

# THE HAMLET HERALD



'Outstanding learning, within a glittering curriculum, where everyone matters'

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

I would like to take some time this week to talk about how we communicate and engage with our parent community. Being a very busy school, I'm sure you will agree that effective communication is vital. Our aim is to provide you with as much notice as possible, utilising the Hamlet Herald, the website, and email communications to disseminate all you need to know in a timely fashion.

As we get stuck back in to more of a normal school calendar, we are delighted to be able to offer our full range of activities for you as parents and carers. The past year or so has provided us with the tools to re-think, and as such, we will move forward offering a hybrid approach which we believe brings us many positives: ie, some activities will be online/recorded, others will be face-to-face.

I am including two documents at the end of the Herald today which I hope you will find useful. You will also find them on the website. Our 'Parental Engagement Cycle' gives a great overview of all our activities across the school year. It is divided up into activities related to the children's learning, parental learning, and social/community/celebration opportunities. There will be more added as we move through the school

year, particularly in terms of social/community events, but for now, you have a clear map and a flavour of how we encourage you to engage with the school community.



I have also included our comprehensive 'Key Dates for Autumn Term 2021' document for you, which again, can be found on our website. (I'm hoping we don't have too much more to add to this, so much is going on already!) This gives you specific dates of all events, including the many trips/workshops planned for your children across all year groups this term. I know that several of you have kindly enquired regarding Voluntary Contributions already, we will provide detail for you about this important fund next week.

Look out in bags today for hard copies of our half-termly 'Our Learning Grids'. And finally, we look forward to seeing you at your child's online Curriculum Evening in the next two weeks.

## KEY DATES

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Choir – open to all. 8:00-8:45am Turney Hall  
(see music section for further details)  
Y3 Curriculum Evening via Zoom 6pm

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September

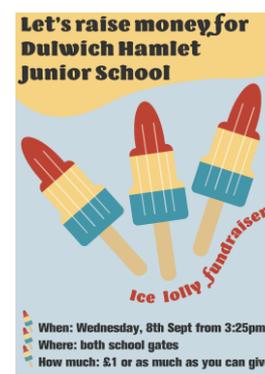
Y6 Refugee talk from Bethan Evans  
Young Shakespeare Company working with Y6  
Y6 Curriculum & Secondary Transfer Evening via Zoom 6pm

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

PTA school uniform shop open 9-10am

## PTA LOLLIES/FUNDRAISER !

Thanks PTA for organising ice lollies on what could possibly be the last hot day of the year! If anyone was unable to donate on the day, here is the link to our crowd fundraising page where you can make a donation:  
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/library-and-resources-fundraising>



## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
Re-starting next week!			

## DOODLEVISION!

We're pleased to let you know that we're continuing to use Doodle Maths as part of your child's homework this year. Doodle Maths is an award-winning home learning programme, which builds confidence and ability in maths by creating a personalised work programme tailored to your child's strengths and weaknesses. Using Doodle for just 10 minutes a day is proven to help children make three months of progress in just one month!



This year we are focusing on celebrating our Hamleteers being 'on target', which is also known as being in the 'green zone'. We believe that rewarding children for being in the 'green zone', rather than having a high star count or streak number, will keep our pupils motivated. Your child may get into the 'green zone' by doing Doodle little and often each day (which is recommended). However, they are also able to be 'on target' by logging on fewer times in the week, but for longer. We believe this offers our pupils and families flexibility in busy home lives. Your child will be able to see if they are 'on target', by looking at the barometer on their home dashboard.



Each week, before Friday Achievement Assemblies, your child's class teacher will celebrate those children who are in the 'green zone' in class, and during the assembly, we will award the class with the highest percentage 'on target' a certificate. In addition, the top three classes will receive 12, 11 and 10 points respectively, and have their positions included in the Hamlet Herald for parents and carers to see. They need to be in the 'green zone' by Thursday night to be in with a chance of getting a mention, and a possible certificate and points for their class.

This will continue as a weekly competition (affectionately named 'DoodleVision' in homage to the annual Europe based singing event!) with the points added week on week, and a reward for the highest point scoring class will be given at the end of each half term. We are looking forward to a bit of healthy competition, whilst the children improve their maths skills.

Look out for more information on how to best support your child on Doodle in next week's Hamlet Herald. DoodleVision will start on Monday 20th September but please encourage your child to log on before then, so they can familiarise themselves with the programme.

Happy Doodling!

## MUSIC NEWS

The music department has hit the ground running, preparing for the year ahead. Any questions about music should be directed to Miss Campbell, but please see below for the answers to any questions you may have before contacting the school.

[scampbell17.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:scampbell17.210@lgflmail.org)

### Curriculum Lessons

We are a singing school and it has been amazing to be able to hear the whole school creating music together for the first time since March 2020! The children have had their first singing session this week and all curriculum music lessons will begin next week in a regular timetabled slot with Miss Campbell.

### Instrumental Lessons

If your child learned an instrument with us last year, they will have (had) a chance to catch up with their tutor, but they will not have their regular timetabled instrumental lessons for the first few weeks. You will be told when they need to have their instruments and music in.

If your child is new to the school or is on the waiting list from last year, we are making arrangements to match interested children with instruments. This will definitely take a few weeks as there are many children and factors to consider.



Please note that there is always more interest than availability, especially in certain instruments, and not all children will be offered an instrumental place right away.

This is often disappointing for families, so please speak with your children about this being a possibility and be reassured that they will definitely get an offer as soon as we have the availability.

**Choir** is back!! Miss Campbell is VERY excited to announce that choir is finally able to resume on Wednesday mornings from 8-8:45am in Turney Hall. Choir is open to every child, and does not need signing up to or payment. We request that children arrive promptly at 8am through Village Gate so we can make the most of the sessions without disruptions. Children can dip in and out of attending choir but they must come regularly if they would like to be invited to perform in concerts.

**Ensembles** These will be starting up in the week commencing 20.9.21. If your child was in an ensemble last year, they will be welcomed back this year and we will also be inviting some new children to join. We are hoping to begin working towards a Christmas Concert, the date and time to be confirmed. Please watch out for paper copies of letters to return via bookbags, as well as online communications.

**Steel pans** will start back for the children who were in the Autumn and/or Spring-Summer group last year. Once again, this is always a popular activity so please return your slips as soon as possible, even if your child no longer wishes to continue. This makes organising the groups much easier and I will be able to see if we have availability for any new children to join the groups. If you are interested in your child being on the waiting list, please watch out for online communications as well as paper copies in bookbags. Please note: steel pans are a Y4/5/6 activity.

**Performance opportunities.** The children are fortunate in that they have the opportunity to see our talented music staff perform in assemblies over the first few weeks. It is such a treat to be able to appreciate live music performances again and it is inspiring for the children to see their tutors in a new light.

We are hoping to resume sharing our ensemble music through concerts again this year and our Hamleteers will be offered informal opportunities to perform in front of the school as the year goes through. If you play a musical instrument and feel you would be interested in sharing that music with the children, we would love you to get in touch.

## SCHOOL NURSING ADVICE LINE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person attending school or living in Lambeth or Southwark, you can confidentially message qualified nurses about your child's health or health related topic. We are here during school holidays too!

Help via text message can be given about a range of issues including:

- emotional health and wellbeing
- online safety
- changes in behaviour or mood
- keeping healthy
- bedwetting
- sleep
- bullying
- keeping safe
- growing up
- dental health
- support with medical conditions in school

The service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm year-round (excluding bank holidays).

Texts will be responded to within one working day (an automatic bounce-back will be sent if a message is received out of hours but someone will respond once the service opens).

ParentLine and ChatHealth are supported by the [Children and Young People's Health Partnership](#) (CYPHP) which brings together organisations and families in Lambeth and Southwark to improve everyday healthcare for local children and young people.

**Confidentiality:** We might inform someone if we are concerned about the safety of you, your child or someone else but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.

We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text. Texts will only be seen between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. If it is an emergency call 999 or go to the Emergency Department (A&E).



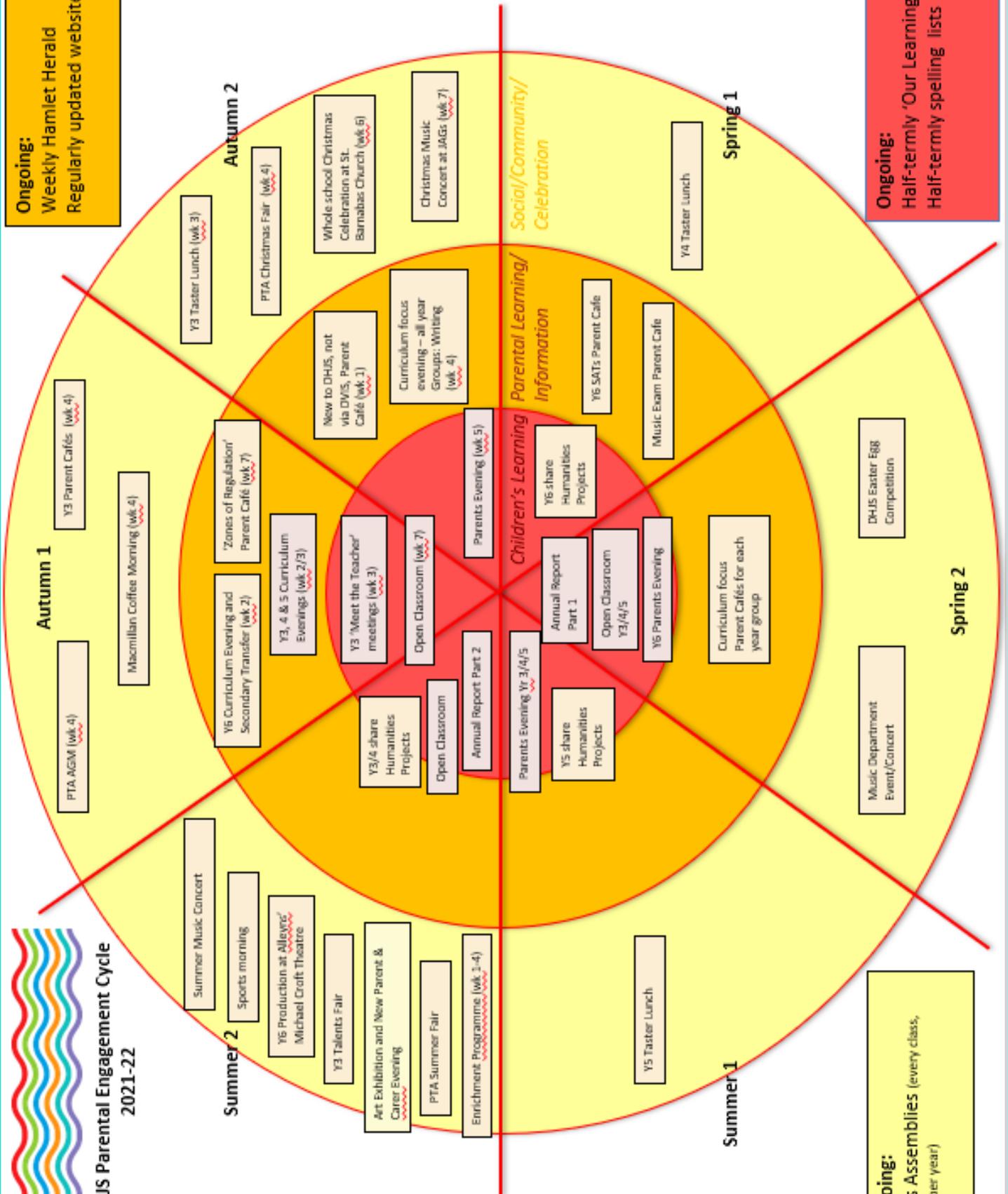


# DHJS Parental Engagement Cycle 2021-22

**Ongoing:**  
Weekly Hamlet Herald  
Regularly updated website

**Ongoing:**  
Half-termly 'Our Learning Grids'  
Half-termly spelling lists

**Ongoing:**  
Class Assemblies (every class, once per year)



## Key Dates for Autumn term 2021

Y3 - 
 Y4 - 
 Y5 - 
 Y6 - 
 Whole Sch. -



Key Dates	Events	Further Details
06.09.21	Autumn term starts	Normal School time 8:55am
13/09/21	*After School Clubs Begin*	15.25-16.30
15.09.21	Y3 Curriculum Evening	Via Zoom 6pm (will be recorded)
16.09.21	Y6 Refugee Presentation from Bethan Evans	Turney Hall, morning
16.09.21	Y6 Young Shakespeare Company	Turney Hall afternoon
16.09.21	Y6 Curriculum and Secondary Transfer Meeting	Via Zoom 6pm (will be recorded)
21.09.21	Y3 Trip to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 16.00
22.09.21	Y6 Trip to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 16.00
22.09.21	Y5 African Workshop Day	All day
22.09.21	Y3 'Meet the Teacher' Meetings	Via Google Meet throughout the day
22.09.21	Y4 Curriculum Evening	Via Zoom 6pm (will be recorded)
23.09.21	Y4 Trip to Horniman Museum	09.00-15.25
23.09.21	Y5 Curriculum Evening	Via Zoom 6pm (will be recorded)
24.09.21	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Village Playground 08.00-09.00
28.09.21	3H Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09.30
29.09.21	3GR Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09.30
30.09.21	3F Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09.30
30.09.21	PTA AGM	Turney or Village Hall tbc 19.00-20.00
01.10.21	The Charter Schools Educational Trust Sporting Event	Griffin Field morning
04.10.21	Y4 Freshwater Theatre Company Workshops	Village Hall
07.10.21	6N Trip to Imperial War Museum	
13.10.21	6S Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
14.10.21	6S Trip to Imperial War Museum	
18.10.21	Flu Immunisations – Whole School	Throughout the day
20.10.21	6N Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
20.10.21	Open Classroom	15.25-16.15
20.10.21	Parent and Carer Workshop: 'Zones of Regulation'	Turney Hall or Burbage tbc 18.30-19.30
21.10.21	Open Classroom	8.30-8.50
21.10.21	6W Trip to Imperial War Museum	
22.10.21	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
<b>25.10.21 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 29.10.21</b>		
03.11.21 tbc	Y5 Bright Sparks Concert: London Philharmonic Orchestra	Royal Festival Hall timings tbc
04.11.21	Parent Cafe: New Parents to DHJS this year, not via DVIS	Burbage – 9.00-10.00
08.11.21	3H Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
09.11.21	3GR Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
10.11.21	3F Visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
10.11.21	5P Class Assembly (Parents & Carers invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
12.11.21	New Parent Tour	09.00-10.00 (booking via school office)
16.11.21	Y3 Parent and Carer Taster Lunch	12:00-13:00
19.11.21	Open Education Anti-Bullying Show and Workshops	All day
24.11.21	6W Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
25.11.21	Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening: Writing focus	Turney Hall 18:30-19:30
26.11.21	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
26.11.21	Y3 Visit to the Southbank	
27.11.21	PTA Christmas Fair	12.30-15.00
w/c 29.11.21	Parents Evening	Various times via Google Meet
07.12.19	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church	X2 Performances – 10.00 & 14.00
tbc	Christmas lunch	
tbc	Panto	
14.12.21 tbc	Music Concert	19.00-20.30
15.12.21	Y3 & Y6 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
16.12.21	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
17.12.21	Last day of term	13.25 last registration