

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

There has been much reported about school attendance in the news recently. You might be interested to know that nationally, attendance in state-funded primary schools on November 19th was 87%. This is in contrast to a very healthy 98% at the Hamlet on the very same day – huge congratulations to us all! We know that illness can't be predicted, and that we are all airing on the side of caution at the present. Thank you all for maintaining a sensible approach to attendance.

We've been trying really hard to keep our glittering curriculum alive despite all manner of extra considerations and complex logistical arrangements. I am so pleased that we were able to make the recent Horton Kirby visits for Y5 and Y6 happen. The positive feedback from children and staff alike made going the extra mile worthwhile. We are now starting our Covid-proof Christmas preparations! If you are out and about late Sunday afternoon, have a look in Roger Pope opticians (opposite school) shop window. We have contributed to the Nativity scene along with other local schools. Just to give you the heads-up, literally, you may wish to dig-out a festive hat, or if you wish, purchase a new one, all ready for our Festive Hat day on Wednesday 9th December. More details to follow next week, along with other festive notices.

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It's the final few days before we make our Christmas Raffle draw (with the children, next Friday during assembly) There are some terrific prizes including:

- a Fortnum & Mason Christmas hamper (courtesy of KFH Estate Agent)
- Bottles of wine from Majestic wines
- Vouchers for William Rose the butchers
- Vouchers for Au Ciel café
- Vouchers for Minus 12 Degrees ice cream
- Rocca meal for two
- Voucher for The Proud Sow butchers



Tickets are available to purchase via this link:

<https://buytickets.at/dulwichhamletjuniorschoolpta/448329>

KEY DATES

Monday 30th November

Christmas food bag donations to start coming in to school

Wednesday 2nd December

Y4 Polar Explorers workshop

Parents Evening 1

Thursday 3rd December

Parents Evening 2

Friday 4th December

Y3 'Ocean Clean-Up Project' presentation

Deadline for receiving Christmas food bag donations

STOP PRESS!

Marble Season open Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday. Rules and details to be talked through in assembly on Monday morning

PARENTS EVENINGS NEXT WEEK

The teachers are looking forward to speaking with you next week for our Parents Evenings via Google Meet. This is a first for us, so please bear with us while we 'work' the technology and appointment calendar online. You will receive a communication on Monday providing you with the meeting code specific for your child's class, as well as the link to the video guide to support you with how to access the meeting.

There are a few of you yet to make an appointment. We would encourage you to make the time to set this up as these meetings are incredibly important. The meetings are an opportunity for the teachers to provide feedback regarding your child's progress, both academic and beyond the classroom, as well as an opportunity for you to ask any questions.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
96	80	72	79

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS FOR NORWOOD AND BRIXTON FOODBANK

The Hamlet is proud to be doing 'our bit' for the local community this Christmas. We've received a few early donations already, thank you. The main window for bringing in your bags is from next Monday, 30th November, through to the end of the week, Friday 4th December. This will allow a 'breathing space' before the foodbank come to collect the week after.

Our preference is that your child brings their donation in to school at the beginning of the day. We will have a collection point for them to drop off their bags. The foodbank has asked for cloth bags or strong carrier bags as these are easy to carry and serve a dual purpose. The cloth bags can be plain or decorated perhaps with a Christmas theme.

We are all in unprecedented times and things have been difficult for a lot of families. The foodbank is desperate for any donations this year; they are currently handing out 80-100 food parcels a day. Between April and October, they handed out 20,000 parcels around which approximately 8000 were to children. That is more than they usually give out in a whole year. The foodbank has requested items with a long shelf life. All food products need to be well within date and unopened. They do not currently need any pasta. Other products such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and soap are also much needed. To your right is a list of some products that are most needed. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

VIRTUAL STEM CLUB

The national STEM Club provides an opportunity for children to take part in club sessions provided by STEM Learning. Families can engage in practical and hands-on STEM activities that support curricular learning within a club style environment, boosting understanding and knowledge of STEM topics.

The Club sessions will be delivered by a variety of STEM Ambassadors, partner organisations, technicians and teachers, aimed at primary age children. The sessions will be pre-recorded, with subject experts and club leaders on hand during the sessions to answer questions in the YouTube chat should it be used.

The sessions will occur fortnightly during term time on Wednesdays starting at 16:30 and they will last 30 minutes in length. There is no maximum limit of attendees as the sessions are held on YouTube. These sessions are entirely free!

The planned dates for upcoming sessions are:

- December: 09
- January: 13 and 27
- February: 10 and 24
- March: 10 and 24

In order for your children to access the STEM Club, please follow the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhgK74tFscGXTaqdrgGsJcJ6NErZMNSEu>

Y6 VISIT TO HORTON KIRBY

The Y6 visit to Horton Kirby last week saw our Hamleteers travelling back in time and becoming evacuees! During the morning session, the children played war time games, took part in a lesson on plane identification, and explored the village. They had to wait for the 'all clear' from an air raid siren in an Anderson Shelter during the afternoon, and were lucky to handle some artefacts, including an unopened bottle of Dandelion and Burdock. Judging by the colour, they decided against trying it!



- Long life sponge puddings or cakes
- UHT custard cans, cartons, packets
- Tins rice pudding
- Jellies and instant whips
- Small cartons fruit juice
- Hot chocolate jars or sachets
- Breakfast bars or similar
- Small jars jam, chocolate spread, honey
- Small packets of sweets or chocolate
- Tins corned beef/ham (these are so popular and the foodbank never have enough)
- Tins evaporated milk
- Small tins of tinned fruit like raspberries, strawberries, apricots which are all popular
- Children's toiletries for all ages: from Peppa Pig to things like Lynx for young teens
- Flannels, shower Gel, shampoo





Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Evelina London School Nursing Service.

During these unsettling times, as a parent/carer of a child(ren) at school, you may be worried about their health and wellbeing, and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help. We work in teams across Southwark and Lambeth and you can contact us for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Please let us know if your child has medical, physical and/or emotional health needs that they need support with.

We can discuss your child's needs and see children:

- face-to-face in school
- face-to-face in a health centre
- Text, telephone
- virtually
- home visit

For parents/carers of children 5-19 years old at school in Southwark or Lambeth

For advice and support please contact the School nursing service:

Text: If you need advice or support about your child, you can confidentially text a school nurse on **07520 631 130**. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

You can find out more at [w: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline](http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline)

If you are a parent or carer

You can text a school nurse on

07520 631 130

We aim to reply to you within 1 working day, and you should get an immediate message back to confirm we have received your text.

If you need help before you hear back from us, contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111.

Telephone: You can call the School nursing central hub: **tel: 020 3049 4777**, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

In an emergency, call 999 or go to your local Emergency Department (A&E)

Your information

We might tell someone if we are concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic records and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.



Guy's and St Thomas'
NHS Foundation Trust

The School nursing service can assist with:

Support with managing medical needs in schools

Bedwetting

Sleep

Emotional health and wellbeing

Weight management

Immunisation advice

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/

Healthy lifestyle

Keeping safe

Puberty and relationships