

THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

A very warm welcome back to the new school year to you all. We do hope that you had a good summer break. It has been lovely to see all of the children, both our experienced Hamleteers and our new pupils from across the school, settling so confidently and calmly into their new year groups and classes. There is always so much to learn at the beginning of a school year: where things are, the rules and routines of the school. You mustn't be afraid to ask – we really are a friendly lot! We hope that all of our new pupils will enjoy making new friends with those in their classes and year groups.

We have also welcomed several new members of staff to the team this week: Mrs Lilian Koder has joined us as SENDCo, Miss Phuong Nguyen and Miss Maddy Davies as class teachers, Mrs Amanda Freshwater and Mrs Katy Obregon as teaching assistants, and Mrs Donna Vernon as a midday supervisor and member of the B&ASC team. I know that you will make them all feel welcome.

Mrs Sharon Baxendale who has been with us at the Hamlet since 2007, and last year was working with us one day a week as Assistant Headteacher/Inclusion Manager, will now be located full-time with this role at our sister school, The Belham, in Peckham. We look forward to our continued work with Sharon across the Dulwich Educational Hamlet Trust.

While we all 'downed-tools', the Premises Team ensured that we had a clean and safe school to return to. On top of that, our main music room received a well-needed makeover and mini extension, and Turney Hall had all of the main lights replaced with new LED ones. A good job well-done. Many thanks to Jim, Dan and Ade for making this all happen.

In our first whole school assembly this week, I started talking to the children about what it is to be a Hamleteer and how every member of our school community has an important part to play. They may have come home talking about tangram puzzles! I also talked briefly about our core School Values, which are as follows:



We incorporate and talk about the values within our day-to-day work and general Hamlet life, they provide us with a shared vocabulary and understanding of our expectations. We will talk more about our

Values in the weeks to come. We have seen genuine enthusiasm and effort from the children this week - setting a fantastic 'tone' for the year ahead.

While this is a particularly lengthy first Hamlet Herald of the year, I hope you find the content informative and of interest.

KEY DATES AND RELATED INFORMATION

Tuesday 10th September

Thames Festival rehearsal for selected Choir members

Wednesday 11th September

'Meet the Teacher' meetings for Y3 parents 2-5pm, Burbage

Thursday 12th September

Y6 visit to Tate Britain

'Meet the Teacher' meetings for Y3 parents 2-5pm, Burbage
Secondary transfer meeting for Y6 parents, Village Hall 6:00pm

Friday 13th September

Sapphire Air to wear House colours

You can view all weekly events on the home page of our website, which will include all sporting fixtures, there's just too many to list here! You can also find the link to our google calendar, allowing you to look much further ahead.

You will also continue to receive our year group Two Weekly Calendars every Friday by email, providing you with specific year group information for your child/ren

Our list of Autumn Term 2019 Key Dates has been attached to the end of the Hamlet Herald to help you plan ahead. There are a few amendments since our last mail for example, a few class assemblies. Specific details for events/activities will be communicated with you nearer the time.

We have also attached our 2019/20 Term Dates to help you with planning and booking family holidays – any holidays taken during term time are unauthorised.

Our aim is to give you plenty of notice. DHJS school life is a packed and busy one! There may, however, be times when dates do need to alter, or activities cancelled at short notice. In such circumstances, we will inform you as early as practically possible.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
To resume next week			

A WELCOME BACK FROM OUR PTA

Welcome back everyone and welcome to all the new children and parents joining us this year.

We have had a great response from Y3 parents offering to help the PTA. If you have offered to be a class rep for any year, please get in touch with me on dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com Philippa Hobson is nominated to be Co-Chair and I have offered to stay on as Chair.

The Hamlet PTA needs you!

Each year we add new members to our committee and we are keen to meet you and add your experience to our mix.

Treasurer – any experience with keeping accounts? It's not too complicated and we have an experienced treasurer Sarah willing to hand over and train up.

Treasurer assistant- someone to co-sign on the expense and run to the bank with cash and make up floats and count the money.

Secretary – help us out with a bit of minute taking, and keeping tabs on us to ensure we follow the charitable rules.

Y6 committee members – Y6 parents who will run the end of school events.

General committee members who regularly help out with the big events.

We are looking forward to setting up a new team please get in touch!! dulwichhamletpta@gmail.com

And all welcome to our AGM September 27th at 9am, Burbage building at the Hamlet.
Gillian Shields (Co-Chair PTA)

PE

PE for all year groups starts next week. The PE days are as follows: Y6 Monday, Y4 Tuesday, Y3 Wednesday and Y5 Thursday. Please ensure your child has kit in school on their PE day. This term, two of the sports we're teaching in Y6 are football and hockey. It's **NOT** compulsory for lessons, but your child may wear shin pads and a mouth guard if they wish. If your child is chosen for the hockey team they will definitely need both of these.

THE MILE RUN

It was great to see so many of you joining us for our 3x weekly runs last year – a fantastic way to start the day! This term we will continue to run the mile on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** mornings. No booking required, just turn up at **8.30am** and head over to Griffin field via the gate in Village playground. All members of the family are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



LAMDA SUCCESS

After being patient for the whole of the summer holidays, we were able to present our Y5 and Y6 children who were entered for their LAMDA examinations back in July with their certificates in assembly today. All of the children passed with flying colours, boasting an incredible 8 merits and 28 distinctions; well-deserved recognition. Many thanks to Lucy Akril for her work in preparing this group of children to achieve these stunning results.

OPEN HOUSE LONDON

The Belham Primary School (our sister school in Maxted Road Peckham), is delighted to be participating in Open House London for a second year. If you haven't yet had the chance to view the school on the inside, please do come along on Saturday 21st September from 10am until 4.15pm where there will be guided tours of up to 20 people, every 45 minutes.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have included the school autumn lunch menu within the Hamlet Herald today. It can also be viewed on our website via the 'Our School' tab.

All children have the opportunity to receive a free school meal every day which is provided by our new this term catering company: Principals. We have also attached a welcome letter from Principals to our community. Fabrice continues to be our Head Chef and he and the team work hard to provide two main courses, one of which will be vegetarian, plus a pudding. Salads and fresh fruit are also served every day, with water, milk or juice provided with meals - the roast dinner on Wednesday was particularly yummy, with much positive feedback from the children themselves.

We recognise that everyone has their own food preferences, but hope that our menus provide a range of interesting meals that will appeal to our children. We will be on week 2 of the menu next week.

So that we can cater for the correct numbers each day, we need to know if your child is going to be having packed lunches. You will have notified us via your starter pack forms if this is to be the case. Children need to stick with their arrangements for a full half-term before we are able to make changes.

Y3 parents and carers will be invited to join us for a 'Taster Lunch' later this half term. Details to follow shortly.

DHJS HOUSES

All of our new children will learn of their House early next week. We congratulate the winning House for each week in our weekly Achievement and Values Assembly which takes place on a Friday afternoon – a lovely for the way for the whole school to come together and celebrate.

We count up the house points termly, which include bonus points for other school activities, for example, inter-house sports tournaments. The winners for last term were Sapphire Air. In recognition of this, we will allow all children in **Sapphire Air to wear their own clothes to school next Friday, 13th September**, with the one condition, that at least one item worn has to be in their House colour: blue!

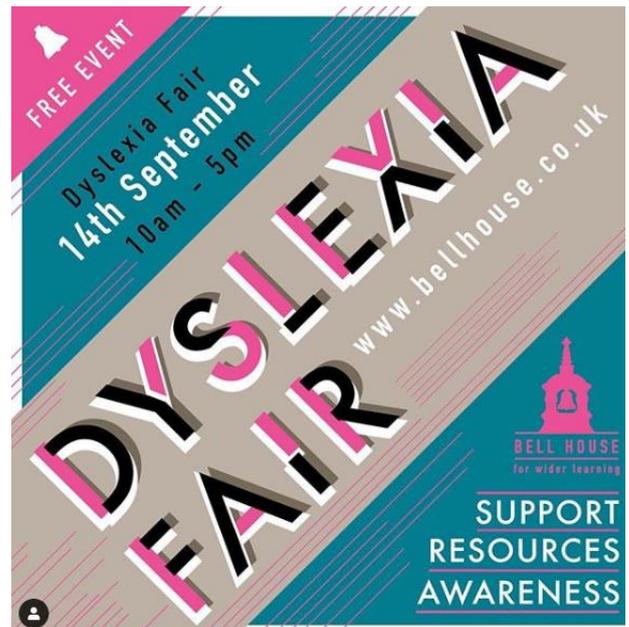
INFORMATION FROM BELL HOUSE

This September, Bell House is hosting its second dyslexia fair. A day dedicated to raising awareness and a chance for families and teachers to meet specialist suppliers, publishers, technological innovators and educators.

There will be stalls where you can try out different products designed to aid dyslexic learning and talk to specialists who have tips 'n' tricks ready to help.

FREE EVENT - everyone welcome

Please visit www.bellhouse.co.uk for details





Principals

A little bit about us

Principals is one of the UK's longest established school caterers, providing sustenance to students for almost 30 years and we really know our onions – sourced, like many of our ingredients, from British farms. We have long been pioneering in our approach to school meals, producing beautifully cooked fresh food for the next generation, and we are proud to say we are creating future foodies every day.

We champion great food and communal eating experiences that promote health, happiness and wellbeing.



Hello from Principals Catering!

We are proud to be the new caterer at Dulwich Hamlet Junior School and can't wait to take you on a journey of change to improve the food and service. We want to revolutionise school lunchtimes and show you what catering for the future really means.

www.principals-catering.com



Creating a culture of food

To help children understand where their food comes from, we work to create a culture of food in our schools. We sponsor vegetable gardens, invite suppliers and experts to talk at assemblies, hold cookery classes and celebrate global culture with theme days and pop-ups.

Our 360-degree approach links growing, menu composition, cooking and lifestyle tips to take home.

Connecting with parents

To reassure you that your children's wellbeing is at the heart of our service, we will take every opportunity to meet parents and guardians, getting involved with school events, hosting parents' evening and communicating regularly.

Our food

We are fanatical about food and healthy eating and are proud of our 'cook from scratch' approach. Most of our vegetables, meat and eggs come from Kent and our suppliers are certified to national standards that ensure high quality and excellent animal welfare.

Our menus are created to make the most of seasonal ingredients and are accredited to the Soil Association's Bronze Food for Life standard. We will offer three hot choices daily, including delicious vegetarian dishes, and our salad bar is legendary, with a choice of 10 simple and big bowl salads and lots of dressings and toppings on the side.

The Pudding Club will feature three choices, with fruit, yoghurt and homemade treats and the children will be able to help themselves to water and homemade breads, all laid out on the dining tables.



We can't wait to get cracking!

Principals is ready to take Dulwich Hamlet on an amazing journey that offers a real point of difference by delivering an advanced marketing and community programme unique to your school. Our focus is fixed on the catering team who will deliver the best customer service, looking after your children and nourishing them with beautiful food cooked from scratch.

THE Fresh COLLECTIVE

AUTUMN AND WINTER MAIN MENU

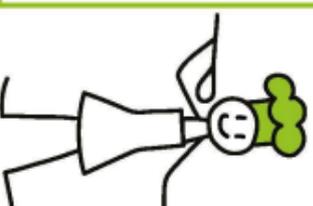
Available Daily: handmade bread & fresh fruit.
Available throughout the week – jacket potatoes and fillings,
pasta bar, yoghurt & Principals pantry selection



WEEK	DAY	MAINS		SIDES		PUDDINGS
		Meat	Vegetarian			
2 nd Sept 23 rd Sept	Monday	Cheese & tomato pizza ^(1,2,3,4,11)	Vegetable tagine & couscous ⁽²⁾	½ baked potato, sweetcorn, baked beans		Strawberry mousse ⁽¹⁾
14 th Oct	Tuesday	Mad chicken curry ⁽²⁾	Sweet potato & chickpea curry	Lemon & pea rice, broccoli, carrot & courgette		Pear & chocolate marble sponge ^(1,2,11) / chocolate sauce ⁽¹⁾
11 th Nov	Wednesday	Roast pork & gravy	Winter casserole cobbler ^(1,2)	Skin-on roast potatoes, cabbage, winter roots		Rice pudding ⁽¹⁾ & jam ^(1,2)
2 nd Dec	Thursday	Pasta Bolognese ⁽²⁾	Tomato pasta bake ^(1,2)	Herby bread ^(1,3,6,11) , carrots, sweetcorn		Only apple crumble ⁽²⁾ & custard ⁽¹⁾
6 th Jan 27 th Jan	Friday	Fish fingers/salmon fishcakes ^(1,2)	Spinach & cheddar quiche ^(1,2,11)	Chips, baked beans, peas		Cookie choice ⁽³⁾
9 th Sept 30 th Sept	Monday	Mac & cheese ^(1,2,3,4)	Vegetable biryani	Broccoli, sweetcorn		Chocolate orange brownie ^(1,2,3,11)
28 th Oct	Tuesday	Pork sausages ^(1,2)	Quorn sausage ^(1,2,3,11)	Mashed potato, baked beans, peas		Fruit sponge ^(1,2,11) & custard ⁽¹⁾
18 th Nov	Wednesday	Roast turkey & gravy	Tuscan bean stew & couscous ⁽²⁾	Roast potatoes, carrots, cabbage		Fruit jelly
9 th Dec 13 th Jan	Thursday	Beef lasagne ^(1,2,3,4)	Vegetable lasagne ^(1,2,3,4)	Garlic bread ^(1,2,6,11) , garden salad, sweetcorn		Fruit salad
3 rd Feb	Friday	Battered fish ^(1,2,3)	Cheese & leek pasty ^(1,3)	Chips, baked beans, peas		Iced carrot cake ^(1,2,11)
16 th Sept 7 th Oct	Monday	Margherita pizza ^(1,2,3,6,11)	Vegetable chilli & rice	Baked potato wedges, baked beans, sweetcorn		Cherry shortbread ⁽²⁾
4 th Nov	Tuesday	Moroccan chicken	Mediterranean pasta bake ^(1,2)	Rice, broccoli, winter salad		Orchard goodie ⁽²⁾ & custard ⁽¹⁾
25 th Nov 16 th Dec	Wednesday	Roast beef & gravy	Spinach & pepper souffle potato ^(1,11)	Roast potatoes, cauliflower, carrots		Chocolate mousse ⁽¹⁾
20 th Jan	Thursday	Chicken pie & gravy ⁽²⁾	Quorn sausage & bean casserole ^(1,2,3,11)	Mashed potato ⁽¹⁾ , peas, root vegetables		Fruit salad
10 th Feb	Friday	Fish fingers ^(1,2)	Mixed bean wrap ⁽²⁾	Chips, sweetcorn, baked beans		Ice cream ⁽¹⁾ or yoghurt ⁽¹⁾

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts, 6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg, 12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE



Key Dates for Autumn term 2019

Y3 -
 Y4 -
 Y5 -
 Y6 -
 Whole Sch -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
03.09.19	Autumn term starts	Normal School time 8:55am
06.09.19	Y3 Trip to Belair Park	09.00-11.00
11.09.19	Y3 Meet the Teacher meetings	Burbage - 14.00-17.00
12.09.19	Y6 Trip to Tate Britain	09.00-15.00
12.09.19	Y3 Meet the Teacher meetings	Burbage - 14.00-17.00
12.09.19	Y6 Curriculum and Secondary Transfer Meeting	Turney Hall 18:00-19:30
15.09.19	Totally Thames Festival Performance (selected Choir members)	10.00-14.00
16.09.19	*After School Clubs Begin*	15.25-16.30
17.09.19	Y6 to visit Houses of Parliament	All day
18.09.19	Y3 Curriculum Evening	Village Hall – 18.00-19.00
19.09.19	Y4 Curriculum Evening	Village Hall – 18.00-19.00
19.09.19	Y5 Curriculum Evening	Turney Hall – 18.00-19.00
26.09.19	Y3 Trip to Horton Kirby	09.00-15.45
27.09.19	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Village Playground 08.00-09.00
27.09.19	PTA AGM	Burbage 09.00-10.00
03.10.19	Visit from Adrian Barnett – Rainforest Ecologist	Turney Hall 09.00-14.15
09.10.19	Y3 Visit to Primary Proms	Royal Albert Hall 09.00-13.00
09.10.19	6SP Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.30
10.10.19	PTA Quiz Night	Turney Hall 19.30-22.00
14.10.19	X2 Y5 Classes to Ragged Museum	All day
15.10.19	XI Y5 Class to Ragged Museum	All day
16.10.19	Flu Jabs – Whole School	09.00-14.00
16.10.19	3H Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.30
16.10.19	Open Classroom	15.25-16.15
17.10.19	Open Classroom	8.30-8.50
17.10.19	Parent Café – Online Safety	Burbage - 09.00-10.00
21.10.19 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 25.10.19		
28.10.19	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils
29.10.19	New Parent Tour	13.45-14.45 (booking via school office)
31.10.19	Parent Cafe: New parents to DHJS this year, not via DVIS	Burbage - 9.00-10.00
31.10.19	Shakespeare Performance at Greenwich Theatre	Details to follow
01.11.19	XI Y4 Class to Sky Skills Studios	All day
08.11.19	Bonfire Night Cake Sale	Village Playground 15.25-16.25
12.11.19	XI Y5 Class to Black Cultural Archives	09.30-13.00
13.11.19	6GR Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.30
13.11.19	XI Y5 Class to Black Cultural Archives	09.30-13.00
15.11.19	New Parent Tour	09.15-10.15 (booking via school office)
15.11.19	XI Y5 Class to Black Cultural Archives	09.30-13.30
15.11.19	XI Y4 Class to Sky Skills Studios	All day, late return
20.11.19	Open Education Anti-Bullying Show and Workshops	All day
22.11.19	XI Y4 Class to Sky Skills Studios	All day, late return
23.11.19	PTA Christmas Fair	12.30-15.00
27.11.19	Parents Evening	15.30-19.00
28.11.19	Parents Evening	15.30-17.30
06.12.19	Christmas Tree Decoration	15.30-17.30
10.12.19	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church	X2 Performances – 10.00 & 14.00
13.12.19	New Parent Tour	09.15-10.15 (booking via school office)
13.12.19	Christmas Cake Sale	Village playground 15.25-16.25
16.12.19	Y3 & Y5 tbc. Christmas Parties	13.30-15.30
17.12.19	Music Concert tbc.	19.00-20.30
18.12.19	Y4 & Y6 tbc. Christmas Parties	13.30-15.30
20.12.19	Last day of term	13.25 last registration
07.01.20	Term starts	Normal School time 08.55



Dulwich Hamlet Junior School

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 Friday 8 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 day – Monday 13 April 2020

May Bank Holiday – Friday 8 May 2020

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 25 May 2020

Summer Bank Holiday – Monday 31 August 2020