

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

ISSUE 31 | 15th May 2020

Head of School: Mrs Claire Purcell | Email: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk | Tel: 020 7525 9188/9

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I have spent a considerable amount of time this week in discussion with colleagues, both within the Dulwich Hamlet Educational Trust and beyond, to try to make sense of what is now being asked of schools from June 1st and how we can achieve this safely and practically. It is clear to me that every school is having to find its own way, taking into consideration the local setting for the best interests of its whole community. There have been so many questions and aspects of school life to consider – I'm sure you can appreciate the complexity of this task: maintaining a Key Worker School, providing online learning, and now re-opening school, initially to our Y6 cohort. We have started to formulate our plans and what school life (real and virtual) will look like for our Hamleteers moving forward. We will communicate this to you all next week, before the half-term break.

PARENTS' MEETINGS (TELEPHONE CALLS)

We are looking forward to speaking with you next week (Y5/6) and the week back after the half-term break (Y3/4) for our Parents' Meetings via telephone. For those of you who have submitted your time request via the Google Forms, you will find your 10-minute time slot within the class timetables emailed out today. Unlike our normal meetings, where more often than not we have a tendency to run over (!), in order for this system to work for all, you will appreciate that we will have to be incredibly strict with timings. We kindly request that you are near your phone/mobile at your specified time in order to receive your call.

For those of you yet to request a time, you will have been included in the email today, and will see any available slots left. Please email your child's class teacher directly to ask if your preferred free slot is still available, and they will contact you. We would really like to speak with all of you.

Y3 SEPTEMBER ENTRANTS DOCUMENT CHECK

If you have a child joining us in Y3 this coming September, please tick our 'Document Check' off your to-do list. Our Admin Team will be happy to receive your documents next week: Monday to Wednesday from 1:30-3:30pm.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

At long last we have been in receipt of food vouchers for those families that are eligible. We will have two weeks-worth of vouchers (for this week and next) ready for you to collect from Monday. Please come to the office any morning next week between 9-12pm to sign for and pick-up.

Y6 HOODIES/LEAVER'S YEARBOOKS

The hoodies and yearbooks are currently in production. We are aware that some parents have not been receiving class rep emails. If you haven't, please let Martina know to include you in the email distributions: Martina.zh@icloud.com

By way of an update, advance orders for the hoodies and the yearbooks are with the suppliers. The price for these should have been added to your ParentPay accounts (unless your child is on Pupil Premium). Please pay this as soon as possible, and thank you to those you already have. Chris, Kate and Martina will send a more detailed update to you next week.

SOUTHWARK INDEPENDENT VOICE

For those of you not aware of the work of SIV, it was created in September 2019 by a group of Southwark parent volunteers who have come together to improve the pathway and outcomes for families of children/young people aged 0-25 with SEND.

Their workshops are now going online and they would like to invite parents to their free webinar exploring issues surrounding anxiety and obsessions, including some

Anxiety & Obsessions



coping strategies to assist. This is to be held on Thursday 21st May from 2-4pm and you can register by following this link:

<https://mailchi.mp/southwarkiv/free-online-event>

SIV have also been working with SIAS and the Southwark SEN team to try and help parents understand the changes and updates the government have made recently. To do this, they are asking all parents to send their questions to info@southwarkiv.co.uk SIV will then send these to the SEN team and gather responses.



Southwark Independent Voice

Empowering families - creating brighter futures

COMMUNITY NEWS/COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FROM OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

As councillors we are receiving a lot of questions on a number of areas of the council's activities. You will find a treasure trove of information by following the link below my signature at the end of this message. In addition, I thought it would be helpful to send the round up below:

Safer roads for pedestrians and cyclists

Whilst many residents enjoyed the quieter streets early on in the lockdown, and it was a joy to see families feeling safe walking and cycling on our roads, there is now growing concern about speeding and dangerous driving as volumes of traffic increase again. The case for increasing the space available on our streets for walking and cycling has never been clearer and will be key to keeping people safe and adequately distanced from one another, especially as and when our children begin to return to school.

The council is actively investigating measures throughout the borough to increase safe space for walking and cycling. Social distancing measures have been introduced on Rye Lane, Walworth Road and Lordship Lane so that people can pass each other; queue for shops and exercise at a safe distance. Further measures may be needed as more shops, businesses and premises reopen, so we will continue monitoring the situation. There will be further announcements, including on measures for Dulwich Village Ward, soon. If you would like to add your ideas, you can do so here:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/for-the-public/coronavirus/impact-on-council-services/coronavirus-help-us-combat-covid-19-by-suggesting-healthier-streets>

The Department for Transport has also [published statutory guidance for councils on reallocating road space to encourage cycling and walking](#), and to enable social distancing in response to CV19.

We have been pushing for the immediate installation of vehicle activated speed signs on Half Moon Lane for which funds were allocated from our devolved budgets earlier and this should now happen soon. Meanwhile, you can report concerns over speeding and road traffic offences here: <https://www.met.police.uk/roadsafelondon/>

Volunteering and donating

You can find a variety of different volunteering opportunities here:

<http://communitysouthwark.org/get-involved/covid-19-supporting-vcs-local-communities/covid-19-volunteering-vacancies>

If you would like to donate to Southwark's Community Response Fund, you can do so here:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/for-the-public/coronavirus/volunteering-and-other-ways-to-help/donate-to-the-southwark-community-response-fund>

If you would like to support Southwark LinkAge's online auction, you can do so here:

<https://givergy.uk/linkagesouthwark/?controller=home>

Reopening of sports facilities

The council is continuing to review the new government guidance published yesterday and looking at how we can continue to keep residents safe in our dense borough with a loosening of the restrictions. The guidance makes it clear that the council is responsible for putting appropriate measures in place, and so we are taking the time needed to do that. We are hoping to open some of our sporting facilities later this week where social distancing is possible. We are being clear in our messaging to residents that despite the changes, Southwark is still in lockdown, and all our decisions will be informed by the need to keep our residents safe.

Schools update

The Government has now issued guidance to all schools, nurseries and other early years providers to support all children and young people back into education. Risk assessments for how and when children can safely return to a school setting will be crucial to this process, and will be different for each school. The council will be working very closely with all schools and communities to ensure that if and when they resume, staff and children are kept safe.

At the moment, we are seeing up to 815 pupils a day attending across all education settings in Southwark. Approximately 88% of these pupils are in primary schools, with 10% in secondary schools, and 1% in nurseries and 1% in special education. Most of those attending are children of critical workers.

Race to Health at home

The Council's Physical Activity team and Southwark Libraries have launched a new online physical activity initiative for children and their families called 'Race to Health.' Participants will join the team of their local library competing against other local libraries, winning points for completing physical activity (within social distancing guidelines). Scores will be recorded on the Race to Health website, where a game theme will follow Max's magical journey from the classic book, *Where the Wild Things Are*. Please share [the Race to Health with your networks and encourage families to sign up](#).

Furlough extension

The Chancellor has announced today that the [Government's furlough scheme will be extended until the end of October](#). However, from the start of August, furloughed workers will be able to return to work part-time with employers being asked to pay a percentage towards the salaries of their furloughed staff. The employer payments will substitute the contribution the government is currently making, ensuring that staff continue to receive 80% of their salary, up to £2,500 a month.

Self-Employment Income Support Scheme now open

The government's [Self-Employment Income Support Scheme](#) is now open for claims. Self-employed individuals can claim a taxable grant of 80% of average monthly trading profits. This will be paid out in a single instalment covering 3 months and will be capped at £7,500 altogether. Payments are expected to reach bank accounts six working days after a claim is made. People can [check if they are eligible](#) and [make a claim online](#). The government is warning people to be aware of potential scams and engage only through the official GOV.UK portal.

Reopening Southwark's Reuse and Recycling Centre

We will be re-opening the Reuse and Recycling Centre from 14th May onwards, to accept a restricted range of materials. The centre will be operating in line with Government guidance which requires social distancing to be in place for resident and staff safety. The council website has [full details of what material will be accepted](#).

To use the recycling centre, residents must [obtain a free permit through the council's website](#) for a date and time of visit. Demand is expected to be high, and residents will not be admitted without a permit, or outside the times of any permit they have been issued. Council enforcement staff will be present to prevent unauthorised access, and help manage queuing.

Please stay safe and well.

Warm regards

Margy

Margy Newens

Labour and Co-op Councillor for Dulwich Village Ward

For help or information on our COVID19 response, please visit:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/for-the-public/coronavirus>

GET INVOLVED/THINGS TO DO!

The British Library needs you!



The British Library want to create an online library of 'Miniature Books for the toy world' – and they need you to help!

Follow the instructions to create your miniature book and get creative! Which toy will you create a book for? Visit this link for more details.
<https://www.bl.uk/childrens-books/activities/make-a-miniature-book>

Completed miniature books can be tweeted to @BL_Learning using the hashtag #DiscoveringChildrensBooks or emailed to learning@bl.uk. Of course we would also like to see them so please feel free to post them on your class' GC stream too!



Kaigaishii Karate School



Would your child like to try a new sport for **FREE?!**

The Kagaishii Karate School are offering free classes until the end of JUNE on zoom.

This class is specifically for beginners and will take children through the basics of karate, in a fun and interactive way.

Ages 4 years and upwards are welcome to join.

As a bonus, if your child would like to continue with classes in July, you will receive a 50% discount on the month's fees. Discounts are also available for siblings training.

Get recommended by someone who already trains with us and they will receive £5 credit to spend however they like at the club (name must be mentioned on application).

Classes will run on a Wednesday morning by Sensei Beth and will start from 20th May.

- DBS checked
- Safe Guarding Course Certified
- 19 year's experience in karate and running my own schools for 8 years
 - Trained under and Ex National Champion and World Referee
 - Two times finalist in the London Youth Games
 - Full time schools in Sidcup, Dulwich and Forest Hill

For more details on the class, please email sensei_bethany_mccloskey@hotmail.com or call 07983 544 592!

Facebook: Sidcup and Dulwich Kaigaishii Karate School

Website: www.kaigaishii-karateschool.co.uk

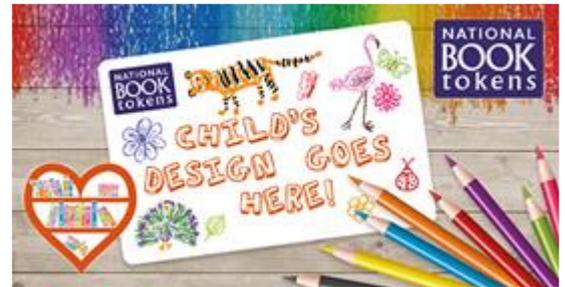


Create a National Book Token design!

We would love our Hamleteers to get involved with this! They can win a £10 National **£10 National Book Token for themselves and each of their classmates**. All they need to do is to **create a National Book Token design**. Whether it's the school logo doodled in ink, a pencil drawing of the entire class, or something completely different, one child's design will be selected to put on a National Book Tokens gift card every week for seven weeks.

To find out more and access the template, go to:
https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/create-a-national-book-token-for-your-class?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=create&utm_campaign=schools-campaign-2020

The competition is now open, closing on Sunday 28th June.



We would also love it if our parents would get behind the National Book Tokens seventh annual big prize draw. £5000 of tokens for a school's library is up for grabs, and if your entry is picked, you will also get £100 of tokens for yourself. Please spread the word and ask friends and family to nominate DHJS. The more nominations we have, the higher the chance we may win!

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=win-5000&utm_campaign=schools-campaign-2020