

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week I am going to hand straight over to our brand new House Captains 2019-20 so that they can introduce themselves. Towards the end of the summer term, the House Captains were voted for and duly elected by children from the four DHJS Houses. We've got lots for them to do this year, and we look forward to supporting our new team to help them implement some of these wonderful ideas.

Hi! I'm Lewis the boy House Captain for Garnet Earth and the person you can come to if you want to suggest new ideas. I am very excited for Y6 and being your House Captain if you're in Garnet Earth. Overall, I have 3 reasons why I know that you will accept me for your House Captain. Number 1 is that I am eco-friendly and only use water and electricity when really needed. Number 2 is that I'm always friendly and open to ideas so you don't need to be afraid to talk to me. Finally, the ideas that I have don't just benefit me, they benefit the whole school. **Lewis, Garnet Earth**

My name is Nancy, I'm in 6B and I was voted to be one of Garnet Earth's House Captains. I might not be able to fulfil all your wishes, but I can fulfil something! I will do more 'seasons' and football for girls and boys. I think as House Captain it's important to take any suggestions so I will always be open for ideas. Thank you for giving me this chance. I will not let you down. **Nancy, Garnet Earth**

My name is Theo and I'm a Sapphire Air House Captain. As House Captain I will try my best for you to have an amazing year. I will endeavour to convince the teachers to send us on more school trips, especially overnight ones. Last year we won the Sports Day trophy and the House Points trophy. I want to lead you to yet another victorious year. **Theo, Sapphire Air**

Hello, my name is Ruth I am a Sapphire House Captain and I want to improve our school in the best way possible so we can have the best environment. I would also like you to know that you can be open and honest to me and tell me all your wonderful ideas. **Ruth, Sapphire Air**

Hello, I'm Niall and I'm the boy House Captain for Topaz Water; so far it's been a pleasure all because of you voting for me. This year I'm trying to make this school better for everyone now and for the people coming next year and the year after. This year I'll try running the morning mile, help reduce the amount of single use plastic, raise more charity funds and encourage more sports for boys & girls. **Niall, Topaz Water**

Hi! My name is Katya and I am a Topaz Water House Captain. I believe that the Hamlet should be a place where everyone feels comfortable and enjoys themselves in every way possible. I really like being at DHJS and would like to help the school however I can and make it a better place to learn in. **Katya, Topaz Water**

KEY DATES

Sunday 15th September

Our Thames Festival Singers are performing as part of a 400 strong Kids Choir at The Scoop by City Hall on the Southbank. This is an exciting free event, open to all. Do come along and support us, we start singing at 1pm

Monday 16th September

After school clubs begin
All music **ensembles** re-start this week

Tuesday 17th September

Y5 swimming to start
Y6 visits to Houses of Parliament

Wednesday 18th September

6:00pm Y3 Curriculum Evening in Village Hall

Thursday 19th September

6:00pm Y4 Curriculum Evening in Village Hall and Y5 Curriculum Evening in Turney Hall

Hello, my name is Sam and I am the Ruby Fire House Captain. I am proud to have this job and I hope I will achieve my goals. This year I would be ecstatic to have the house cup. Furthermore, it would be brilliant to win the eco-presentation. As House Captain, there are many new things I want to change this year including residential trips for all years. I hope I will be a great leader for Ruby Fire. Thank you. **Sam, Ruby Fire**

Hi! My name is Chloe, the girl House Captain for Ruby Fire. In my speech I wanted to make this school a comfy environment and that's what I'm going to do.

Chloe, Ruby Fire

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
28	30	17	20

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Following our meeting with Y6 parents and carers this week, a reminder to find those usernames and passwords for the e-admissions process, and to put the absolute deadline of **31st October 2019** for submitting your online application in your diary. For further information, please go to:

www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-admissions

and please make use of our *'Moving On Up.... DHJS Quick Guide to the Secondary Transfer Admission Process for September 2020 Entry'*

CURRICULUM EVENINGS

It was great to have such a good turn-out at our [Y6 Curriculum Evening](#) this week. Click on the link to view the presentation. It is the turn of Y3, 4 and 5 this coming week. All presentations will be available post-meeting on the website under Dates and News, Communications tab.

MUSIC PERIPATETIC LESSONS

Instrumental lessons are starting the week after next, so dust off those cases and search for that music! Children will be notified in advance of their lesson day, and timetables will be available to view on our website from Monday 16th onwards. You will also be able to pick up a hard copy from the music room.

The music tutors are enjoying meeting all of our new Hamleteers that have expressed an interest in learning an instrument. As is always the case at the Hamlet, we have many very keen children wanting to learn an instrument and a limited number of places. Our aim is to be able to offer every child who expresses an interest in learning an instrument the opportunity, but this may not be straight away. You will be notified next week if your child has been offered a lesson, or placed on the waiting list for a particular instrument. The waiting list is constantly reviewed, and we are often able to offer children places to learn an instrument during the school year.

Tuition fees are currently £90.00 per term. We feel that this is still incredibly good value for money, particularly in comparison to other local schools and private tuition. We guarantee at least 30 group lessons over the course of the school year, although in reality, this tends to be more, as well as the loan of a school instrument.

We want every child to be able to access music tuition regardless of the family financial situation. Please do not hesitate to write to the Head of School if you feel this applies to you.

All ensembles start next week, w/c 16th September.

Please forward any musical queries you may have to Miss Campbell: scampbell17.210@lgflmail.org

DVIS OPEN MORNINGS

Dulwich Village Infants' will be holding prospective parent sessions for entry into reception September 2020 on the following dates, all starting at 9:30am:

- Monday 16th September
- Monday 7th October
- Tuesday 29th October
- Monday 11th November
- Tuesday 26th November
- Monday 13th January 2020

If you would like to visit DVIS on one of the above dates, you will need to book a slot via the DVIS office.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ARRANGEMENTS

We will be speaking to the children in detail in our Monday assembly about arrangements for after school clubs which start next week.

Please make sure your child knows which club they're doing and that they have got everything they need, for example, PE kit. If your child wears their school PE kit for a club please, ensure they bring their kit back into school the following morning. At 4:30pm, the club providers will escort the children to a meeting point in Village playground. We do allow a short time for a snack between the end of the school day and the club start. It's not compulsory to have a snack and if your child really needs one, please ensure it's a healthy one e.g. a piece of fruit. We encourage children to have named water bottles in school every day so they will be able to refill and have a quick drink before they go to their club. If, for any reason, your child won't be attending one of the sessions, please let the office or the club provider know at your earliest opportunity so that a concern isn't raised and we begin our missing child plan. Thank you.

EVERYBODY LOVES GOOD NEIGHBOURS...!

We have recently received a lengthy communication from a Calton Avenue resident regarding a parking infringement by a member of our school community, resulting in their OSP space being blocked for a lengthy period. We would like to remind parents and carers to consider our neighbours at drop-off and pick-up times, and indeed, park where it is safe for all concerned. Even better, if you are able, leave the car at home and get walking.... Thank you for your cooperation.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting our own coffee morning on Friday 27th September 8-9am in Village playground. Please do come along and support this important fund raising event. In the past you have been fantastic and we've raised lots of money. If you would like to donate a cake for the cake stall it would be most welcome. Please bring the cake along at 8am on the 27th. We look forward to seeing you all there.



DULWICH VILLAGE & DULWICH WOOD

Wednesday 18 September 2019
at 7.00pm – 8:30pm

Christ Church
263 Barry Rd, Dulwich, SE22 0JT



DULWICH VILLAGE AND DULWICH WOOD JOINT WARD MEETING

- Southwark Tree Policy Review
- Police Update
- Our Healthier Streets Dulwich update
- Community Announcements
 - Cleaner Greener Safer Fund 2020/21
 - Neighbourhoods Fund 2020/21

Community Champion: **Cllr Andy Simmons**
Empowering Communities Development Officer: Fitzroy Lewis
fitzroy.lewis@southwark.gov.uk | 020 7525 3084

Have your say

SCHOOL UNIFORM & PE KIT SPECIAL! (A few gentle/polite reminders...)

School uniform: First and foremost, please clearly label all your child's uniform and PE kit with their name. There are already several pieces around the school. It's so much easier to return named items. All too often we hear the upset cry of 'I've lost my hoodie.... it's a blue one...!'

Each year group has a box in Turney Playground. The children can store their packed lunch box or hoodie in this box during break and lunchtime. This should be the first place to look if an item of clothing is missing. Please remind your child to collect their belongings every day; in school we ring a bell before the end of lunch so the children have an opportunity to collect their bits and pieces. The PTA sell uniform, PE kit, and good quality second hand uniform on a Friday morning. If you purchase second hand uniform, please change the name tag to that of your child!

P.E. Kit: Shorts, t-shirt and trainers are acceptable for both inside and outside PE. During the winter months, plain dark coloured tracksuits are acceptable for outside. PE shorts must always be worn for inside sessions.

Jewellery: Children should not be wearing jewellery to school. Watches are acceptable and stud earrings, but the children will be asked to remove them for PE lessons, including swimming, even if they are designed for PE.

Hair: Long hair (both boys and girls) needs to be tied back in a band so it's away from the face. We ask this not only because it helps children to see clearly, but it helps prevent

the spread of head lice. A hairband is often useful for those bits of hair that just aren't long enough for the band. The hairband needs to be plain and simple. We kindly request that you don't send your child into school with great big brightly coloured bows or animal shaped headwear.

Footwear: Your child needs sensible sturdy supportive footwear for school. Our uniform says dark plain shoes, but we also allow plain black trainers as an alternative. The trainers must be completely black, sole and upper, without an eye-catching logo. (Please note - if your child has black trainers for school shoes they will need a separate pair of trainers for PE.)

Coats and jackets: In this country we can experience all types of weather in one day. We like to get the children out in the playground at break, lunch and PE as often as possible. Sometimes all they need is a lightweight rainproof jacket. When it starts to get colder they will need something to keep them warm and dry.

Book bags and rucksacks: The Dulwich Hamlet book bags are ideal for school. They fit nicely into a tray or box which can be stored safely. Large rucksacks cause all sorts of issues and often only contain a pencil case! Please discourage your child from bringing a bulky bag or rucksack to school. Ask them to consider what they actually need to bring into school. PE kits are best in a draw string bag.