

THE HAMLET HERALD

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



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Christmas Fever has certainly arrived at DHJS this week! From pantomime to festive hats, and a Christmas lunch with all the trimmings, we've packed it all in and had great fun coming together to celebrate this special time of year. Thank you to the PTA for organising the tree decorating in our two main halls, helping to make the place feel Christmassy too.

So many of you came and supported our Christmas performance of 'An Unforgettable Christmas' at St. Barnabas this week. Thank you for your kind words of appreciation that have followed. Both children and staff had worked hard; we are very proud of our actors, dancers, singers and musicians.

You really are a generous bunch: our Christmas charity collection for the Alzheimer's Society has now raised over £1000, combining the collection from our St. Barnabas performances and the festive hat day contributions. Earlier in the term, our Poppy appeal raised £135.32. Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy or other associated merchandise from the Royal British Legion box in our school office.

You have really got behind our Christmas Food Bag initiative on behalf of The Norwood and Brixton Foodbank. They were overwhelmed by your generosity when they came to collect the bags this morning. Your contributions will make a big difference to families in need this Christmas and throughout the winter season. We received over 150 bags – so many that we had to do a separate minibus run over to Streatham - just amazing!



KEY DATES

PLEASE NOTE: All before and after school clubs, including the weekly mile, have now finished until January unless your child's club has a session to make up. Please check the website for details.

Monday 17th December

Y3 & Y5 Christmas parties pm
String Orchestra as usual 3:25-4:15pm

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Music Concert at JAGs 7pm
Two tickets per family already distributed via the book bags



Wednesday 19th December

Y4 & Y6 Christmas parties pm

Thursday 20th December

Choir performing at the Dulwich Choral Society Christmas Carol Concert, 7:30pm, All Saints Church, West Dulwich

Friday 21st December

Final day of term. Last register and pick-up 1:25pm

PARENT GOVEROR ELECTION

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recent election by putting themselves forward for election and everyone who cast a vote.

Many congratulations to Catriona De Jongh. We look forward to welcoming her onto the Dulwich Hamlet Local Governing Body.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
51	46	63	45

PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Earlier this term, Y6 along with 66,000 young mathematicians, took part in the Primary Mathematics Challenge which is aimed at stretching our high flying mathematicians. This year we had three children pass the qualifying threshold for the Bonus Round on Wednesday 6th February. Keep your eyes peeled in the Spring Term for news of how they get on.

Congratulations to our gold certificate winners: Seven, Alexander C and William C-N.



HAMLET HOWL

On Wednesday and Thursday of next week the children will be able to purchase this year's first Hamlet Howl - the newspaper that is written, edited and sold by our Y6 children. This first edition is packed full of interesting articles about school life and current affairs as well as games, art work and comics. The paper is sold for 50p a



copy to cover our printing costs, so please encourage your child to come to school with 50p for their copy next Wednesday or Thursday.

'BE INTERNET LEGENDS'

On Wednesday, a team from ParentZone joined us to present a whole-school assembly on the topic of online safety. Their message focused around key points from our online safety curriculum:

Be sharp - think before you share

Be alert - check it's for real

Be secure - protect your stuff

Be kind - respect each other

Be brave - when in doubt, discuss

Our Hamleteers particularly enjoyed the interactive elements of the assembly, including a cat called Colin and 360 red and green pointing hands! We finished the afternoon as certified Internet Legends, better equipped to explore the online world with confidence.



'AN UNFORGETABLE CHRISTMAS'





Dulwich Choral Society
&
Singers from
Dulwich Hamlet
Junior School

*Christmas Carol
Concert*

Come & Sing With Us!

Thursday 20 December 2018
7:30 p.m.

All Saints Church,
West Dulwich,
London SE21

(entrance on Lovelace Road)

Conducted by
Aidan Oliver

Admission free

Charity collection for The Healthy Living Club
@ Lingham Court dementia community group.