

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Welcome back to the new academic year 2021-22. I hope that you and your children have had a good summer break; reconnecting with friends and family, enjoying a few adventures together and quality downtime.

Over the summer there was much going on behind the scenes, and I must thank the Premises Team for their hard work getting us 'school ready'. On top of the usual summer deep clean, we've had a new fuse board installed, replaced all the decking at the end of Burbage, replaced some old signage around the site, touched-up exterior paintwork as part of our rolling programme of maintenance, and perhaps more excitingly, made a good start on our new Village satellite library for Y3/4. Oh, and a treehouse for the main school library! Phew...! Many thanks Jim, Dan and Ade.

We are raring to go and really looking forward to welcoming our Hamleteers, both new and experienced, back to school. The staff have been in already, engaging in training and prepping, ready to hit the road running on Monday.

We enjoyed meeting our new Y3 cohort this morning for their 'orientation' session. They looked so super smart in their new school uniforms, but most importantly, left with smiles on their faces. They have told me that they'll be coming back on Monday – so that's a great start!



KEY DATES

Monday 6th September

Formal start to the new academic year for all children
Y6 P.E. afternoon

Tuesday 7th September

Y4 P.E. afternoon

Wednesday 8th September

Y3 P.E. afternoon

Thursday 9th September

Y5 P.E. afternoon

Friday 10th September

PTA school uniform shop open 9-10am

All children to arrive between **8:45-8:55am** via Village or Turney gates. All children to depart at **3:25pm**

WHAT WILL SCHOOL LOOK LIKE FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

The most important thing to note is that we have a plan! However, with all best-laid plans, everything is subject to change, and we will need to respond to any national/DfE directives that may come our way in due course. We will always keep you updated and well-informed.

Key points to note:

- There are no longer staggered starts/departures for the different year groups. Everyone arrives between 8:45-8:55am and school finishes at 3:25pm
- Both the Village and Turney Road gates are open to all year groups
- Parents and carers are able to bring children on to the school site for drop-off/pick-up
- We are no longer operating year group bubbles
- We ask that children continue coming in to school on their year group P.E. days wearing kit, P.E. ready
- Children to enter school on arrival (no lining-up waiting for a bell) in order to wash hands and start early morning work (see section on wash bags)
- Larger events such as Parents Evenings, Curriculum Evenings etc... will be a hybrid of in person/Zoom, to be determined & communicated as we move through the term.

TERM DATES 2021-22

We have included our term dates 2021-22 once again for you, but want to draw your attention to a change for the end of the summer term 2022. You may be aware that we have an unusual arrangement for the late May Bank Holiday next year. The Monday has been moved to the end of the week, and an extra Bank Holiday added for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Yippee! As such, because this falls within an existing school holiday period, schools are allowed to take an additional day of holiday during the course of the school year.

We have liaised with our friends at DVIS, as our terms dates are coordinated for the next academic year, and agreed that both schools will, therefore, finish for the end of summer 2022 on Thursday 21st July.

We are mindful that we are yet to respond to our parents and carers regarding the term dates consultation for 2022-23 involving a possible change to a two-week October half-term. We will communicate the outcome of this to you early in the new academic year.

We would like to take this opportunity, as you may be thinking ahead and planning future breaks, to remind our families that any holidays taken within term time will not be authorised for absence.

NEW! DHJS RUCKSACKS FOR SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to have launched DHJS rucksacks for the new academic year. The PTA won't be stocking new book bags moving forward, as it has been decided that providing a bag with a space to hold a water bottle is far more practical for the children. The rucksacks can be purchased via our usual school uniform supplier and cost £19.19:

www.yourschooluniform.com

If you are looking to purchase one of the new rucksacks, please note that there is a lead-in time of a few weeks. Alternatively, you are welcome to purchase a plain navy rucksack for your child, or continue with their book bag already provided on entry to DHJS for Y4/5/6.



RE-LAUNCH: WASH BAGS!

Our cleaning regime has always been incredibly robust, and the Premises Team have established systems and routines. At the beginning of last academic year, when handwashing was 'stepped-up', we were shocked to learn that we used a normal terms worth of paper towels in one week alone. We were more shocked at the estimated cost for the year if we maintained this level of usage - approximately £8k!!!

So, putting our creative hats on, we introduced our wash bag system. We therefore invite all children to bring in a **small wash bag**, containing a **hand flannel** (and a **small bottle of hand sanitiser** if they wish) to keep in their classroom, for their personal use only. The children keep these at their desks, use throughout the day at key points as identified by the teacher, and then bring them home to be washed at the end of the week.

We do hope that you will support us in our re-launch. Please name all uniform, P.E. kit, coats and any other items that are brought in to school.



What's on the menu?

MONDAY

Vegetable Korma with Basmati Rice
Macaroni Cheese
Broccoli & Sweetcorn
Apple & Cinnamon Cake with Custard

Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato
Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potato
Cauliflower & Green Beans
Fruity Flapjack & Apple Wedges

Roast Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing & Roast Potatoes
Roasted Root Vegetable Wellington & Roast Potatoes
Peas & Spinach
Lemon Shortbread

Beef Ragu Pasta Bake
Roasted Root Vegetable Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread
Carrots & Courgettes
Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches

Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Sweet Pepper & Bean Enchilada with Salsa & Rice or Chips
Roasted Mushrooms & Peppers
Berry & Lemon Cupcake

TUESDAY

Homemade Pepperoni or Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Salmon Jambalaya
Sweetcorn & Spinach
Carrot Cake with Custard

Provençal Style Chicken & Herb Pasta Bake
Piri Piri Roasted Vegetables & Potato Wedges
Cauliflower & Carrots
Shortbread with Fruit Wedges

BBQ Roast Pork & Roast Potatoes
Vegetable Pinwheel & Roast Potatoes
Green Beans & Peas
Vanilla Sponge with Orange Sauce

Chicken Tikka with Rice & Naan Style Bread
Pasta Twists with a Tomato & Basil Sauce
Roasted Courgettes & Peppers
Peach Oat Bar

MSC Golden Crumb Fish Fingers with Rainbow Coleslaw & Chips
Vegetable Sliders in a Bun with Rainbow Coleslaw & Chips
BBQ Beans & Peas
Strawberry Ice Cream with Watermelon

WEDNESDAY

Beef Bolognese with Fusilli Pasta & Herbed Garlic Bread
Vegetable & Lentil Bolognese with Fusilli
Pasta & Herbed Garlic Bread
Cauliflower & Sweetcorn
Lemon Iced Sponge

Homemade Sausage Roll with Mashed Potato
Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry with Rice
Broccoli & Peppers
Shortbread Biscuit with Orange Wedges

Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes
Cheese & Leek Slice with Roast Potatoes
Green Beans & Spinach
Berry Sponge with Custard

Piri Piri Style Chicken & Vegetable Rice
Vegetable Chill & Rice
Peas & Carrots
Jelly with Peaches

Battered Fish & Chips with Tomato Sauce
Vegetable Burrito & Chips
Baked Beans or Mushy Peas
Apple Shortbread with Fruit Wedges

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

WEEK ONE
Wc 30th Aug, 20th Sept,
1st Oct, 29th Nov & 20th Dec

WEEK TWO
Wc 6th Sept, 27th Sept, 18th Oct,
15th Nov & 6th Dec

WEEK THREE
Wc 13th Sept, 4th Oct, 1st Nov,
22nd Nov & 13th Dec

Available daily: Hasselback Jacket Potato with Various Fillings • Homemade Bread of the Day • Crafted Salads (Mixed Leaf, Cucumber, Tomato, Sliced Peppers, Sliced Carrots, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw & Lemon Potato Salad)

Harrison Catering Services

Dulwich Hamlet School

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About Your Catering Service

The catering service at Dulwich Hamlet School is provided by Harrison Catering Services, an independent, family-owned company founded in 1994.

The Harrison proposition is centred around the on-site preparation and cooking of top quality meals made with fresh ingredients. Over 100 clients across the UK enjoy a Harrison food service, with more than 100,000 meals being served each day by approximately 2,000 staff across more than 270 locations.

Working in Partnership with Dulwich Hamlet School

Our catering team works with the school council to tailor menus to the tastes and preferences of the pupils. We introduce further interest and excitement to our menus through themed lunches ranging from holidays like Easter and Christmas to cuisines from around the world, tying these into the school curriculum whenever possible. Whenever possible, we link our menus to the school's curriculum and activities to further reinforce the importance of eating a balanced diet of nutritious food.

Providing Healthy School Meals

Harrison understands that what children eat affects their health and their ability to learn and perform in the classroom. At Dulwich Hamlet School, our catering team provides nutritious, balanced meals, and we work to educate the pupils on how to make healthier food choices. Our goal is to instil a love and understanding of fresh, healthy food at a young age that will positively influence them throughout life.

All Harrison staff receive training in how to prepare and serve healthier food through the company's bespoke Eat Well Live Well® training programme.

In addition, our focus on fresh food means that only minimal amounts of fried foods appear on our menus—generally in the form of much-loved British favourites like fish and chips. We also aim to maximise access to fruit and vegetables by offering a choice of cooked vegetables, salads, healthier snacks and fresh fruit daily. Every egg we use is British-sourced and free range and the majority of our meat is British-sourced as well.

We Welcome Your Feedback

Hearing your thoughts on our catering service is an essential part of getting things right and developing the foodservice at your school. Please feel free to speak to our catering manager if you have any comments.

Join the Harrison Family

The great food and service that Harrison provides is only possible because of our talented staff. We aim to create an environment where every team member's efforts and skills are recognised, developed and rewarded, so that we can attract and retain the best people.

If you are interested in joining the Harrison family, please visit our website for the latest job opportunities at www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/job-opportunities.html or contact the human resources department at our Thame office on 01844 216777.



Our very own company
nutritionist, Dr Juliet Gray,
advises on all our menus!



We use locally sourced ingredients
when available and in season!



Dulwich Hamlet Junior School

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2021-2022

Autumn term 2021

(STAFF INSET DAYS Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September)

Term starts: Monday 6th September - Friday 22nd October

Half Term: Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Term dates: Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December

Spring term 2022

(STAFF INSET DAY Tuesday 4th January)

Term starts: Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February

Half Term: Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February

Term dates: Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Summer term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May

(May Bank Holiday will be taken on Monday 2nd May)

Half Term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 6th June)

Term dates: Tuesday 7th June – Thursday 21st July

Public Holidays

Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on – Monday 27th December 2021

Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on – Tuesday 28th December 2021

New Year Holiday to be taken on – Monday 3rd January 2022

Good Friday – Friday 15th April 2022

Easter Monday – Monday 18th April 2022

May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Spring Bank Holiday – Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June 2022

(Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Summer Bank Holiday – Monday 29th August 2022