

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I am so proud of our Y6 cohort. If you haven't already, please have a look at the pictures on twitter. They have spent the week away in France, engaging in the most amazing activities: from buying their own lunch in French from a market, to visiting the Somme and seeking out The Dulwich Old Boys. They have turned their hand to fencing, made croissants, and visited a sweet factory. A massive thank you must go to all of the staff that have organised and accompanied this school journey. They have provided our Y6 Hamleteers with an incredibly special week and memories for life. Thank you.

I am also exceptionally proud of our Y5 children. They all participated in a special 'Think It!' workshop from an organisation called Equaliteach, who led us through some thought provoking and fun activities. The children considered where we get our information from and how our opinions are formed, how believing in false information can hurt us and others, as well as what we can do to make sure that we treat others fairly. I was impressed by the quality and maturity of discussion from our Y5's, as well as their general awareness of global issues. They are a very thoughtful and considerate bunch.

Our final total raised for Macmillan Cancer Support is a staggering £1109.91. Thank you all for your support and generosity.



*In search of the Dulwich Old Boys...*

## KEY DATES

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

Special whole school assembly with Ross Gunderson from St. Barnabas

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

Y3 to Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

PTA Xmas Fair meeting 2:15-3:15pm Teaching Room

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Y4 Anglo-Saxon & Viking Day

PTA Quiz Night 7:30pm Turney Hall



*How professional do these croissants look...?!*

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
Roll over to next week!			

## GUIDANCE REGARDING MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

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We just wanted to remind parents about arrangements around administering medication in school. We follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance. In line with *Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions, December 2015* – We can only accept prescribed medicines if these are in-date, labelled, provided in the original container as dispensed by the pharmacist and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage.

If your child requires us to give medication that meets the above criteria you **MUST** come into the school office and complete a permission form for administration of the medication. We cannot administer medication without this.

Advice is that "where clinically possible, medicines should be prescribed in dose frequencies which enable them to be taken outside school hours." So for example with antibiotics to be taken three times a day they can be taken before school, after school and at bedtime.

The only exception to administration of prescribed medicine is travel sickness tablets. If your child requires travel sickness medication or bands, please make sure that these have been administered before we leave on a visit or journey. Extras can be provided for the return journey which we will administer on receipt of a completed medical form.

## INCLUSION TEAM UPDATE

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We are delighted to welcome David Galpin to our Inclusion Team. David came to us with a strong background in Special Educational Needs and he is currently undertaking his SENDCo qualification. David will be taking a lead in Year 3 and Year 4. Sharon Baxendale is continuing to work across our Multi-Academy Trust, spending two days a week with us at the Hamlet, and three days at the Belham. Sharon is taking the lead in Year 5 and Year 6.

## HARVEST

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It's Harvest time and no doubt some of you will be attending festivals to celebrate the occasion. Traditionally we have asked you to donate food & other practical household products which have been sent to the Norwood Food bank. This year we will be asking for the same type of donation but nearer to Christmas. Instead of sending a shoebox abroad we have decided to combine the two charitable events into one. More detailed information will follow after the half term holiday. We will still recognise the festival in an assembly and we're delighted that Ross Gunderson from St Barnabas Church will be joining us.

## THIS GIRL CAN!

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As we celebrate Women in Sport Week, we are highlighting successful sportswomen. We have our own talented bunch of girls and we would like to see some photos of you in action for our P.E. display. Please send any photos to the office or Miss Thomson.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ARRANGEMENTS

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We are fortunate to have so many different after school clubs and activities. We would politely like to remind everyone that sometimes a sports kit or container or other piece of equipment is required. Please ensure your child has everything they need. For sports clubs the children must change into kit. School PE kit is fine as long as they remember to bring it back into school the next day. At 4.30pm the club providers walk the children to the front gate to be collected. We ask that all parents and carers collect their child from the front gate, Turney gate is not open at this time; this is for the safety of your child.

Unfortunately there are occasions when we need to cancel a club; we will endeavour to let you know asap. In the event of bad weather we do try to accommodate clubs but most of our rooms are used after school so it's not always possible. If there's a school event or the provider needs to cancel we will always try to arrange an additional time. If, for some reason, your child cannot attend a club please let the office or club provider know.

There is a short time between the end of the day & clubs beginning; during that time your child may have a healthy snack e.g. a piece of fruit or a cereal bar & a drink. We encourage children to have a named water bottle in school & they can refill their bottle in this time.

## PTA SPECIAL!

Thank you to those who attended the AGM last Friday and thank you to everyone who supported the PTA in any way last year. You helped us raise a fantastic £17,041. Our biggest fundraisers are always the Christmas and Summer Fairs which generated a combined net income of over £10,000.

Last year we donated just over £21,000 of funds to the school. £10,000 was out of prior year funds raised, towards the development of a science and nature garden, for the children at the front of the school. £5,636 was used to purchase new library books, £1,508 on sports items and £832 to the music department from the bar profits raised at the music concerts and steel pan community event. The remainder was for the on-going annual support that the PTA provide for the school for items such as Y3 book bags (£642) refreshments for children at sporting and music events (£636) and Christmas parties, presents and Pantomime (£364).

At the AGM it was agreed that out of funds currently available approximately £8,000 would be given to the school to cover multi-purpose areas such as maths resources, art supplies, atlases and globes for humanities and indoor games. These will make a huge difference and benefit all children in the school.

Our fundraising events to be held in 2017/18 will be focussed on generating further funds to support the school in developing the space behind the Pickwick Building, 'Pickwick Courtyard', to become an outdoor reading and recreation area and adding to the library stock, as well as other initiatives.

We would urge you all to please get involved in some way, even if it is small or a one-off contribution of your time or expertise. If you work for a company that provides match funding or you run your own company which would be prepared to provide sponsorship or you can offer trade discount on items please get in touch. Or perhaps if you have artistic skills you would consider being part of our creative team.

Your PTA needs you! Please email us at [dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com](mailto:dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com)

### Before school & lunchtime sports clubs (autumn 1pupil version)

	8-9am	12.15-12.45	12.45-1.15
<b>Monday</b>		Girls football (astro) Guitar Ensemble (pan room) Recorder Ensemble (music room)	Girls football (astro) Recorder Consort (music room)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Yr 4 netball (netball courts)	Year 5 football (astro)	Year 5 football (astro)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Yr 5/6 netball (netball courts)	Year 4 football (astro) Windband (music room)	Year 4 football (astro) Woodwind Ensemble (music room)
<b>Thursday</b>	All years cross country (Griffin field)	Year 6 football (astro)	Year 6 football (astro)
<b>Friday</b>	All years Handball (Turney Playground) Dance (Village Hall)	Year 3 football (astro) Choir (Turney Hall)	Year 3 football (astro)

