

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Despite the blustery conditions yesterday morning, I was so impressed to see our dedicated runners leaving for their weekly 8am Dulwich Park cross country session. I want to thank Victoria Thompson who leads and organises this along with Dan Mullings, and also to the core group of parent helpers. Without all of you, this brilliant opportunity would just not happen for our Hamleteers.

Thank you to the group of parents who joined me, Nikki Thomson and Lorraine Thomas (Learning Mentor and Governor) this morning for our second Parent Café. We had a fantastic discussion. I've come away with lots of ideas to think about which will not only support families new to our DHJS community each year not via the DVIS route, but actually to you all. One small idea that Lorraine put forward, which can be daunting, particularly for us as adults, is to be brave and talk to someone you don't know in the playground and strike-up that conversation. It's a great way of modelling behaviours that we are asking of our children all of the time. Why don't you give it a go over the coming weeks?

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Just before Christmas, Conway finished their job changing the road layout and making provision for cyclists. To much delight, they finished the major work a few weeks early and the junction is returning to normal. There are a few teething issues regarding the cyclist and pedestrian crossing lights, but be assured, TfL are aware of this and are hoping to make changes in the near future. The work isn't quite finished though, and Conway will be returning to finish the job... From Monday 12th February, the junction will be re-surfaced so please be aware there is likely to be more traffic delays.

## SAVE THE DATE...

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 6:30pm – Online Safety Evening for parents and carers. Further information to follow.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Dress-up as your favourite book character, linked to World Book Day.

## KEY DATES

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

8:45-9:15am 'Parent & Carer Café' for Y6 parents looking at ways to support your child at home with maths: Teaching Room, in Burbage - by invitation, please RSVP via the office

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

9:00-10:00 PTA meeting in Burbage, all welcome  
Y4 to Dulwich College to see The James Caird

## PARENTS EVENING REMINDER

Please get your reply slips in for these important sessions with your child's class teacher by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the very latest. This mid-point in the school year is when teachers are well-placed to discuss progress, specifically in terms of English and maths. We are aiming to get appointment times to you by 1<sup>st</sup> February at the latest.

## COMMUNICATION

Thank you for really embracing our 'email the office' system for known and upcoming absences eg, for medical appointments/Y6 secondary transfer etc... This helps us to be register efficient and saves much man-power time. And thank you for informing us with regards to illness and unknown absences on a daily basis, either by email or phone. There has certainly been much less chasing of late! Please be specific with information you provide regarding an illness. We have to record this in our registers and 'unwell' could mean a whole variety of things. (We are still waiting on 91 updated contact forms...!)



## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
126	118	127	171

