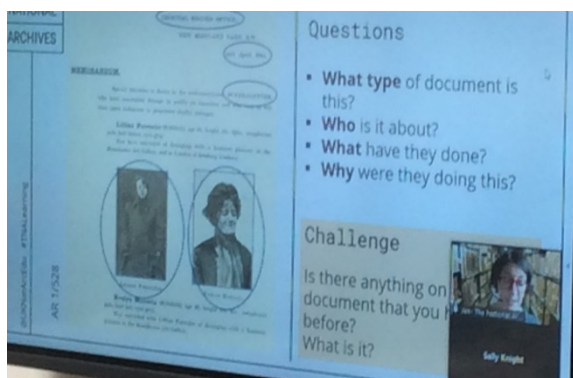
These stickers and iron on labels are good quality and several parents already use this company and would recommend them.

## **Uniform Supply Issues**

Still on the subject of uniform I'm afraid! I have been made aware that there are supply issues for the uniform shops and providers. This is a national issue affecting most uniform retailers and has been caused by production problems due to Covid and the recent blockage of the Suez Canal. One of our suppliers, Monkhouse, is asking that parents place orders BEFORE the summer holidays as there is some considerable uncertainty in the supply chain.

## **'What is History?' ZOOM lesson with The National Archives**

Class 4 had an exciting session with Jen from 'The National Archives' in London to learn about how to be a great Historical Detective, using different primary sources and documents from the past to solve the 'History Mystery'. Children used observation skills to spot details to piece together what the documents told them about the past. Jen was so impressed by how closely Class 4 studied the documents and their enthusiasm for sharing their ideas to finally solve the 'History Mystery'.

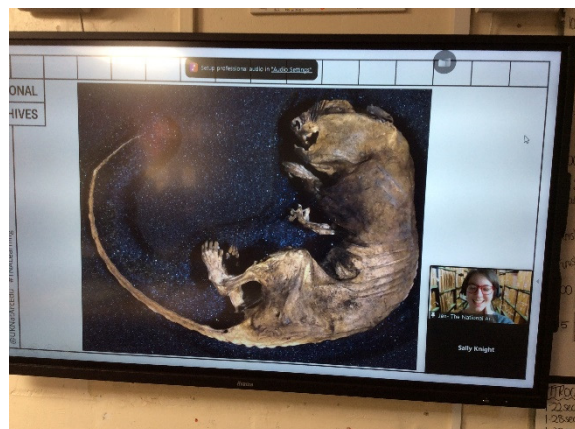


***DID YOU KNOW?*** The National Archives houses 12 million boxes of 'treasures' from the past and the oldest, most valuable document held there is the Domesday Book.

### **The Great Bread Bake Off**

During Design & Technology, Class 4 researched, designed and baked their own bread. Each group followed the recipe, measured the ingredients, kneaded the dough, shaped and filled their dough with their chosen fillings. Once the bread was baked, Hempsted's Mary and Prue (aka Mrs Hill and Mrs Wilkinson) tasted and judged the bread. Luckily, there were no soggy bottoms!!!

The Great Bread Bake Off winners were Josh, Leisha and Daniel H with their tasty apple and sultana bread.





### **Cycle Training**

Our Year 5 children completed their cycle training just before the Easter holiday. The instructors assessed their riding skills, and provided instruction and practical exercises to improve their ability to cycle safely on roads. They were then assessed actually riding on roads and given a written report on what they were good at and where they needed to improve. The instructors were particularly impressed by the positive attitude of the children.

### **Some Sad News**

I am saddened to inform you of the passing of Mrs Sue Thomas. Sue worked at the school from 1996 to 2009 and for much of that time was the Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCO. She will be sadly missed by all those staff, parents and ex-pupils who knew her. Our thoughts are with her family.



Thank you to everyone who supports our school.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Waller  
Head Teacher



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