

THE HAMLET HERALD



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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

What an eventful week! It feels as though the entire week has once again been consumed by Covid matters, a place that none of us wanted to be. I would like to thank the wider DHJS team for going out of their way to continually make adjustments to their work, as well as generally mucking-in to maintain smooth operations. There is considerable staff absence at this time, and the wider team are going way beyond in true Hamlet spirit. I couldn't be prouder of them all.

It is with regret that following guidance from PHE and the LCRC, we have had to ask Y3 to self-isolate for the next few days – they are going to be missed. All things being well, we can now look forward to welcoming them all back on Wednesday.

Despite all of this, we keep going... We were delighted to be able to film our Christmas celebration at St. Barnabas and to be able to give our Hamleteers that special experience. We are in the process of getting it ready to share with you all for next week. We were also pleased to be able to give our Hamleteers their Christmas panto in the nick of time, before reining-in our 'beyond the year group' restrictions. In lieu of our planned music concert, our terrific music ensembles have been able to perform to their peers this week, giving them a real sense of achievement at the end of a term of exciting collaborative music making. We will send parents the recordings we have made next week. Y4 have also enjoyed their 'Polar Explorer' day today with a real life explorer! They made warming soup in the DT suite this week, something maybe for them to replicate at home over the winter months!

We are obviously in a continuously evolving situation, and will re-invent activities for the children as best as we can to see us through to the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during this time. We will of course keep you updated with any changes.

DOODLEVISION!



While we are still encouraging our Hamleteers to continue the momentum with their Doodling, we have now wrapped-up the points for this half-term:

DOODLE VISION AUTUMN 2 2021

5P - 36 points (Italy)

3H - 33 points (France)

5TS - 22 points (Switzerland)

5G and 3GR - 21 points (Iceland)

6S - 12 points (Ukraine)

6W and 4B - 10 points (Finland)

5P can look forward to their well-deserved reward

KEY DATES

Monday 13th December

Start to bring in Christmas food bags for Norwood & Brixton Foodbank. Please leave under the shed by the office for us to collate. See next page for reminder of the full details.

Tuesday 14th December

Year group Christmas lunch and Festive Hat Day (bring in £1 donation for the British Heart Foundation)

Wednesday 15th December

Last chance to drop-off food bags (first thing in time for a mid-morning collection)

Y6 & Y3 Christmas class parties pm, come to school 'party ready'!

Thursday 16th December

Y4 & Y5 Christmas class parties pm, come to school 'party ready'!

CANCELLED Christmas Music Ensemble Concert – informal recordings to be forwarded to parents next week

Friday 17th December

Final day of the autumn term, normal school uniform please. Final registration 1:25pm. Please collect promptly.

GOODBYES...

It is always really sad when we have to say a 'goodbye' to our colleagues. Both Ms Fevrier and Mr Olanrewaju are going to be leaving the Hamlet at the end of this term to embark on new ventures. We thank them for all of their valued contributions to the Hamlet – they are going to be very much missed by us all. We wish them all the best with their new adventures.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
Roll-over			

Y3 ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

A second reminder for those of you with siblings currently in Y2. Please do not forget to submit your online application by Friday 15th January 2022. You may wish to view our Virtual Tour and Admissions Presentation, follow the links below. Applications for Southwark residents should be submitted online via the Southwark website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

If you live in a different borough, you apply via their admissions website.

Virtual Tour:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1NoGa_B60Y&feature=youtu.be

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS REMINDER

This year, as in previous years, Dulwich Hamlet are proud to be collecting Christmas **food bags** for the local community and will be giving our donations to the Norwood and Brixton Foodbank. The foodbank has asked for cloth bags or strong carrier bags as these are easy to carry and serve a dual purpose. The cloth bags can be plain or decorated perhaps with a Christmas theme. If you would like to send in a donation, we have included a suggested list of the things that are most needed at this time of year below.

We will be discussing the need for these items in a whole school assembly and the children are aware that there are children and families less fortunate than themselves.

Please send all food bags into school from Monday 13th December until first thing on Wednesday 15th December. The bags will be collected mid-morning on that day. We kindly request not bringing bags in to school before this date as we do not have the space to store them.

- Longlife sponge puddings
- Longlife cakes must last into January or beyond
- UHT custard cans, cartons, packets
- Tins rice pudding
- Jellies and instant whips
- Small cartons fruit juice
- Hot chocolate jars or sachets
- Breakfast bars or similar
- Small jars jam, chocolate spread, honey
- Small packets of sweets or chocolate
- Tins corned beef/ham (these are so popular and the foodbank never have enough)
- Tins evaporated milk
- Small tins of nice tinned fruit things like raspberries, strawberries, apricots are popular
- Children's toiletries:
 - Lynx for young tee
- Flannels
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shower Gel
- Shampoo
- Christmas Cracker



Thank you in advance