

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As we enter October and move away from the beginning of term, we start to consider our whole school priorities for the year ahead. Our parent and carer questionnaire at the end of last term that so many of you kindly took the time to complete, was incredibly helpful to us and contributed to our decision making.

2018-19 will be our 'Year of Reading' which the teachers are particularly excited about, as we all love books! We think we teach reading well at the Hamlet, but there is always more we can do. You'll start to see lots of new ideas that your child can get involved in such as our 'Reading Around the World' initiative described opposite. One of the areas we would like to look at is how we can support you with encouraging your children to read at home. I learnt of a super idea via one of our recent parent cafes which seems so simple, but I just hadn't considered it before – how about setting-up your own family book group?

After half-term, we will be running a Reading Curriculum Session for parents where you can come and spend some time in our library, see the wide range of texts we have available, and learn more about age-appropriate quality texts and further ideas to help you to help your child at home. We are looking to provide you with some reading lists. In advance of this, we would love to hear of any strategies/ideas that work for your family so that we can add these to our bank of resources that we'll share with you all. Please email our Literacy Coordinator Ellie Arkwright with any thoughts: earkwright1.210@lgflmail.org

'RESILIENCE' PARENT AND CARER CAFE

We enjoyed meeting many of you yesterday for our session focussing on 'Resilience', led by our expert Learning Coach Lorraine Thomas. We are going to run this session again after half-term as we received much interest for the session and places were snapped-up quickly. If you would like to join us for our repeat session on Thursday 29th November, 9-10am, please email the office to secure a place: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk

KEY DATES

Tuesday 9th October

Antonio Garcia from St. Barnabas leading assembly

Wednesday 10th October

8:45-9:30 Maths Home Learning Session *FULL*

6:30-7:15pm maths Home Learning Session

Y3 to Primary Proms at The Royal Albert Hall

Friday 12th October

PTA Quiz Night 7:30pm Turney Hall *SOLD OUT*

READING AROUND THE WORLD

You may have seen a 'Reading Passport' that your child has brought home and wondered what it is. This is part of our 'Year of Reading', designed to get the children reading more widely, from a range of different genres, rather than just sticking to familiar authors. To win one of our great prizes (a new book) the children need to read ten challenging novels set in at least four different continents. Once they have read a book they can come and talk about it to Mrs Osman, myself or Ms Arkwright and get their passport stamped. Ten stamps = a prize! This is designed to be long term and challenging and to build up the reading stamina of the children. I hope many of them will persevere and bag themselves a great book to put in their library at home. Mrs Evans

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
131	128	131	132

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Drum roll..... The final total the DHJS Community have raised is: £1161.50! Thank you very much for your donations and contributions. *(We're missing an Orla Kiely plate - if you took the wrong one by mistake please return it - thank you! There are still a few plates & boxes under the shelter.)*

TASTER LUNCH

Thank you to the Y3 parents and carers that were able to come and join us for lunch this week, it was lovely to see so many of you enjoying the time with your children, and for you to see our lunch service in action first hand. We are mindful that we didn't provide this opportunity to our current Y4 cohort. We will therefore schedule in a Y4 Taster Lunch session for the Spring term.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB SPRING TERM SOS

We are hoping to expand the variety of clubs offered after school next term. Are there any parents who may wish to run a board games club (monopoly/chess/draughts etc...); arts and crafts club; French language club starting in the spring term and running for 10 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Helen Ireton in the office for further information: office@dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk

MATHS HOME LEARNING SESSIONS

Please don't forget that we are running these sessions for parents and carers next week. Our DHJS maths team (Tom Salomonson and Victoria Begley) will guide you through:

- How to use DoodleMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars
- How to support reluctant learners in Maths at home
- What is 'mathematical understanding' and how can you help at home

While the morning session is now fully booked, there are plenty of spaces available for the evening presentation. Please email the office to book yourself in.

TERM DATES 2019-2020

We all like to plan ahead, so we have put together our term dates for the next academic year which you can view on the next page. We have spoken to our friends over at DVIS and have coordinated the dates, as we appreciate how this can make things just a little easier for our families. Please do put the holiday dates in your diaries. As you all know, we are not able to authorise absence for holidays during term time.

LOST PROPERTY

This week the ever-filling lost property box was emptied. All named items were returned to their owners. The unnamed and unclaimed uniform has been given to the PTA for their second hand shop. All other items were disposed of. We mentioned our new year group boxes last week. They are now located by Burbage building in Turney Playground, clearly labelled with the year group on the top. The children have been told about the boxes and reminded that the old lost property box no longer exists. Foxes and occasionally rats do roam our playground at night; anything left out is therefore likely to be chewed, slept on or used to mark scent. As such, any items left on the playground from now on may be disposed of.

'WHAT IS DYSCALCULIA'

10th October 7pm, Bell House

Dyscalculia is a difficulty understanding maths, including number-related concepts, symbols, and shapes.

Are you wondering:

- What is dyscalculia? How does it differ from more general maths difficulties?
- How can I tell if a child has dyscalculia?
- What interventions and support work best for dyscalculic children?
- Where can I go for further information?

This talk, from Judy Hornigold, will help answer all these questions.

About the speaker: Judy Hornigold is an independent educational consultant specialising in dyscalculia and dyslexia. She is particularly passionate about the teaching of maths and of finding ways to support learners with dyscalculia and general maths learning difficulties. She has written an accredited dyscalculia course for the British Dyslexia Association and several books on dyscalculia and maths generally, as well as a guide for parents of children with dyslexia.

You can buy tickets at [this link](#), and there are some free and subsidised tickets available, by emailing info@bellhouse.co.uk

ABSENCE HOTLINE!

Please do use our answerphone line for reporting an absence. Our office lines are particularly busy first thing in the morning and you will have more success leaving a simple message on: 0208 693 3705. Please call by 9:30am



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SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2019-2020

Autumn term 2019

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 2 September)

Term starts: Tuesday 3 September - Friday 18 October

Half Term: Monday 21 October - Friday 25 October

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 28 October)

Term dates: Tuesday 29 October – Friday 20 December (last register 1:25pm)

Spring term 2020

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 6 January)

Term starts: Tuesday 7 January - Friday 14 February

Half Term: Monday 17 February - Friday 21 February

Term dates: Monday 24 February – Friday 3 April

Summer term 2020

Term starts: Monday 20 April - Friday 22 May

(May Bank Holiday will be taken on 4 May)

Half Term: Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 1 June)

Term dates: Tuesday 2 June – Friday 17 July (last register 1:25pm)

(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 20 July)

Public Holidays

Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on – Wednesday 25 December 2019

Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on – Thursday 26 December 2019

New Year Holiday to be taken on – Wednesday 1 January 2020

Good Friday – Friday 10 April 2020

Easter Monday – Monday 13 April 2020

May Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May 2020

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 25 May 2020

Summer Bank Holiday – Monday 31 August 2020