

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Ordinarily, in the run-up to the Easter break, this would have been an exceptionally busy week, as we ticked-off our usual calendar of events. As I was looking through the diary, and wandering around school, it struck me that you will have missed the opportunity to attend Open Classroom. So, I decided to grab my phone and take some pictures of the displays that we have up in the classrooms and shared areas around school. (See page 5) They are just too good not to share!

We have been working closely with our DVIS colleagues during this period of partial closure, and I want to thank them for their support and camaraderie. Between the two schools, we are able to remain open during the Easter break for our Key Worker families, many of whom we share.

We are receiving a wealth of information for our community every day. I have sign-posted you to a few local services which may be of use on the next page.

You have been telling us that you've been feeling overwhelmed with the sheer volume of learning opportunities/activities available online which are being circulated and shared between the community. Mr Salomonson has kindly spent some time ploughing through many of the resources and has come-up with his 'Best 10'! See pages 3 and 4 for details.

I'll take a breather from the HH for the next couple of weeks, but we will be in touch regarding the launch of our new Online Learning Platform prior to the beginning of the summer term. The staff have been working exceptionally hard to learn the mechanics of this new initiative, but also to come up with some super home learning activities that we hope our Hamleteers will not only commit to, but also enjoy. All things running smoothly, we'll be sending out logins and passwords so that we can all experiment and begin forming our virtual community, during the second week of the holidays.

In the meantime, best wishes to you all for the Easter break. Please keep well and safe.

Claire



## DHJS EASTER EGG COMPETITION!

It's not quite the same as our usual 'spread' in Turney Hall, but (at the time of print) Chloe, Arthur, and Farrah's entries are truly eggceptional! We love your topical themes and your creativity, you clearly had fun putting these together. If you have a look outside your front doors, you'll find a little Easter treat from us!



Farrah 3TS



Arthur 5N



Chloe 6SP



On your doorsteps!

## EASTERY DOODLE MATHS MESSAGES

- Please note that there is a Spring Maths Challenge with a chance to win goodies. For details, go to: <https://www.doodlemaths.com/spring-challenge/>
- Pupils will now find Easter accessories in 'My Pages' and they can spend their hard earned DoodleStars buying Easter eggs and unlocking Easter bunnies.
- Parents should note that Parent Dashboard features have been increased to allow you to support your child's learning even more at home. This means that once linked, you can access [parents.doodlemaths.com](https://parents.doodlemaths.com) and monitor your child's progress, recalibrate their accounts and add Extras. Doodle Maths are also running daily parent webinars guiding parents on how to use Doodle to support learning at home.

Happy Doodling!

## PARENTLINE

ParentLine is still available to you at this time. ParentLine is a messaging service for parents and carers of children at schools in Southwark and Lambeth. Parents and carers can message a school nurse to get confidential advice about their child's health related issues.

Help via text message can be given about a range of issues including:

- emotional health and wellbeing
- keeping healthy
- bedwetting
- sleep
- bullying
- keeping safe
- growing up
- dental health
- support with medical conditions in school



The service is available Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, year-round, including the school holidays (excluding bank holidays). Texts will be responded to within one working day (an automatic bounce-back will be sent if a message is received out of hours but someone will respond once the service opens). Please note: the ParentLine number is a text number only. It cannot receive phone calls.

## FOOD NETWORKS

There are a number of food banks operating in our borough that can support families including:

**Southwark Foodbank (PECAN)** - 020 773 20007

<https://www.pecan.org.uk/southwark-foodbank>

Five centres operating in the borough with opening times and locations listed on its website.

**Oasis Foodbank** - 0207 357 7331

Has one distribution centre in Southwark at St George The Martyr Church. Borough High St, London, SE1 1JA

**Central Southwark Community Hub** - 020 7703 1653

<https://www.cschub.co.uk/>

Four centres in the borough with locations and opening hours listed on its website. Clients need to be referred to Margaret Taribo ([margaret.taribo@cschub.co.uk](mailto:margaret.taribo@cschub.co.uk)) before a visit is made.

**Camberwell Community Fridge** - 020 7737 6186

Albrighton Centre, Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

**The Borough Free Fridge** – 020 7357 7331

St George The Martyr Church, Borough High Street, SE1 1JA

Open Tuesday afternoon, 2-5pm.

**Southwark Community Hub** - 020 7525 5000 or email

[covidsupport@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:covidsupport@southwark.gov.uk) to access food parcels

## SOUTHWARK EMERGENCY SUPPORT SCHEME

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/emergency-support> Contact Number: 0207 525 2434

Southwark Council announced earlier this week a further £1.5m in emergency funding to be made available ensuring those requiring emergency support including food and fuel would be able to access support immediately. Whilst the Government has announced some further support for families in receipt of free school meals, it may take some time to be made available.

The Local Authority are making temporary changes to the eligibility criteria for the Southwark Emergency Support Scheme.

Eligibility will be extended to those who experience a sudden loss or interruption to income as a consequence of the impacts of COVID-19 and who lack other resources to meet their household's basic needs for short periods.

The following criteria will also apply to families who live in Southwark and whose children are currently in receipt of free school meals until such times as government put alternative arrangements in place.

- Those claiming benefit but who face lengthy delays before they receive their first benefit payment and who lack other resources to meet urgent basic needs
- Those who are employed under zero-hour or similar contractual arrangements and who may still be employed but are without work or earnings and lack other resources to meet urgent basic needs
- Those who are self-employed but without work or income and lacking other resources to meet urgent basic needs
- Those whose income has fallen but where payment of Universal Credit for example does not yet reflect that change and who find themselves temporarily lacking resources to meet urgent basic needs
- Those facing significant deductions from their Universal Credit award or other benefits and as a consequence lack resources to meet urgent basic needs
- Those who experience problems claiming benefits for example due to difficulties in meeting evidence requirements (this would apply mainly to foreign nationals or UK citizens who were not born in the UK and who are we know likely to face problems when satisfying residency test for UC)

## MR SALOMONSON'S '10 OF THE BEST FOR HOME LEARNING'

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Home-Learning can be tough. A plethora of well-meaning, online education companies have peppered your inboxes, each offering you a solution to the home-school, work-from-home, cook, clean, rest, repeat challenge. If only there were enough time in the day to work out which one is right for your family! Never fear, you have two choices: either out-source the research to your friend without children – you know, the one who texted you the other day to say that they'd finally alphabetised their filing cabinet and 'isn't it great to have all this spare time on our hands' – or... you can read our handy:

### Top-10 Home-Learning Freebies list:

#### 10. [Twinkl](#)

Bit of a mixed blessing this one – most teachers couldn't live entirely without it, but if used poorly the worksheets can be more 'keep them busy' than teach them. It is enormous and covers every possible need and we use it for spelling activities (the children love the word searches). However, you probably need a printer to get the most out of it. Get the full package for free with the code CVDTWINKLHELPS

#### 9. [Phonics Play](#)

Possibly more appealing to KS1, this website also covers Phase 6 and spelling patterns which will be useful for those children still on a reading scheme and weaker spellers. Logon for free with the username: *march20* and the password: *home*

#### 8. Places you might otherwise have visited – useful for completing project work

[The British Museum](#) has made its online collections free to the public. The [Natural History Museum](#) has free virtual tours. The [Tate Gallery](#) has a 360-degree virtual tour online. View the latest exhibitions at [The National Gallery](#) virtual tours. [The Vatican](#) has opened up its digital tours so the Sistine Chapel can be viewed. [NASA Kids](#) is perfect for space fans. Learn all about the universe we live in by viewing these online videos.

#### 7. [National Theatre Home](#)

Shows available for free from the National Theatre. Live at 7pm each Thursday and then available on YouTube for a week. Who don't love a bit o' culture? If the content doesn't appeal to younger ones, you can watch [The Wind in the Willows](#) stage production online.

#### 6. [First News](#)

For a limited time, this newspaper, aimed at 7 – 14 year olds, are offering a free digital download of each week's edition.

#### 5. [Audible Stories](#)

Amazon's audiobook company have made their classic children's stories free on Audible for Kids. As far as we can tell, you would need to sign up for the free trial to get this offer, but might be worth investigating. It's worth noting too that Amazon Whispersync allows children to read a story on a Tablet/ Phone/ Kindle and listen to the audiobook at the same time. Great for children with dyslexic tendencies and those who struggle to finish longer novels.

#### 4. [BBC Bitesize](#)

Has been around for years and has the whole of the National Curriculum from Y1 to GCSE pretty much covered. Some of the games are a little less than educational but loads of great videos and something for everyone. They are also planning a full home school service from the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### 3. [Tig Tag](#)

A resource we use for science in school with professional and informative videos. The site has ideas for activities too, some of which you may be able to do at home. The site also has quizzes for science and geography topics. Free to access at the moment and they even have sister sites: TigTag Jr for KS1 and Twig for KS3/4.

### 2. [Kahn Academy](#)

This site was set up specifically to offer distance learning and so it is one of the best adapted for current need. You can choose from a wide range of instructional videos for both Maths and Grammar and it comes with linked practice materials.

### 1. [Joe Wicks](#)

There's something special here. Not only do you get a great work-out that seems accessible for all ages and fitness levels to start your day, but a sense that he's bringing the country together at a time when we are isolated like never before. Get off your sofa and get moving!

This list was adapted from [Coronavirus: 74 free resources for home learning](#) (First Published in TES, 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020) by Grainne Hallahan.

And even better...

On top of all this, your children will soon be receiving daily assignments through our new online collaborative learning platform Google Classroom, which we aim to fully launch on the 20<sup>th</sup> April. There are significant bottlenecks in IT support at the moment, but all being well, the children will be able to log in from the 14<sup>th</sup> April for some fun with their classes. Keep an eye out for communications on this in the coming weeks. Mr Salomonson

## NATIONAL PRIMARY OFFER DAY 2020

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National Primary Offer Day is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. If you have a sibling either starting in reception or Y3 in September 2020, as long as you applied on time, you will receive an email after 5pm on this day which will provide you with information on what to do next. You will also be able to view the outcome of your application that evening on the eAdmissions website.

If you have been offered a place at DHJS for Y3, you will also receive a letter from us shortly after the offer day, providing next steps and useful information.

For all admissions queries and questions, please contact Chrissie Purcell following the Easter break:

[cpurcell4.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:cpurcell4.210@lgflmail.org)

## SECONDARY TRANSFER SEPTEMBER 2020

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Polite reminder: please inform the school office of the secondary school place you have accepted for your child. This will ensure that your child's pupil file is sent on to the correct school in due course and we can begin the process of transition with our secondary colleagues.

## PTA UPDATE: CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND

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We know shopping is difficult at the moment, however, if you happen to order online from the Co-op, as well as ask your friends and family to do the same, the **PTA will benefit** through the **Co-op Local Community Fund**. In this way we can make up for income lost through events we've had to cancel without you having to spend further than your normal shopping.

Until 24<sup>th</sup> October, Co-op members can choose DHJS as their local cause. Every time a member buys own-brand products and services, they earn a 5% reward for themselves, with a further 1% of the money they spend going to local causes in their community. We are hoping to reach our goal of £5000.

You will need to add Co-op to your list for groceries, select us as the cause and encourage family and friends to do the same. Any Co-op member from anywhere in the UK can add us as their community cause.

Anyone can become a member which will cost £1. Apply:

- online: by visiting [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership)
- by phone: 0800 023 4708
- by picking up a temporary card in one of the Co-op Food Stores

Following joining, Co-op members can choose a cause by going online [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership).

We really hope that people will visit the website and choose to support us. Our cause is linked to both the Co-op on Lordship Lane, and on Forest Hill Road. You can follow our progress on our DHJS Profile Page: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/40121>

Thank you in advance for supporting us via this initiative.

# SPRING TERM 'OPEN CLASSROOM' IN PICTURES

