

# Mrs Marriott's January Newsletter

Dear families,

Happy New Year to you all!

## Lunchtime

Mrs Parker has spent some time this term reviewing lunchtimes with staff and children. This week in assembly, Mrs Parker has shared this feedback with the children and launched a new plan for clubs at lunchtime so that children can access 20 minutes of their lunch to play games, play with construction, read, colour, sing and more. This is in addition to outdoor play, big games outside and the allotment. There is a timetable in place for lunchtime clubs that are available to children across the week with a set number of tickets per class per week, so that clubs are manageable. Year 5 and 6 have an opportunity to take on the role of 'Lunchtime Friends' and will support a variety of activities and tasks over the lunchtime. If you have any unwanted construction like Lego or any unwanted dressing up clothes at home, we would be grateful for donations to support our lunchtime clubs.

The democratically voted lunch was a huge success. School often runs special lunches, some of which land on census days when good uptake supports school funding. Remember, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, school lunch is free! This also applies for children who receive Pupil Premium funding. We have worked hard with Aspens recently to ensure school meals are of good quality and quantity.

## Pantomime Competition Winners

Thank you for supporting the competition for the Hemingford's Pantomime. There are joint winners who will have their entries combined on the poster advertising the tickets. Well done to Elizabeth in year 5 and Sophie in year 2. The cast are joining our assembly on February 13<sup>th</sup> to congratulate the winners!

The village community would like as many children to watch the pantomime as possible. If there are any families who receive pupil premium, we are able to offer some reduced price tickets. Please pop in, call or email the office for these.

## Foodbank Hunger Warriors

I would like to thank you for the incredible collections over the Christmas period to the foodbank - the amount of food was unbelievable and undoubtedly made a huge difference to many families within our St. Ives community this Christmas.

However, the struggle for many remains and it is with this that I ask for your continued support into the new year in filling our food basket that sit in the front entrance of school. There is a group of

schools we work with locally as Hunger Warriors for the Foodbank. For December, Hemingford Grey Primary School were awarded 'Hunger Warriors of the Month'. We have a shield and certificate for the month of January and until the February winners are announced. The school with the most awards at the end of the year will get to keep the shield permanently.



## Reminders

When collecting children at the end of the school day, please leave the playground promptly. As there are after school clubs using the outdoor space, we must ensure the gates can be re-locked in a timely manner to keep children safe. Can we also request that the trim-trail is not used by younger siblings and children at the beginning and end of the school day.

If you have a meeting in school or need to get from the playground to the office at the start or end of the school day, please walk round and not through Skool's Out as staff are focussed on keeping children safe and cannot monitor additional adults passing through.

Please remain considerate to our local community and mindful of the safety of our children by parking with care outside the school. Access to all carparks is strictly for staff only.

## Weather

As always the weather can be very unpredictable. Should in extreme weather, the school need to close, families will be informed in the first instance via the school website. There will also be a School Comms message sent out.

***“An investment in knowledge  
pays the best interest.”***

*Benjamin Franklin*