



Hemdean House Headteacher's Letter

11th November 2016

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General News

Preparations for the choir to perform at the Hexagon are underway and everyone is getting excited at being in such a prestigious venue and singing with other choirs.

The Spanish club has started and it has been encouraging to see how many children are taking advantage of this opportunity to experience a new language.

Similarly the hand bell group have begun practising their music. We are hoping that nearer to Christmas they will perform in the precinct at Caversham providing entertainment for local people whilst showing the achievement of pupils at Hemdean House.

We now have car stickers that we would appreciate any parent displaying in their car so wherever you travel or park we will be gaining publicity for Hemdean House. If you feel you can help with this please collect a car sticker from the office.

Important – Cars

Please could I ask that parents or guardians do not come onto the school site in cars. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forthcoming Events

Next week some of our children will be taking part in a 'spelling bee' competition at Queen Anne's school. We wish them well and look forward to hearing how they get on.

Year Five are going on a Victorian adventure in the Forbury Gardens and visiting the Victorian schoolroom at the Museum.

Both of these events are on **Wednesday 16th November**.

Friday 18th November is 'Children in Need' day. For a voluntary donation children can come in non-uniform or join in with the theme for Children in Need by wearing something spotty for the day.

We are pleased to announce that from Monday 14th November Mrs K Wallace-Jones will be joining the teaching team at Hemdean House.



Forest School

Mud, dens and rock bands!

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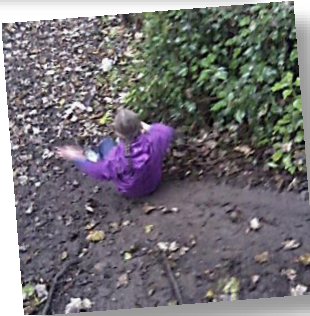
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Forest School

Forest School is back with a variety of autumn weather in store but this does not stop the children from enjoying every moment.



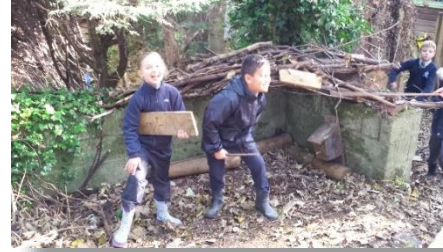
Year 3 had the wettest start but this just created a great mud slide for them - luckily they had their waterproofs on, and thank goodness for puddles for boot washing!!



Year 4 got creative with a new style of rock band, but you had to buy leaf tickets to enjoy the show.



Year 5 enjoyed their favourite pastime of building dens and some even started decorating for Christmas! An entrance way under a tree brought excitement that there could be badgers or foxes in the wood.



Year 6 on the other hand enjoyed creating a map of the forest and thinking up appropriate names for different areas - Wolf Den, Ivy Lane and many more whilst dens took on a different form with lookout spots and tree charms.



As usual the Forest provides so many aspects to study and investigate whilst being a true feast for the imagination.





To quote one Year 6
It is like being in another world where
you can just forget things



Report by Mrs Illingworth

Willow Work

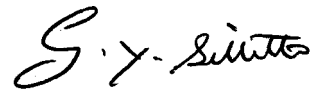
So as promised here are year 2 with their finished Willow lanterns. They have worked very hard on them and they look amazing. Well done year 2



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Y. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.