

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Further to our communication last week about our approach to general winter health and the Coronavirus, we now receive updates from the DfE on a daily basis. We are mindful of the information being reported in the media, and news that is being circulated closer to home. We know that properly washing hands is central to prevent and slow the spread of Coronavirus, among many other seasonal bugs, and while we provide regular reminders throughout the course of the school day, we would like to enhance our approach during this time. From Monday, we are inviting children to enter their classrooms from 8:45am, as the gates open, in order to provide time for them to wash their hands in class before the start of the school day. We will therefore not be doing our traditional lining-up in the two playgrounds. Members of staff will still be available on the playground to pass on messages to class teachers, and the bell will still ring at 8:55am to mark the 'official' start of the day. Registers will then be taken at the usual time. We will review how this goes, and keep you posted with any changes.

Far more interesting is the collaborative work DHJS has been engaged in this week! Miss Harris hosted a local Science Hub, providing teachers with a forum to share best practice and learn from each other. As part of Mr Salomonson's work as a Maths Mastery Specialist running a Teacher Research Group, he managed to persuade Mrs Shreeve to deliver a maths lesson with 17 teachers observing her. He then guided the group through a session, unpicking what they had observed – she is very brave! Both myself and Mrs Evans led a Peer Review at a local school, supporting them with a key area of development – an initiative that we believe has a significant impact on continued school improvement for our network of schools. Our Governors visited on Tuesday morning, and were provided with an overview of curriculum development from this year. We will share more about this with you shortly. We are grateful to our network of schools who have facilitated us sending all of our support staff to go and observe their teaching assistant counterparts in action. It was great to see to many Y3/4 parents at our SPaG Café yesterday, and we look forward to our session with Y5/6 parents next week. Finally, what a joy seeing you all enjoying a book with your child during our Family Read this morning. Thank you for coming in and sharing some favourite books.

I think we can genuinely say that we are a community of learners!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 11th March

Y5/6 SPaG Parent and Carer Café, 9:00-9:30am, Burbage
Please book your place via the school office
3TS class assembly, 9:05am Turney Hall, parents welcome

Thursday 12th March

Y4 visit to Battle Abbey
Blackheath Singing Festival (selected Choir members – Y3/Y6)

Friday 13th March

DHJS does Sport Relief!

PLEASE NOTE: ALL SPORTING FIXTURES ARE LISTED ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR FOUND VIA THE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR WEBSITE HOMEPAGE:

<http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/calendar.html>

SPORT RELIEF

Next week is Sport Relief week. We have lots of fun activities planned throughout the week with a big day of sport next Friday. We want all parents and carers to join in the fun too; come and run the mile with your child next Monday, Tuesday and / or Thursday. Our Sport Mentors and House Captains will be at the gates with collection buckets throughout the week. On Friday 13th we are inviting all our children to come to school wearing an official Sport Relief t-shirt (current or previous) or as their sporting hero. We're not doing any sponsored events; the children will be doing a fun pentathlon in their PE lessons as well as a carousel of sport fun on Friday. We are asking for a minimum donation of £2 per child as a way of raising much needed funds to support children and families in the UK and across the World. 'It's Game On!'



WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
			
34	54	29	33

PTA: SPORT RELIEF MILE

Thank you to the PTA who have teamed-up with Au Ciel to provide coffee, croissants (juice for the children) at our Thursday morning 'Sport Relief Special' mile. These will

be charged to you at normal Au Ciel costs – so bring along your cash and cards! Au Ciel have kindly agreed to donate a generous sum to Sport Relief from the sales.



SECONDARY TRANSFER UPDATE

Can we kindly remind parents to accept/decline secondary school offers at their earliest convenience – specifically if you no longer need a place at The Charter School North Dulwich for your child. We are aware of several families who are hovering near the top of the waiting list, and are having an anxious wait while the places are finalised and the list starts to move.

As with primary (reception and Y3) applications, please be assured that if you have not received your first choice, you do remain on the waiting list for the school(s) higher up on your list. A top tip is to give the schools a call each week to see where your child's position is on the waiting list, they do move. We would recommend that you do accept the place you have been offered, in order to safeguard a school place for September. As soon as you are offered an alternative, hopefully your preferred choice, you can always then decline. Accepting a place does not remove you from your preferred schools' waiting lists.

Please email Chrissie Purcell once you have accepted your child's secondary place, so that we have an accurate record to plan for Y6/7 liaison and transfer of school records.

For any secondary transfer queries or concerns, you can contact either Chrissie Purcell our Senior Admin Officer, or Claire Purcell, Head of School – we are both more than happy to help.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME 2020

Our annual Enrichment programme aims to extend our children's learning beyond the classroom outside of the daily curriculum. During our four Friday afternoon sessions in June, we discover skills and talents in pupils and they learn a lot about themselves. It's an opportunity to do something different, learn a new skill, make new friends and develop an interest. This is a whole school event and we welcome the interest and support of our parents and local community. The staff get to teach something completely different; perhaps share an interest e.g. sewing, making felt or cooking. We've even had a car engine for children to strip down! If you have a skill or interest that could be shared and taught to our pupils please do get in touch either via the school office or directly to Nikki Thomson (nthomson3.210@lgflmail.org).

JEWELLERY

A small reminder as we have been noticing some 'accessorising' to our simple school uniform of late! Can we remind parents and carers that children should not be wearing jewellery to school. Watches are acceptable, as well as stud earrings. However, the children will be asked to remove all jewellery for PE lessons, including swimming, even if they are designed for sporting activities. Thank you for your cooperation.

YOUNG VOICES

If you want a smile over the weekend, then watch this short youtube video – click on the image below. (An absolute must if your child performed in the Young Voices Concert right back in January) We were honoured to be selected to be the featured school for the Young Voices 25th Anniversary which is being celebrated next year. We have already signed ourselves up!

