

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As we approach the year marker from the first lockdown, I cannot help but reflect on all that has happened from a school perspective during this unprecedented time. There was no previous experience for schools to draw-upon, and we had to make significant decisions in the best interests of our community, and quickly. We set-up a Key Worker School immediately, and ensured the needs of our most vulnerable children. Within the space of two weeks, we had researched, prepared, trained staff, and had our Google Classroom online platform, ready for our Hamleteers to access and trial during the second week of the Easter holidays. During these early months, many of our own team and their families had become ill with Covid, and we supported our colleagues during these difficult times. We opened school more widely to our Y6 cohort in June, with the majority of children returning; we were delighted with the confidence and trust you had placed in us. Risk assessments were continually reviewed and refined to ensure the safety for all. In September, we had a full return to school, and were proud to navigate the whole term with no bubble closures. The children benefitted from an uninterrupted term of learning, with exceptional attendance, where we were able to fulfil our school vision. We flipped back to Key Worker School and Remote Learning in January, learning from 'round one', refining and developing our approach along the way. And now, we are back to a full school, which feels great!

We are now looking ahead to the next few months, and planning the DHJS incremental 'road map' out of Covid restrictions. The excitement as the children were handed their club forms was a delight to see. We met with Y6 this week to talk through plans for their end of term 'rite of passage' activities. We now all need things to look forward to...

KEY DATES

W/c 22nd March & w/c 29th March

Parent and Carer Meeting appointments – various times/days
PLEASE BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT ASAP – see communication earlier this week for details.

Tuesday 23rd March

Top Trump 'Season'
'Bees and Flowers' presentation for Y3

Wednesday 24th March

Top Trump 'Season'

Friday 26th March

PTA Uniform Shop open 9-10am

DOODLE MATHS



We wanted to remind you all that now school has reopened, children should be logging onto Doodle Maths throughout the week as part of their homework to help secure their mathematical skills. Doodle has the capacity to stretch even the more able mathematicians and provides a good level of challenge for all. Miss Thornton-Smith has decided to award children who achieve more than 25 day streaks a certificate in our weekly Friday assemblies, so this should encourage Doodlers to Doodle for consecutive days. The 'Streaks' reinforce Doodle's message of "little and often", which is a vision we share with regards to previously taught maths facts and skills. The new certificate award system has been announced by Miss Thornton-Smith in today's assembly. If your child is struggling to log on to Doodle, please contact the Admin Team who will be pleased to help. Happy Doodling!

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS



SAVE THE DATE...
QUIZ TIME!



With thanks to our very own 'Quiz Masters': The De Jongh Family, there will be a PTA Virtual Quiz, following a similar set-up to our previous virtual quizzes, between April 9th-11th. Follow this link for all the finer details, along with the how to buy your tickets: <https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/499535>

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
Carry over to next week...			

DHJS EASTER EGG COMPETITION

We are pleased to be launching our DHJS Easter Egg competition; a much-loved tradition of the Hamlet. Please find attached the rules for this year's event. The eggs will be judged on Thursday 1st April. While we won't be in a position to invite parents and carers in to view the entries this year, we will certainly make use of twitter and the HH to share the children's creativity with you.



MEALS PROVISION DURING THE EASTER 2021 HOLIDAY

We are pleased to inform you that Southwark remains committed to supporting its disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils and will do this by using the Winter Grant Scheme *extension* funding to provide meals for those pupils who are eligible to receive benefits-related FSM during the Easter 2021 holiday, just as it did over the Christmas holiday period and February half term. As such, we will be able to access a food voucher on behalf of our children in receipt of FSM to cover the Easter holiday period, as per previous arrangements. We will be communicating with these families shortly with the information.

LACES!!!

Can we please add an extra homework activity to everyone's schedules: We find ourselves constantly reminding the children to tie their shoe laces! While there is clearly an element of laziness creeping in, many of our Hamleteers would certainly benefit from a lesson or two in shoe lace tying practice!

RED NOSE DAY CELEBRATIONS



We never knew how many shades of red there could be...! The children and staff have dressed-up, told jokes, and enjoyed Celebrity 'Mastermind' all in the name of Red Nose Day today. Thank you for your generous donations, which we are yet to finish counting. It isn't too late to contribute – you can access a link direct via your ParentPay account. We will share lots of pictures and the total of your donations in the HH next week. For further information about Red Nose Day, you can go to: www.comicrelief.com

FOOD AND FUN EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2021

This year Southwark Council will be hosting the **Food and Fun holiday programme** during the three main school holidays: Easter, Summer and Christmas. The programme is funded by the Department for Education and builds on last summer's very successful 'Summer of Food and Fun' which was run in conjunction with Lambeth. The programme aims to support local families access free, healthy food and fun activities over school holidays in 2021

This **Easter**, Southwark will be partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in our local communities, aged between 5 and 16 years. Although this is an inclusive programme, the aim is to reach as many children and young people entitled to FSM as possible. Each programme will provide:

- free, nutritious and tasty food,
- fun physical activity sessions,
- a wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities
- opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition for children and their families

For further information, please follow this link: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/health-advice-and-support/healthy-eating?chapter=8>

