

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

I would like to thank my colleagues Kirsty Shreeve (English subject Lead) and Rachel Evans (Assistant Headteacher in charge of Teaching and Learning) for hosting and delivering an informative Curriculum Evening last night. It was great to see so many of you in person, but for those of you not able to join us on this occasion, we will ensure the presentation notes and resources are shared via email next week.

The focus of this session was linked to one of our key school development priorities for this year: 'Strengthen our community of engaged, engaging and accurate writers'. We have recognised that following lockdowns 1 and 2, there has been an impact on all of our children, particularly in terms of their creative writing, and stamina for writing. We talked through how we are approaching creative writing this year, as well as the small steps we take, and scaffolds used to support all of our children. Our audience prepared some fabulous story beginnings!

I'm looking forward to our Christmas Fair tomorrow – please do come and support the PTA, and enjoy perhaps your first 'taste' of the festive season. I'm going to enjoy my first glass of mulled wine!

HAPPY NEWS!

We have received the happy news that Mrs Ewusie Mensah has had her baby girl, and that both mum and baby Genevieve Gifty are doing really well. We know you will join us in sending her our congratulations and best wishes

DOODLEVISION!



The top three classes with the highest % of being in 'the green zone' this week are:

First place (12 points): **5P** **76%**

Second place (11 points): **5TS** **73%**

Third place (10 points): **6W** **55%**



Many congratulations. We are very proud of you all!

KEY DATES

Saturday 27th November

PTA Christmas Fair 12:30-3pm

Monday 29th November

Parent & Carer Meeting week – meetings via Google Classroom *check time zone is set to GMT

Friday 3rd December

PTA Uniform Shop open 9-10am

TERM DATES 2022-23

We have now confirmed our remaining INSET days for the academic year 2022-23. Please see the final page of the HH today for our one page overview of the term dates. This information can also always be accessed via our website. We ask that you take careful note of these dates when looking ahead to plan any family holiday. As you will know, we cannot authorise any holiday that is taken during term time.

PARENT AND CARER MEETINGS

If you haven't already, please ensure that you have signed-up (via the link in the letter specifically for your child's class sent to you this week) for your parent and carer meeting appointment next week. This is an important opportunity within our Parental Engagement Cycle where your child's teacher can speak to you about progress to date, behaviours for learning, as well as the more holistic aspects for your child such as general well-being, involvement with school life, and attendance.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
44	59	54	52

CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Across the school, we have been celebrating influential black people from throughout history and from many walks of life. Each year group has chosen to study someone integral to their curriculum who has made a contribution to art, science, defence, politics or social justice. These people have often (although not always - year 5 have looked at Nelson Mandela) been overlooked and their contributions to society forgotten due to historical racism. We are embedding a diverse curriculum throughout the whole year; Black History month is the time when we especially highlight people with a Black African or Caribbean descent. The work you see here are the outcomes of this learning. It makes a stunning display as you enter Pickwick building.



ABSENCE PHONE LINE

We would like to remind you that we do have a dedicated answer phone line that you can use to call in the morning to report an absence. We know that sometimes our office lines can become busy, particularly at the start of the school day, so we would encourage you to make use of this number: **020 8693 3705**. We also kindly request that when reporting an absence due to illness, that you provide us with specifics regarding the illness, which we record within the register. Thank you in advance.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PROGRAMME COMPETITION

Feeling creative? Well this weekend, why not design a programme cover for our Christmas show, 'The Twelve Days of Christmas'. We're launching this as a school competition and the top two winning entries from our Hamleteers will be used as our programme design for the morning or afternoon performance. The design should reflect our theme and clearly state the day, date and venue (Tuesday 7th December 2021, St Barnabas Church, Calton Avenue). The designs should be in black and white so they can be photocopied easily, on an A4 sheet of paper. All entries to be received in the school office by Friday 3rd December. A letter regarding the details of our Celebration will be sent out early next week.



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SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2022-2023

Autumn term 2022:

(STAFF INSET DAYS - Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August)

Term starts: Thursday 1 September 2022 – Friday 14 October 2022

Half Term Monday 17 October 2022 – Friday 28 October 2022

Term dates: Monday 31 October 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022 (last register 1:25pm)

Spring term 2023:

(STAFF INSET DAY Tuesday 3 January 2022)

Term starts: Wednesday 4 January 2023 – Friday 10 February 2023

Half Term Monday 13 February 2023 – Friday 17 February 2023

Term dates: Monday 20 February 2023 - Friday 31 March 2023

Summer term 2023:

Term starts: Monday 17 April 2023 – Friday 26 May 2023

Half Term Monday 29 May 2023 – Friday 2 June 2023

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 5 June 2023)

Term dates: Tuesday 6 June 2023 - Friday 21 July 2023 (last register 1:25pm)

Public Holidays

Summer Bank Holiday to be taken on – Monday 29 August 2022

Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on – Tuesday 27 December 2022

Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on – Monday 26 December 2022

New Year's Day Holiday to be taken on Monday 2 January 2023

Good Friday - Friday 7 April 2023

Easter Monday - Monday 10 April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May 2023

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 29 May 2023