

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Welcome back to you all to Autumn 2. In some ways, this is my favourite time of the school calendar. You just can't beat the run-up to Christmas within a primary school setting. I had the pleasure of taking the Y4 assembly this week, and they were delighted to learn that Christmas is still on! While we obviously can't do some of the usual events and activities, such as inviting you all to St. Barnabas for our whole school celebration and the Christmas Fair, the staff and PTA are busy behind the scenes. We all have our creative hats on, re-imagining ideas. We are determined to carry-on...!

## CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER!



We hadn't started to digest our pumpkins, or even thought about fireworks when the whole school set to task designing Christmas cards. One of our interested parties was Helen Hayes MP. We're very pleased to announce the design by Nate (5TS) has been chosen as her Christmas card this year.

## COVID UPDATE

This Wednesday afternoon, prior to the start of the new national lockdown, schools received updated sector specific guidance. For primary settings, very little has changed. There is no change to the existing position on the use of face coverings for pupils in Y6 and below, and it continues not to be mandatory for staff and visitors to wear face coverings. However, in line with our DHJS Risk Assessment, we do ask that any visitor coming in to the school office wears a mask.

Although the risk of transmission we know is reported to be very low outside, can we ask that you consider wearing a mask, specifically at pick-up time, when there tends to be more of a congregation of adults. In this way, we will be making absolutely sure that we are doing our bit to break the rate of transmission.

The last update to the DfE guidance: '[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term](#)' was 29<sup>th</sup> October. This is due to be revised shortly following the announcement from the Prime Minister on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## KEY DATES

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Open View Education Anti-Bullying workshops  
Young Shakespeare Company for Y6

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Catch-up flu immunisations  
Young Shakespeare for Y6  
DHJS Remembers – special assembly and two-minute silence

## DATE FOR THE DIARY

Our usual autumn term parents' evenings will be held from 3:30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. This year, these will take the form of a Google Meet with the class teacher. We will send you out further information and booking details nearer the time.

## TRAFFIC/TRANSPORT

The latest information we have regarding the traffic restrictions (cameras) in the Village is that they will go live, week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Our local councillors have insisted that a letter detailing all of this be provided to all residents and stakeholders in advance. As always, we will forward any information that comes our way.

We were delighted to learn that following a new funding agreement between TfL and the government, the proposed temporary removal of free travel for under 18s has been dropped. Hooray!

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
51	35	52	54





### Events:

**Halloween Fun Run:** What a great event! We had hundreds of runners, all socially distanced, running and collecting sweets. We raised £1500 for the PTA to donate to the school. Well done to all those who dressed up, participated, and volunteered. You made it hilarious and scary. A special thank you to Cathy Carroll and Boudien Bird in Y4 who put so much into the organisation.

### The winners are (drum roll please)....

#### For best costume:

Arthur 6SP and Albert 4O

#### For best team costume:

Rose, Claudia and Juno Y4

(and special mention to the Inflatable Pandas 😊 but no prize I'm afraid)

#### Best team name:

Jaws dodododo – Juno 4B and Ghouls just want to have fun – Maggie P 5TS



Please pick up your prizes from the office.

**Bake off:** Good luck to all those who entered today! If you did not enter you can still donate on our Covid Fund below. (see pictures on the next page)

**Christmas Raffle:** Although we cannot have a Fair this year, we can still have a raffle. We will be selling tickets online. The draw will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, during the children's assembly. Mrs Purcell will publish the winners in the Hamlet Herald. A huge thank you to **Knight Frank** for sponsoring our raffle with £1000 in exchange for putting up their boards. If you can help by putting an estate agent board up outside your house, let us know. Email [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)

Thank you so much to estate agents **KFH** for donating an amazing Fortnum and Mason's hamper as our top prize!!

The ticket link will be emailed out shortly.



### COVID Fund:

Please help us continue to cover the extra expenses the school incurs from Covid measures. I know I speak for all of us when I say how much we appreciate the staff at the Hamlet keeping our children in education and in good health. Extra cleaning, extra cleaning supplies, brand new washing stations all cost money to implement. Help us fund the needed IT equipment here as well! <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/covid-fund>

### PTA Membership: A note from the outgoing Chairs:

I can honestly say that being Co-Chair for the last 2 years + one term has been fun and it has been great to be a part of such successful events and fundraising. It hasn't only raised some essential funds for the school, but has made the school community bond. I have met some great parents and had some great times. I fully intend to remain a part of the committee, but it would be great to have some new blood on the team.

I would like to thank my Co-Chair Philippa Hobson who has super organisation skills and brings joy to all our meetings. Philippa is also outgoing as Chair to share the role of Secretary with me. But we can only fully make this transition when others step forward. Do not be fearful, and yes you can do it! It is all possible because we have a great source of parents helping make it work.

All the best, Gillian and Philippa

See the school website for class reps and committee members.

**Note: vacancies for Chair - please email us on [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com) and let us know of your interest.**

### Christmas shopping on Amazon Smile!

Simply shop at [smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050815-0](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050815-0) or with AmazonSmile 'ON' in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile donates to Dulwich Hamlet Parent Teachers Association. Please look into putting us down as your favourite charity. Raise money while Christmas shopping!



# THE GREAT HAMLET BAKE OFF



You have truly surpassed yourselves with the Bake-Off entries that came into school this morning. We were blown-away by your creativity and culinary skills. The cakes were judged according to appearance, texture and taste – just like the real thing! The judges had very difficult decisions to make and enjoyed the process immensely.

Our thanks go to you all for participating in our Bonfire Bake-off, to the judges: Miss Thomson, Mr Purcell and Chef Fabrice, to the PTA for organising and promoting, and to the Blackbird Bakery for donating vouchers for all of our worthy winners. The overall winner also takes home a fabulous Junior Baker cookbook. Everyone that entered has received a house point for next week. This fun initiative has also supported the PTA Covid Crowd Fundraiser, currently standing at an incredible £2235. Thank you for your contributions. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/covid-fund>

**So, without further ado, the winners of The Great Hamlet Bake Off are....**

**Year 3 winner: Sofia 3D**



The judging was serious business!

**Year 4 winner: Lucia 40  
AND OVERALL WINNER**



**Year 5 winner: Jasper 5P**



**Year 6 winner: Noah 6SP**





# THE GREAT HAMLET BAKE OFF

## THE GALLERY: PART 2...

