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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week I am going to handover immediately to our new in-coming House Captains. We've got them working hard in their new role already! Towards the end of last term the House Captains were voted for and duly elected by children from the four houses of DHJS:

My name is Sasha & I'm the girl House Captain for Garnet Earth. I am really excited about the year ahead. I hope to be able to introduce a book club & I will try & ensure every child gets to represent the school for a sport team this year.

My name is Conor & I am the boy House Captain for Garnet Earth. My election promise was to introduce more lunchtime activities. I am looking forward to the challenge.

My name is Alexei & I'm the boy House Captain for Ruby Fire. I'm proud to be one of the House Captains & I'm looking forward to winning the House Cup for sport or any of the house championships this year. One of my election promises was to introduce more play equipment for the playground; I'm looking forward to seeing what I can do.

My name is Kate & I'm the girl House Captain for Ruby Fire. One of my aims is to introduce some more fun fund raising ideas. This year I'd be happy if everyone had fun!

My name is Gabby & I'm the girl House Captain for Topaz Water. I'm looking forward to introducing some house competitions including an obstacle course & some 'seasons' for the playground.

My name is Fin & I'm the boy House Captain for Topaz Water. To be honest this school is very hard to improve because it is already so amazing. So! I'm not going to improve the school, I'm going to add a bit of me to it...

My name is Isabel & I'm the girl House Captain for Sapphire Air. I'm looking forward to a hard working year & if successful a movie night with popcorn as a reward. I'm keen to introduce some more sporting events throughout the year involving staff, parents & children. I'm also hoping to carry out some surveys to find out what we think about food.

My name is Isaac & I'm the House Captain for Sapphire Air. My aim this year is to make the playground a cleaner greener place where we can all play. I hope to help & encourage our new & younger children with their ideas.

KEY DATES

Sunday 17th 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 18th September

String Orchestra re-starts, 3:25pm Music Room

Tuesday 19th September

Brass Ensemble re-starts, 3:25pm Griffin Hall

Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September

'Meet the Teacher' sessions

No After School Clubs

PTA NEWS

On joining DHJS, you all automatically become members of our PTA. We do hope that you will get involved this year, in whatever small way you can. The PTA is a great friend to the school, providing much financial support, as well as social opportunities for our community. The work they do makes a significant difference and is greatly appreciated.

The AGM is going to be held on Friday 29th September at 9am in Griffin Hall. Please come along.

Save the Date: PTA Quiz Night–Friday 13th October 7:30pm

'MEET THE TEACHER' SESSIONS

The class teachers are looking forward to meeting you this coming week for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. These have been deliberately scheduled early on in the academic year, to give you the opportunity to tell the teachers about your child. The children's books will not be on view on this occasion, given that we will have only been back for two weeks. We have planned an 'Open Classroom' session later in the term (Wednesday 22nd November) for this. You are being emailed the appointment times for your class today. We have scheduled times for you, even if we haven't received a response – we would really like to meet with you all!

QUIZ CLUB

At the beginning of this week we had our annual general knowledge quiz. Each year group had 50 questions relevant to their age group. Whilst everyone had a good time it's peer against peer and the winners will go forward to enter the next heat against other schools. Many congratulations to: Bilal, Seamus, Austin, Sophie & James (Y3); Lewis, Niamh, William, Monty & Oliver (Y4); Bea, Alejandro, Kesh, William & Oliver (Y5) & Felix, Ezra, Elvy, Khallum & Teyjarn (Y6).

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

First & foremost please clearly label all your child's uniform & PE kit with their name. We find clothing all over 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!' Some of our more detective type pupils use the 'smell test' to establish which hoodie is theirs' & whilst teachers are trained in a variety of skills, washing powder & the smell of home isn't one of them!

Daily Uniform & PE Kit:



Shorts, t-shirt & trainers are acceptable for both inside & outside PE. During the winter months plain dark coloured tracksuits are acceptable for outside. PE shorts must be worn for inside for health & safety reasons.

A small stock of uniform & basic PE kit is kept by the PTA & can be purchased at 9am on a Friday morning. They also sell good quality second hand uniform at £1 a piece. A big thank you to Kate Howard Davies who organises this & kindly takes home any unclaimed lost property uniform & washes it ready for the second hand sale.

Jewellery: Children should not be wearing jewellery to school. Watches are acceptable & stud earrings, but the

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be hosting our own coffee morning on Friday 29th September 8-9am in Village playground. Please do come along & support this important fund raising event. In the past you have been fantastic & 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 29th. We look forward to seeing you all there.

children will be asked to remove them for PE lessons. All friendship bracelets made lovingly over the summer now need to be removed & kept for the weekends. There is a risk of loss, damage or injury wearing these and any type of jewellery to school.

Hair: Long hair needs to be tied back in a band so it's away from the face especially in PE. We ask this not only because hair needs to be away from the face so children can clearly see 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 & simple. Please don't send your child into school with great big brightly coloured bows or animal shaped headwear. They are a fashion statement & look great with weekend clothes but not our uniform.

Footwear: Your child needs sensible sturdy supportive footwear for school. Our uniform says dark plain shoes, however, we do recognise that children's feet grow very quickly & school shoes are expensive. We are, therefore, going to allow plain black trainers as an alternative. The trainers must be completely black, sole & upper & without a coloured logo. Recent studies show that children's feet are best supported through their school years with footwear that is either laced or buckled. Ballet style pumps are not great for developing feet walking around school.

(Please note if your child has black trainers for school shoes, they will need a separate pair of trainers for PE.)

Coats & 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 & PE as often as possible. Sometimes all they need is a lightweight rainproof jacket. When it starts to get colder they will need something warmer. Please make sure your child has something appropriate to keep them dry &/warm.