



Hemdean House Headteacher's Letter

23rd September 2016

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As the term progresses lots of activities are underway and children are enjoying clubs and activities in and after school.

Mindfulness is popular with the children and it's been lovely to see parents coming to the after school sessions. Do come and join us at 3.45 in the school hall for a family experience of the mindfulness techniques. You can choose any Monday to attend, the cost is £15 per family and we'd love to see you there.

The school choir is going for a practice at Emmer Green School next Tuesday in preparation for their performance with other schools at the **Hexagon on 14th November**.

Last week in Headteacher's assembly I presented certificates to children who had achieved very good results in piano, flute and violin examinations. The development of musical skills and the enjoyment of music is a valued heritage at Hemdean House and we can be proud of the youngsters who show such

dedication to learning and participating in musical events.

Mrs. Parker is further helping to develop the music awareness of youngsters by choosing a composer and an example of their music to welcome children into assembly. On Monday children watched a 'you tube' clip of a group of musicians playing Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' in a German square.

The Garage sale to date has raised £1131. Various charities have taken books and furniture so we have been able to help others as well as raising funds for the school.

You may have noticed our lovely new waste bins around school. The green bin is to encourage children to recycle waste. The younger children have a bright new pencil bin to encourage them to help keep the site tidy.

Many thanks to the PTA who have funded these bins.



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Forthcoming Events

Next Friday is our **Open day and Macmillan Coffee morning**. The PTA are working hard to make this a successful event so please do send in donations of cakes and come along to enjoy a cup of coffee and cake and support this important charity. Children will be able to buy a cake at break time for a £1.00 donation. We look forward to seeing you at this event and hope you enjoy seeing the school in action.

Next Monday Years One, Two and Three will be going to **Rushall Farm**. We anticipate that they will have an enjoyable and educational day. Parents of children in years One, Two and Three please refer to the letter sent earlier in the term for details of the day and requirements for the outing. If you haven't returned the consent slip could we politely request that it is returned by Friday 23rd September.

On **Monday October 3rd** we will be having our Harvest Festival. Please come and join us in the hall at **9:00** to celebrate harvest and see what the children have been learning about this festival. We will be sending a list of food items that we would like donated. These will then be sent to churches in Reading.

Friday 23rd September is a non-uniform day. We are asking for voluntary contributions towards the 'Jeans for Genes' charity.

Two of our enterprising pupils, Natalia and Eleanor, have made beautiful friendship bracelets which they will be selling to raise extra funds for 'Jeans for Genes' day. Simple design bracelets will be **20p** and more intricate ones **75p**. **They will be on sale at playtime.** **Please send any money for bracelets in a separate envelope labelled 'money for bracelet' with your child's name.**



Let's get messy in reception

Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a NNEB or NVO3 candidate to join the team in our Nursery. The post is Part Time, 11:30 to 15:45. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested and has the right qualifications they can arrange to visit the school and meet with me by telephoning the school office to make an appointment.

We also require a dinner time person to work 5 days a week term time only between 12:00 and 13:30. If you are interested or know someone who may like to work with our team and help the children have an enjoyable lunchtime please contact the school office to arrange to meet with me to discuss the post further. This post could be covered by two part time contracts.



This is really fun

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