

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I want to start this final HH of the year by paying tribute to our Y6 Leavers. They have had a truly extraordinary conclusion to their time with us at DHJS. It has been an absolute pleasure having the majority of the children back with us for this final half-term, in contrast to a national picture of just over 40% of Y6 attending school in July. Thank you for your confidence in us.

While the Y6 'milestones' have had to be re-imagined this year, the children have had a jam-packed week of activities. We have had a socially distant sports morning, our series of class music concerts, a Y6 picnic, shared fairy stories with DVIS Y2, discos, finalised and shared recordings of musical numbers and spoken word performances in lieu of their usual production, a Leaver's Assembly, as well as a year group water fight, which I'm not sure who enjoyed the most – staff or children! We do hope that these will be lasting memories, along with many others from their time with us at Dulwich Hamlet.

I would like to thank all of you – our parents and carers. The support, kindness, patience, and generosity you have willingly given to the school has been overwhelming. It has without-a-doubt been a challenging and difficult time for us all, but you have been there with us, every step of the way – your encouragement has certainly kept us going. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to thank the 'A-Team' – the DHJS staff. From Fabrice in the kitchen, who has kept us all well fed every single day throughout lock down, to Ade, who must have cleaned every single surface and door handle across the entire school site countless times now, the entire staff have risen to the incredible demands over the past few months with such positivity and a 'we can do it' attitude. I can not thank them enough for their sheer determination and hard work.

I hope that children, parents and staff can all have a restorative summer break, and enjoy some quality down-time with family and friends. I hope that calmer times lie ahead for us all, and look forward to us re-connecting in the autumn term, ready for some new adventures together.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy summer.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Y3 Taster Morning – 9:00-12pm

Y5 Orientation Afternoon – 1:30-3:25pm

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Formal start to the new academic year 2020/21 for all pupils  
Staggered arrival and departure times for year group bubbles:

	Village Entrance	Torney Gate
<b>Arrival</b>	Y4 8:30-8:40 Y3 8:45-8:55	Y6 8:30-8:40 Y5 8:45-8:55
<b>Pick-up</b>	Y4 3:15 Y3 3:30	Y6 3:15 Y5 3:30

## COMMUNICATIONS

There have been many email communications from school to you this week, and we wanted to draw your attention to these once more:

- Annual Reports Part 2 were emailed to Y3/4/5 on Wednesday this week. Y6 parents received these as hard copies yesterday. We hope you share these with the children.
- Y3/4/5 parents would have received an email yesterday containing information regarding our Recovery Curriculum and Summer Bridging Programme
- Y3/4/5 parents also received an email yesterday with our Key Messages and Headlines for our September return
- Y6 parents were emailed yesterday with links to all of the video recordings of the end of year activities

## PTA CROWDFUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you so much for supporting our fundraiser to support the school with the purchase of new technology in the classrooms. The figure raised to date stands at an incredible:



Dulwich Hamlet  
Junior School  
PTA

# £5485!!!

If you would still like to contribute, please follow this link:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/dulwich-hamlet-it-resources#start>

**Thank you.**



I would like to pay tribute to a group of very special ladies who have been a huge part of the Dulwich Hamlet family for many, many years. In fact, between them, they have notched-up 164 years of service at DHJS – now that is impressive! They have all shown commitment, dedication, and a genuine love of teaching and care for thousands of Hamleteers between them. We say goodbye to these six special ladies today, as they all move on in their lives, entering new chapters, taking on new challenges, adventures, and hopefully carving out lots of time for themselves and their families.

**Rosemary Atwill:** Rosemary has given Dulwich Hamlet almost an incredible 50 years of service. She was a class teacher for 19 years – I happen to know there are a fair few parents and carers out there who came to the Hamlet and were taught by Mrs Atwill and still remember and talk about her with great fondness. But for the past 30 years, Rosemary has volunteered, coming in without fail every week to provide reading and Literacy support, making a considerable difference to all the children she has worked with.

**Liz Nelson:** There isn't much Liz doesn't know about the Hamlet! She originally joined in 1981 as a Meal Supervisor, but could turn her hand to most aspects of school life, including some work in the office. She has predominately been a Teaching Assistant though, becoming a Senior Midday Supervisor and HLTA. She has worked alongside countless teachers who have benefitted from her vast wealth of experience, as well as supporting literally hundreds of children. 39 years on, Liz is now starting a well-deserved retirement.

**Sue Frederick:** Sue has given Dulwich Hamlet a stunning 32 years. Like Liz, she also originally joined as a Meal Supervisor, and then became a Teaching Assistant and Senior Midday Supervisor. However, in more recent years, Sue has been our IT guru, becoming the first DHJS IT Technician. We have been able to go to her with all manner of technical dilemmas (quite frequently involving Spotify!) and with a cool and calm approach, she has sorted out all of our tech disasters!!! Sue has promised she'll still be at the end of a phone for us during retirement; I think she knows us well...!

**Mary Wilkinson:** Mary has worked in teaching for over 50 years, spending her time mainly in Southwark and Lambeth schools. She spent many years at Rosendale Primary, before joining us at the Hamlet 23 years ago. Mary has worked as a SEN teacher during all of this time, supporting countless individual children and small groups, more recently specialising with the development of motor skills. We know that Mary will keep herself busy during her retirement. She has already blown us away with her DIY skills!

**Helen Glanville:** Helen started her teaching career with us 20 years ago as Miss Abraham! Since then, hundreds of children have benefitted both from being in her class, and in more recent years, being taught French, R.E., and Art to name a few. Through this time, we have also enjoyed watching Helen's family grow, and pass through the Hamlet too. We know that Helen is looking forward to some new pathways, but it may be that our paths will cross again at some point in the future. As Helen herself has said, it is a 'See ya' for now.

**Ana Khatri:** While Ana has only been working with us this academic year, she has made a valuable contribution to our Y5 team and Key Worker School. We hope that Ana might be back with us in the future.

I know that you will join us in thanking these remarkable women for their many contributions over a sustained period to the Hamlet. We are going to miss our colleagues and friends dearly. But we wish them all the best in the coming months and years, and look forward to a traditional Dulwich Hamlet 'send-off' when times are more certain for us all.

Thank you from all of the DHJS community.

Claire Purcell

## FINAL WORD FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS 2019/20

### **Sapphire Air**

Ruth: Thank you to everyone in Sapphire Air for working really hard to earn house points. I have really enjoyed being a House Captain because I have had a lot of fun. I wish the new House Captain the best of luck for next year.

Theo: During my time as a House Captain, I have had so many opportunities. Presenting Hamlet's Got Talent and even going on the radio. These are amazing opportunities which were highlights in Y6. You also run house tournaments and count house points. People come to you with questions so always try to answer as best as possible. To the future House Captains, I wish you the best of luck and hope you enjoy yourselves.

### **Ruby Fire**

Sam: Thank you to everyone in Ruby Fire and all the house points we all made. I have really enjoyed the experience and hope I fulfilled my job. I also hope the best for the new Ruby Fire House Captains on their journey. Thank you

Chloe: It has been great fun being the Ruby Fire House Captain. It was a shame I couldn't be House Captain till the end of the year but it was great fun judging Hamlet's Got Talent and all the other opportunities. Good luck to the future Ruby Fire House Captain!

### **Garnet Earth**

Lewis: I have enjoyed being the Garnet Earth House Captain through the entire period of Y6. Of course, COVID-19 has limited my experience, however I have enjoyed the duties I have performed from telling people where to go, to channelling my inner Simon Cowell. It has been amazing!

Nancy: Thank you to everyone in Garnet Earth who worked so hard to make my time as Garnet Earth House Captain a positive experience and enjoyable. When the green ribbon was on the sports cup I was shocked because before that we weren't very good at earning stars, but we were all working so hard in the inter-house tournament to win the cup, and we did. I wish the new House Captains all the best and hope you have a good year as I did.

### **Topaz Water**

Niall: Most of the year as a House Captain has been very fun. Up to the Pandemic which kept us from being at School. During the period of time before the Pandemic it was very fun since we got to manage many things and got to count the house points which were normally close. For the next Topaz Water House Captains, I hope you have a great time and good luck.

Katya: As Topaz Water House Captain of 2019/2020, I have truly enjoyed my time here. I have learnt so much. I wish the next House Captain the best of luck and to keep Topaz Water the best house.



Southwark Stands Together is a Southwark Council initiative, led by Cllr Johnson Situ, Cabinet Member for Growth and Planning. The borough-wide project is in response to the killing of George Floyd and the injustice and racism experienced by Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities.

The initiative will lead to a workplan of commitments and actions, assigned to the council, businesses and key organisations to implement change.

As part of the work, we are carrying out a listening exercise with communities and organisations across the borough, as well as council staff.

The listening events will explore the impact of racism, injustice and inequality on our communities. We will share knowledge and hear about the experiences of individuals who live, work and visit Southwark. The sessions will unpack the grievances that have been brought to the forefront by the Black Lives Matter Movement as well the health inequalities highlighted by Covid-19 in a bid to understand what needs to change and how Southwark can stand together to deliver a fairer and more equal society.

Please reserve your place at a session below:

#### **Southwark Stands Together: The Parents' View Black Lives Matter in Schools 6:00-7:30pm 21<sup>st</sup> July**

An opportunity for parents to talk about experiences in education and some of the solutions

<https://southwarkstandstogetherparentsview.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### **Southwark Stands Together: Community listening event (meeting 4) 6:00-8:30pm 28<sup>th</sup> July** An additional public listening event as the first three sessions were fully booked

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/southwark-stands-together-online-listening-event-registration-113767138574?aff=erelpanelorg>

## Y6 2020 MEMORIAL GARDEN

In amongst the celebrations of the last day for the Y6 of 2020, we wanted to take a moment to remember the many thousands of people who have been affected by the pandemic, whether through the death of a loved one, illness or unemployment. We also wanted to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all those who have worked to keep the country running over the last few months, especially the NHS. All the children painted a stone, inspired by rainbows and this morning we planted a rose and laid the stones around it. As time moves on and life slowly begins to get back to normal our rose will grow and the stones will fade, a reminder of how, in 2020, we all came together during unprecedented times.



## PE AND SPORT END OF TERM MESSAGE FROM MISS THOMSON

There are no sport reports to publish in this last half termly round up but that doesn't mean we haven't been playing any sport! We've played numerous rounders, golf and cricket matches in Year 6 and Keyworker School. The standard of play has been very high and we were able to run a sports day for all, just not in the usual way.

By March, 208 children had represented the school at a sporting occasion. This is something we're very proud of. We also offered a range of after school sport-based clubs and two dance clubs; over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the school participated in one or more of these clubs. It will be different in September but we're hopeful that the spring term will be filled with fixtures and events.

From September we will be running the mile at least three times a week as part of the school day. PE will start on the first day of term albeit with a revised curriculum.

I'd like to say a huge thank you to Dan Mullings without who a lot of our fixtures and lunchtime clubs wouldn't happen. He is a key member of the PE team. My thanks also to all our PE staff (Victoria Begley, Beth Harris, Sharon Campbell, Claudia Cafeo, Ronnie Mulema and Jim Purcell) who give up their time to run before and after school clubs as well as our outside coaches and teachers Alison Swann, Lucy Akril and Spike.

### PE & kit/days for next year:

Year 6 Monday 1.30-3pm  
Year 5 Thursday 1.30-3pm  
Year 4 Tuesday 1.30-3pm  
Year 3 Wednesday 1.30-3pm

The school PE kit is: navy shorts and the Dulwich Hamlet white t-shirt and trainers. For the autumn term we are asking the children to come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day.

It's not too late to return any Dulwich Hamlet kit! Please do have a good look for our socks as we often end up asking children to provide their own instead of wearing the Hamlet ones.

Good luck Y6 I hope you continue to participate in and enjoy all sport. You have been great ambassadors for the school. I especially want to thank our Y6 Sport Mentors: Liv, Niamh, Lucy, Sophia, Ben, Nate, Charlie and Thomas. They have done a fantastic job supporting the PE team and children across the school.

## PTA UPDATES AND END OF TERM NOTE FROM YOUR CO-CHAIRS

**UNIFORM:** Thanks to all who have donated their good-quality second-hand uniform to the PTA shop. We have raised over £2,323 in the last two weeks. Please continue to donate, especially polo tops and hoodies in good condition. You can leave items at the school office. Our next uniform shop will be on **Friday 11th September from 9-10am**, when we will be having a special Sweatshirt Sale - new sweatshirts only £8 (instead of £12.50).

### PTA COFFEE:

Year 3 PTA Parent Coffee - **9.15am (after drop off) Thursday 10th September** in Dulwich Park outside the coffee shop Colicci (near the lake)

Year 4 PTA Parent Coffee - **9.15am Thursday 17th September**, location as above

**PTA HELP:** We have a number of positions available in the PTA including class representatives, committee members, Chair / Co Chair, Christmas and Summer Fair Organisers. Please email Philippa or Gillian at [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com) if you'd like to find out more.

Thank you to the following individuals who have agreed to take on much needed PTA work this year: Prema DeSousa for running the uniform sales, Martina Zabel-Hoffman for taking on the Cake Sales, Atsuko Metcalfe as Treasurer, Pete Mace as Auditor, Mark Nash as Cash Controller and Sarita McKinlay leading the Year 6 Committee. Please call all class reps to try find a replacement, or let us know if you can continue next year. Email [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com).

**FUNDRAISING:** If you have time over the summer please get your kids to run a sponsored event or take part in the Tree Hunt and donate to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/dulwich-hamlet-it-resources>. If you have any questions about how to set up a page on the Crowd Fundraising platform email [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com). And, don't forget many employers offer a matched funding scheme.

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We hope you have a good summer and we look forward to seeing you in September. Philippa and Gillian.