



Hemdean House Headteacher's Letter

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General News

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the new term.

January 9th staff attended an Inset day and planning is underway for many new activities and opportunities for the children. Details of events to come and see the work of the school will be sent to you in due course.

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff to Hemdean House, Mrs. Hatrick in Year One and Miss Ta in Year Three. They are both looking forward to being part of the community of our school.

Mrs. Morgan will continue to work one day a week at the school to cover classes while teachers teach their specialisms to other classes and for staff planning time.

Many of the classes have visits planned for this term. We also have visitors booked to come and work with the children particularly during science week when we will have an afternoon provided by the Reading Astrological Society. Children will be able to learn about the solar system and use telescopes and binoculars.

We have a whole school project planned which we hope will give children a sense of the history and heritage of Hemdean House and an awareness of some of the significant events and history in the Caversham area.

A new initiative is starting at Hemdean House on **January 20th**. Jacqueline Daly from the Reading Families Forum will be in school at **2.30** to meet with any parents who are interested in learning about the talks and information that her group can provide for families. We are hoping to have an informal meeting each term where parents can get together, have a tea or coffee, and hear useful information. Even if you think this is not directly helpful for your family but you are interested in the work Jaqueline and her team do please come along. If you would like to hear more please come to the Home Economics room on **Monday 20th** at **2.30**, we would love to see you there.

<http://www.readingfamiliesforum.co.uk/>



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Reminders

Parking

Please could I ask parents not come onto the school site in cars at any time? There is parking available outside the school grounds and we would appreciate it if this could be used instead of the school parking areas.

Nuts

Please do not send any food items in packed lunches that may contain nuts. These could trigger an allergic reaction in some children.

Lost Property

We now have a lost property box in the first cloakroom area by the hall. Lost items will be kept there for a period of time and then will be moved to the PTA area. Tiresome as it is could we please ask that all significant pieces of clothing are named?

Homework Club

After school Homework Club will not be available on the following dates due to staff training taking place:-

Tuesday 17th January

Wednesday 1st February

Monday 20th February

Tuesday 28th February

Story Sticks

Our outdoor learning lesson on Monday.

We travelled around the school grounds looking for natural items, and tied them to our sticks.

When finished the children made up a story of what they had found.

Did you know we have a 'magic gnome' in our grounds?

Report by Mrs Robinson



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