

THE HAMLET HERALD



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Thank you very much for your response to the 'Votes for Values' initiative. You are an incredibly engaged bunch and we received over 100 votes! An incredible turnout over three days at a busy time of year. We look forward to our 'launch' in January.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas:

We are now in the final rehearsal stages of our Christmas play. It would help us and your child if they knew all the words to the songs off by heart. The words have been sent home via the book bags, please encourage your child to learn them over the weekend.

Polite reminder - no food or coffee cups are allowed in the church. There will be a collection at the end of each performance, the proceeds of which will be going to the Alzheimer's Society, our chosen charity for this Christmas.

A big thank you to all those children who entered the Christmas play programme front cover design competition. After much deliberation we have 4 winners; congratulations to: Natasha 4G, Matilda 4G, Niamh 5P and Oliver 5P. Some of the entries were so good we've used them as posters for classrooms; well done to Lara 5P, Alex 3C and Hana 4G.

Festive Hat Day:

We are inviting all children and staff to wear a festive hat or head piece for the day for the small donation of £1, which we will add to our fund raising efforts for the Alzheimer's Society.

We will also be eating our traditional Christmas lunch on the same day, with both children and staff coming together to enjoy an extended lunch break with festive activities. Those children who usually have packed lunch have been invited to have school lunch on that day; if you have not yet informed the office of your decision, please do so by emailing the office so that we can cater for the correct numbers. **Deadline TODAY!** (as per email sent earlier this week)

To add to the Christmas spirit, we will be watching a pantomime courtesy of 16ft Productions, kindly paid for by the PTA.

KEY DATES

PLEASE NOTE: All before and after school clubs have now finished until January unless your child's club has a session to make up. Please check the website for details.

Tuesday 11th December

Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church, 10am & 2pm, **by ticket only, please bring with you**
Deadline for Parent Governor voting, 12pm

Wednesday 12th December

'Be Internet Legends' whole school assembly
Please bring in your Christmas food bags for the Norwood Foodbank from today

Thursday 13th December

Christmas Pantomime 'Snow White'
Christmas Lunch & Festive Hat Day



Friday 14th December

Christmas bags collected by Norwood Foodbank 10am
PTA Christmas cake sale, Village playground 3:25pm

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Please don't forget to cast your vote! You have until 12pm on Tuesday 11th December to do this. Nominee personal statements can be found on the website – follow this link: <http://www.dulwichhamletjuniorschool.org.uk/governors.html> or via the front page on the website. You will also see the statements on the school noticeboard by the main gates in Village.

WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
86	48	97	43

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES/EVENTS (continued)

Christmas Cards:

The Dulwich Hamlet Post Boxes will be in operation for any children wishing to send cards to other pupils or staff between Wednesday 12th and Wednesday 19th December. There will be one box in Village for lower school, and one in Turney for Upper school. Children have been reminded to write names and classes clearly on envelopes – we have many children that share the first name!

Christmas Parties:

Our traditional year group parties will be as follows – Y3 and Y5 Monday 17th December, Y4 and Y6 Wednesday 19th December. The parties will take place in the afternoon; the children should come into school wearing uniform as usual, they may bring in their party clothes and change after lunch. Please put all party clothes in a named bag. Many thanks to the PTA for providing a party snack and drink for every child.

Christmas Music Concert:

We are delighted that our concert can once again take place in the Vaughan Williams Auditorium at JAGs. Any child that is a regular member of an ensemble will be performing and will bring home 2 tickets per family. The concert will take place on **Tuesday 18th December at 7pm**. Not wanting to get things muddled with our performance next week at St. Barnabas, we will send home a letter with your tickets via the book bags on Wednesday next week. (12th)

WELL DONE Y5 MILERS!

Well done Year 5! Fantastic turn out this week, you are now in the lead for the year groups. We've had to finish the morning mile until January due to the amount of things going on in school and the weather has made the field very muddy. Year 6 will have their chance to run early in the new term.

