

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Welcome back to the new term and to the New Year 2022! I do hope that you were able to have a peaceful and enjoyable festive break, even if it may have been disrupted by self-isolation, or indeed, illness.

We are delighted to be back to 'business as usual', specifically after our Covid mayhem during the final couple of weeks in December.

Y3 have been transported back in time to the Stone Age this week, Y6 have enjoyed workshops with *West End in Schools*, kick-starting their English learning on fairy tales, Y5 have experienced a dramatic 'break-in', immersing themselves into their new text and all things Victorian: *Street Child*, and Y4 have been cowering under their desks, hiding from *Grendel the monster*! Never a dull moment...

We held our final prospective parent and carer tour this morning, and our Y5 tour guides were fantastic Hamlet ambassadors as always. They were described by our guests as being 'enthusiastic, proud and confident'. We certainly couldn't be prouder.

## DOODLEVISION



Now we are back in the swing of things, we are looking forward to seeing a firm commitment from our Hamleteers in terms of their Doodle homework. Whether a shorter daily approach, or a more 'blocked' weekly/twice weekly session is the preferred routine for your family, as well as being part of our Homework expectations, we can definitely spot our Hamleteers who are regular doodlers. It really does make a difference.

The top three classes with the highest % of being in 'the green zone' this week are:

**First place** (12 points): **5TS** **50%**

**Second place** (11 points): **4B** **43%**

**Third place** (10 points): **5P** **38%**



Many congratulations. Keep on doodling everyone!

## KEY DATES

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January

After school clubs begin for the spring term

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Young Voices concert at the O2 – **POSTPONED**. New date tbc.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Y3 Parent and Carer Café – Linguistic Phonics. 9am, Burbage.

Please book your place via the office email.

Wonderdome (Planetarium) for Y5, Turney Hall

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January

ZooLab workshops for Y6 and Y4

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Deadline for primary admissions: Reception and Y3 (junior schs)

**Please see our Key Dates for Spring Term 2022 further on in the HH, also available via the website**

## LAST CALL FOR PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

A final reminder for those of you with siblings currently in Y2. Please do not forget to submit your online application by Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Applications for Southwark residents should be submitted online via the Southwark website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions>

If you live in a different borough, you apply via their admissions website.

Please do not hesitate to ask us if you need any support with this process.

## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
8	10	4	7

## OUR LEARNING GRIDS/SPELLING LETTERS

We would like to draw your attention to the new year group 'Our Learning Grids' which have been disseminated both as a hard copy, and electronically this week. If you haven't seen yours, please check the book bag! The grids are also always available on the website.

The grids are a good starting point for you to have an overview of the areas of learning and specific topics being covered in class for each half-term. They can also provide you with additional home learning/family activities that may be of use/interest to you which you can access as you wish. They are also a good place to find links for useful websites, and a further reference point for key dates, specific to your child's year group.

Our half-termly spelling letters were also emailed out to you all today. These give you a week by week break down of the spelling rules/patterns/sounds the children are learning. Some time each week reviewing these spellings as part of your child's homework routine can really benefit and support the learning the children are doing in class.

## COVID-19 INFO/CLARIFICATION

With all of the constant changes regarding Covid, it is not a surprise that we all get confused with where we are at! Even our updated documentation from this week is going to require a re-vamp...

One of the recent questions we have received is regarding testing, specifically if you or your child has already tested positive within the previous 90 days.

The most recent NHS guidance tells us that:

**You should not do another PCR test within 90 days of your positive result, unless you:**

- *have any new symptoms of COVID-19*

In which case, your child should self-isolate, take a PCR test, and if positive, continue the self-isolation period.

You are probably aware of the most recent change which comes in to effect on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January: Anyone who is asymptomatic and receives a positive LFD result, will be required to self-isolate, but no longer required to confirm with a PCR. Following two negative LFD tests on day 6 and 7, starting the day after the positive test, your child can then return to school.

The DfE has also now clarified the position should you or your child continue to test positive via an LFD after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of an isolation period. The DfE tells us that as long as your child is well, with no temperature, they can be released from self-isolation after the 10<sup>th</sup> day, even if the LFD is still saying positive.

Regarding absence: As stated in previous communications, any absence due to quarantine from travelling abroad that falls within school term time, will be recorded as unauthorised. We ask that you factor these extra days in that may be required for any future holiday plans.

We will of course continue to keep you updated with amendments as we learn of them and as appropriate.

## EARLY HELP SIGNPOSTING

All parents will at some point struggle with parenting their children and may need some practical support, a listening ear, or advice on what to do when parenting becomes a challenge. The Family Early Help Service (FEHS) are offering a range of universal parenting courses and targeted, evidenced based parenting group work programmes across the borough for parents/carers of children aged 0-19 years. The programmes will be delivered by trained parent facilitators, or specialist facilitators from their field of work. A key aspect of our work is to signpost you to such services and opportunities. Please see a selection of flyers on the next page that may be of interest to you.

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**NHS**  
South London and Maudsley  
NHS Foundation Trust

### Feeling overwhelmed? Trying to manage the stresses of parenting?

Join our research into a new parenting group for parents of children, aged 2-11, who experience strong emotions and struggle to trust in relationships.

- Learn discipline strategies that work
  - Improve communication
- Meet other parents who share your experience
  - Enjoy family life more

For more information, sign up here:  
[https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3luWeTjmKHZaKYC](https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3luWeTjmKHZaKYC) or email [ellie.baker@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ellie.baker@kcl.ac.uk)

Good parenting ideas based on science, research & experience

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# EARLY HELP SIGNPOSTING



## **EPEC Being a Parent Group:**

This 9-week course helps parents with children aged 2-11 years learn practical skills for everyday life

- Looking after yourself as a parent
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience

Tuesday mornings at Cobourg Primary School SE5  
OR  
Thursday mornings at Rye Oak Children's Centre SE15

Starting 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
10am-12pm

For more information/ to book a place, please contact: Claire Gager

Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team

07547 659 646

[Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk)

"I found the EPEC parenting course amazing. I learnt new things and I feel more relaxed when I come to a challenge with my child."



## **EPEC Being a Parent Together:**

This 10 week online course helps co-parents learn practical skills for everyday life.

For co-parents with children aged 2-11 years.

Wednesday mornings, 10am to 12pm

Starting Wednesday 12th January 2022 for 10 weeks (excluding February half term)

Dads and Mums want the best for their children, and sometimes it can be hard to agree about how to parent our children. This course, delivered by parents who have already benefited from this learning with their own children and families, will help you be the best for your children, whether you are living together or apart. Both parents need to attend and the group will help you to work together for your children. This course includes:

- Looking after yourselves as parents
- Recognise and manage your children's emotions
- Learn positive parenting strategies
- Support your children's resilience
- Work together as a team to support your children

For more information, please contact Claire Gager at Southwark Family Early Help Parenting Team;

07547 659 646

[Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.gager@southwark.gov.uk)

"It's been such a beneficial course for both of us, not just as parents but as individuals"

## **KEEPING Families STRONG**

### Family Early Help Parenting Service Father's Group

The Father's Group provides a space for Father's, or men with any caring responsibility for children, to talk, learn, listen and discuss the difficulties of fatherhood. Participants will learn about a range of subjects from discipline, positive parenting and communication, to role modeling, mental & emotional health awareness and online safety.

#### What will I gain by taking part?

By taking part in the Father's Group, you will:

- Meet other Father's/male carers
- Receive information and strategies for bringing up your children
- Get help to ensure your voice is heard
- Be provided with a safe, judgment free space, to air your struggles
- Offered help and support from the group as well as from the facilitators if needed

#### Who will be there?

- The Father's group, as the name suggests, is a group based programme
- You will usually take part alongside 6 – 10 other fathers.
- The programme will run by two male 'facilitators', who have undergone extensive training to ensure that everyone gets the most out of the programme.

#### What will the programme provide?

- A safe space to share your views and be listened to
- An opportunity to get information and ideas to help with decisions about bringing up your children
- New skills, and support in developing your confidence
- Connections with the wider communities and services in your area.

#### How long is the course?

- The course will last for 8 weeks and each session will be 2 hours.
- All sessions will be virtual (online)

#### What do I have to do?

- Get involved! Although the facilitators will give information and techniques to help you, the Father's Group works best when everyone takes part fully.

#### When will the groups be held?

- Fridays, 10:00 – 12:00 – Start date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

For more information on the Fathers Group, please contact Please contact Ben Campbell on (T) 07738 860 768 or (E) [ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk)

## Family support for digital when you need it

Parent Zone Local can help you with  
everything related to digital family life.

- 📶 Live virtual events
- 📶 Tech guides & games
- 📶 Online parent courses
- 📶 Local support and advice

Explore the [Parent Zone Local website](https://pzlocal.org.uk) today – and contact your local guide, who can help if you have a problem. Whatever your family needs around digital, Parent Zone Local is here for you.

VISIT [pzlocal.org.uk](https://pzlocal.org.uk)

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# Dulwich Hamlet Primary School - Week 2

## Weekly menu

### Monday

Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Jacket Potato Wedges

Mild Beef Chilli served with Yellow Rice

Salmon Jambalaya (Salmon with Vegetable Rice)

Mild Vegetable Chilli served with Yellow Rice

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Sweetcorn and Carrots

Cauliflower and Green Beans

Fruity Flapjack

Shortbread with Fruit Wedges

### Tuesday

Roast Turkey and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes

Vegetable Pinwheel served with Roast Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Carrots and Steamed Cabbage

Ice Cream and Peaches

### Wednesday

Beef Meatballs served with Spaghetti in a Tomato Sauce

Lentil Veggie Loaf served with Spaghetti in a Tomato Sauce

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Sweetcorn and Cauliflower

Chocolate Flavour Sponge with Custard

### Thursday

Breaded Fish Fillet with Chips, Coleslaw and Tomato Ketchup

Vegetable Turnover with Chips and Coleslaw

Jacket Potato with Beans/Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise

Baked Beans or MUSHY Peas

Chocolate and Date Brownie

### Friday



Available daily

Freshly Baked Bread, Salad Bar and Yoghurt

w/c: 10th January, 31st January, 21st February, 14th March and 4th April

**HARRISON**  
food with thought

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2022

Y3 - 
 Y4 - 
 Y5 - 
 Y6 - 
 Whole School -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
<b>05.01.22</b>	<b>Spring term starts for children</b>	<b>Normal School time 8:55am</b>
06.01.22	Y6 West End in Schools workshops	Turney Hall, morning
07.01.22	Final New Parent Tour	9:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
10.01.22	* After School Clubs Resume*	Contact office for further details
12.01.22	POSTPONED Young Voices Concert – Y4/5/6 Choir members	The O2 Arena (new date tbc)
13.01.22	Y5 Wonderdome workshop	Turney Hall, morning
13.01.22	Y3 Linguistic Phonics Parent Café	Burbage, 9:00-9:30 (details in January)
14.01.22	ZooLab workshops for both Y4 and Y6	Various sessions throughout the day
20.01.22	Height and Weight Checks for Y6	National Child Measurement Programme
25.01.22	Y3 Visit to the Horniman Museum	All day, off-site
26.01.22	5P & 5G visit to the Charles Dickens Museum	All day, off-site
26.01.22	5TS Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
02.02.22	5TS Visit to the Charles Dickens Museum	All day, off-site
02.02.22	4B Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
08.02.22	Safer Internet Day	Related activities throughout the week
09.02.22	5G Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
10.02.22	Y4 Portals to the Past workshops	All day
11.02.22	Re-scheduled Bassistry Arts World Music workshops	Y5/6 & special whole school performance
	<b>14.02.22 HALF TERM HOLIDAY 18.02.22</b>	
03.03.22	Y6 Junior Citizenship Scheme	Afternoon, Old Kent Road Fire Station
04.03.22	DHJS World Book Day Celebrations	Dress-up day! Details in due course
18.03.22	DHJS does Red Nose Day	Details in due course
22.03.22	Y3 visit to Buster Farm	All day, off-site
23.03.22	4O Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
30.03.22	4S Class Assembly	Grown-ups welcome, Turney Hall, 9:10am
31.03.22	Y4 Visit to Battle Abbey	All day, off-site
<b>01.04.22</b>	<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Normal finish time, 3:25pm</b>