

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

With us all perhaps spending more time indoors, it is not a surprise to us that many of our Hamleteers are engaged in increased online activity. However, this week, we have been learning of a few issues regarding unkind social media communications that are happening out of school; this is incredibly sad. Y6 parents and carers will have received an email earlier this week which details a Y6 Chat Group Charter developed and agreed by the children themselves. We hope you find this useful and use this as a talking point with your children. I have included a '14 Ways to be kind online' poster from National Online Safety at the end of the HH today, which may also be useful as a conversation starter at home.

NEW PARENT VIRTUAL TOUR AND Y3 ADMISSIONS 2021

Usually at this time of year, we are in the middle of our new parent and carer tours. Obviously, this is something we are not in a position to do at this time. However, in lieu of this, our fabulous House Captains and super-talented Ms Pink have made a film to show-off DHJS and explain what we are all about. It's really good! Even if you are a 'seasoned' Hamlet parent, we would recommend you sit down with a cuppa and enjoy. We have also put together a short presentation detailing the admissions process itself. Please pass these links on to any fellow Y2 parents and carers who may be considering applying for a place at the Hamlet for a 2021 Y3 start.

Virtual Tour:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1NoGa_B60Y&feature=youtu.be

Admissions Presentation: https://youtu.be/NK_Lx_ykwKk

The admissions window is now open. 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. The closing date to apply is Friday 15th January 2021.

KEY DATES

Monday 16th November

Wear odd socks day! Start of Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 17th November

Y6 visit to Horton Kirby – WWII Experience Day

Wednesday 18th November

Y5 visit to Horton Kirby – Victorian Experience Day

Thursday 19th November

Consultation period closes for the proposal for The Dulwich Hamlet Educational Trust to join The Charter Schools Educational Trust. Please follow this link to submit questions and enquiries: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZNXS8FS>
A leaflet is attached to your email today, which will hopefully answer some of the questions that you may have.

DHJS REMEMBERS...

The Hamlet has a beautiful tradition of participating in the two-minute silence. This year it somehow felt more moving than usual, as the whole school came together as one in Turney playground (separated by bubbles), as we marked our respect for those that have fallen in conflict. Miss Thomson led a whole school virtual assembly, reminding the children of the history and significance of the poppy.

The Last Post was played sensitively by our two Y6 trumpet Music Mentors, conducted by Ms Brant. You can hear this via our twitter feed.



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
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COVID UPDATE

We receive regular updates from the Local Authority who have asked us to share the link to the council's webpage: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/for-the-public/coronavirus/resources-for-parents-and-carers>

They have also provided information about free food bags available during lockdown:

Mercato Metropolitano will be providing **FREE food bags** for all families in Southwark and surrounding areas as part of their CoMMunity Meals program.

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am (November 9th - December 3rd) at a first come, first serve basis

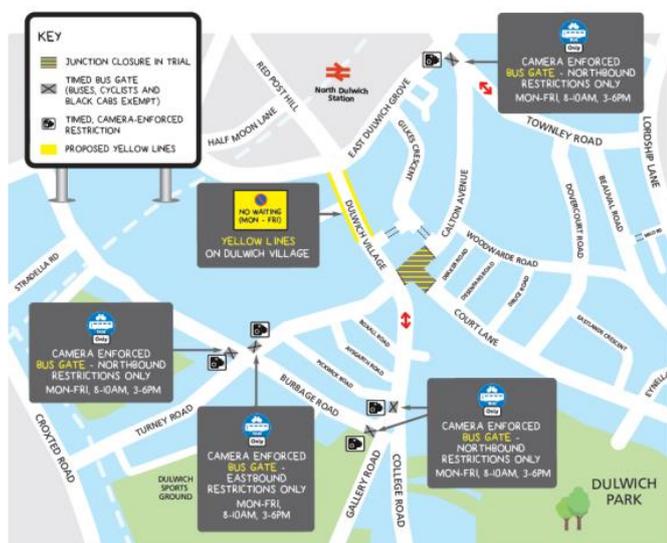
Where: MM Grocery, Elephant & Castle (42 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6DR) Collection only

Who: Any family with children that may be struggling during lockdown are welcome, please come along and collect a food bag.



DULWICH VILLAGE STREETSPACE MEASURES

Many of you will be aware of the proposals regarding the experimental transport measures in Dulwich. The phase 2 measures will commence from **Monday 16th November**. In summary, various roads, including through the Village itself, will have measures installed to restrict traffic travelling northbound (the Village) or eastbound from 8-10am and 3-6pm on Mondays through to Fridays. There are no restrictions at weekends. It is important that you familiarise yourselves with these measures as the restrictions are camera enforced, and as such, you will receive a penalty if you pass through them. We have attached the official notice letter to local residents and stakeholders to your Hamlet Herald email today.



PTA NEWS

We have had a terrific run of fundraising and we cannot thank you enough for your kind donations and engagement with our activities. Much fun has been had by all! We are now closing the two Crowd Fundraising initiatives: the COVID Fund, which raised a fabulous £2285 and the IT fund, with a staggering £7795. Thank you. The school is in the process of purchasing new technology to support our children with their learning across the curriculum.

Our minds are now turning to Christmas! We are sad not to be running our usual PTA Fair, but we have put together a Christmas Raffle with some fantastic prizes up for grabs. The tickets are now available to purchase via this link:

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/448329>

Please note that the school uniform shop is now closed until further notice.



GENERAL REMINDERS

We are now well and truly into autumn weather which as we know can be changeable! We aim to let all of our children out at break, lunch and for weekly PE lessons. We even go out in the rain! We only come inside in extreme weather conditions. Therefore, please ensure your child has a named coat in school every day; a waterproof one with a hood is preferable. The children are also allowed to wear plain dark coloured tracksuit bottoms for outside PE.

The following classes need to wear PE kit on Fridays for dance: 4O, 5G & 6N

STOP PRESS: SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our recent school photographs have come through this afternoon. Please check your child's book bag for details. You will need to follow the steps to view the photos. All ordering will take place via the company directly.

Great Christmas presents?!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Y5 and Y6 kicked-off our Anti Bullying Week 2020 slightly early on Tuesday, with fantastic workshops from Open View Education. Next week, DHJS will be celebrating the fact that we are all different by marking **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 16th of November** - please wear your odd socks with pride! It's a day that is designed to be fun – an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique.

Y3 and Y4 are looking forward to their online Open View Education shows and follow up lessons; look out for more updates and photos in the HH next week!





14 WAYS TO BE KIND ONLINE

Showing kindness online can mean so much to someone else. It is a choice we can all make that helps others, puts people's needs before our own and which can generate feelings of empathy and compassion. Small gestures can have a large impact and often one act of kindness can lead to more, making the world a happier and more positive place. That's why we've created this guide to suggest a few simple 'acts of kindness online' that can benefit people's mental health, support their wellbeing and encourage a more positive approach to engaging online.

1. BE POSITIVE

Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten up someone else's day.



2. OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes a friend or family member might post a question online or ask for help with something they can't do themselves. If you know the answer or are able to offer help, provide support and send a response. Something that may be easy for you might be difficult for someone else.



3. SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS

If somebody you know has done something good or shown kindness themselves, thank them for it. It costs nothing and showing them that you appreciate it means so much.

4. SHARE FUNNY VIDEOS OR IMAGES WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

We often come across funny videos or images online that make us laugh and then we move on. If you found it funny, your friends and family might too. It could help someone smile who may be having a bad day.



5. LIKE, LOVE & CELEBRATE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, like it, love it or celebrate it! It's a small gesture but could mean a lot.

6. VIDEO CALL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY

It can be easy to be consumed by daily routine. Using apps like Zoom, FaceTime or WhatsApp are great for connecting with others far away and shows you're thinking of them even though you can't physically meet them in person.



7. TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE THINKING OF THEM

We can't always tell how people are feeling online and just dropping somebody a message to ask if they're ok or that you're thinking of them could literally make their day.

8. SHARE POSITIVE POSTS

If you see something online that inspires you, share it with people you know. An inspirational quote, a beautiful photo or a motivational video can lift spirits, improve self-esteem and help make people feel better about themselves.

9. HOST AN ONLINE QUIZ

Video conferencing apps are a great way to get friends and family together. If you know someone who is feeling lonely, host an online quiz and invite them to join in. It could really cheer them up.

10. THINK BEFORE YOU COMMENT

Sometimes thinking before you act can be just as significant as acting in the first place. Showing thought before you comment could stop you posting something hurtful, offensive or negative. It's always better to post positively or post nothing at all.

11. BE COMPASSIONATE & UNDERSTANDING

Being empathetic towards others and their situation is often an act of kindness and selflessness that gets overlooked. If you notice someone who is upset, drop them a message and offer to listen.

12. CONNECT FRIENDS & FAMILY WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS

You may know two people amongst your friends and family who you trust and know well who have similar interests and likes. Introducing them can be a great way for them to make new friends but remember to always ask their permission first.



13. RECOMMEND SOMETHING YOU ENJOY DOING TO OTHERS

If you enjoy doing something online, such as playing a game, or if you've found a great learning resource, share it with others. Even if you've watched a good film, letting others know can be an act of generosity that brings them excitement or pleasure at a time when they might need it the most.



Meet our expert

This guide has been written by Anna Bateman. Anna is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory group for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



14. PRAISE OTHERS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

Sometimes your friends or family might post something online that they're proud to have done. It might be an exam they've passed, learning a new skill or just completing a task. Either way, it's always kind to recognise hard work and effort through praise and celebration.

