

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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### HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

What a glorious first week back – and I'm not just talking about the weather! The children have taken the return back to school in their stride, and it has been such a joy seeing them at play, as well as getting stuck-in to their learning both within and beyond the classroom.

There's always lots to remember at the beginning of a new academic year, for the children, parents and staff alike! As such, we've taken the opportunity to include some key reminders for you within the HH this week, which we hope will be helpful.

### OUR LEARNING GRIDS

We try to keep hard copies of communications to an absolute minimum. That said, you will always find a hard copy of your child's 'Our Learning Grid' in the book bags at the beginning/or end of every half-term. They have all been distributed this week, providing a snap-shot of curriculum coverage for autumn 1. You can also always find these on the website: Our school tab → Curriculum → Our Curriculum.



### STAFF NEWS

It is always sad when we have to say 'goodbye' to one of our team members. Today, we say 'goodbye' to our teaching assistant Mrs Edwards. She is embarking on a completely new adventure, working for British Airways, up in the sky! We wish her all the very best and thank her for her valued contributions to DHJS over the past few years.

### DOODLEVISION

Returns next week – time to get Doodling.....! (Y3 logins coming soon)



### KEY DATES

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

After school clubs begin

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Y6 Secondary Transfer Meeting, 6pm, online – will also be recorded. Zoom link to follow next week for Y6 families

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Y5 swimming starts (separate letter sent earlier this week)

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

PTA uniform shop open 9-9:30am, Turney Road entrance

### PTA – CAN YOU HELP?

The PTA uniform shop was 'buzzing' this morning and over £500 was raised – incredible! It will be open again for the next two Friday mornings, before we move to a once every few weeks schedule. We will always post the dates in the HH.

As with all PTA activities, the shop doesn't happen without willing volunteers. The PTA would love to set-up a rota of people to help run the shop to assist with the smooth operations. Even if you can offer one Friday morning session, your help will be much appreciated. Please contact the PTA via email if you are able to offer some time:

And, please hold the date! The PTA AGM is taking place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm**, here at school. More details to follow. **THIS IS A VERY RECENT CHANGE OF DATE!**

### WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

<b>Topaz Water</b>	<b>Ruby Fire</b>	<b>Garnet Earth</b>	<b>Sapphire Air</b>
Starting back next week!			

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS INFORMATION

We are so fortunate to be able to offer numerous after school clubs ranging from art and craft to sport, and we are delighted that so many of our Hamleteers are keen to take up the offer and get involved.

All clubs start next week. Clubs start at 3.30pm and run for an hour. At 4.30pm, all the children are dismissed from the front gate in Village playground.

3.30pm snacks... We would prefer your child not to have a snack between finishing class and starting club. However, we do recognise that some children may need a small something just to see them through the rest of the afternoon. Any snacks should be healthy ones and please be mindful that we have a number of different food allergies in school.

Sport clubs: if your child has PE on the same day as an after-school club, they are ready and dressed appropriately. If your child doesn't have PE on a day they are attending a sport club, they will need to bring in their school PE kit and change at the end of the day. It's good practice to change clothing for sport; as a minimum they must have a pair of trainers in order to be able to participate.

The children will be reminded about clubs and the logistics involved in assemblies, as well as from their class teachers. All class teachers have club lists, and we have a dedicated 'club runner' to assist during the hour and dismissing at 4.30pm.

**We are mindful that parents are waiting to pay for clubs and indeed, other items too. Please do not panic, you will not lose any places already offered for clubs. The facility to make payments (via our ParentPay system) will be up and running for you early next week.**

## SCHOOL UNIFORM (and associated bits!)

Our school uniform is simple and when everyone wears the combo of blue and jade, the pupils look fantastic and proud to be part of Dulwich Hamlet Junior School. We ask that the children wear a jade polo shirt or navy t-shirt (these can be the school branded ones or plain), navy trousers, shorts or a skirt. We also have the option of a navy cardigan, a navy sweatshirt and the navy hoodies (these can also be the school brand ones with the logo or plain).

Socks should be plain blue, black or grey, and we ask that all children wear socks every day. Shoes should cover the whole foot, be dark in colour and be practical for moving around the school and running at break and lunchtimes. We also allow plain black trainers for everyday wear.

All of our uniform is available online, or we have a well-stocked second-hand uniform shop run by the PTA on certain Friday mornings. See Key Dates section of the HH.

Our PE kit is a white t-shirt with the school logo or plain white, navy shorts and trainers. Tracksuit bottoms are allowed for outside PE in the winter months although the children do need shorts for dance and gymnastics. If your child chooses to wear black trainers as their 'school shoe' they will need a separate pair of trainers for PE and the daily mile.

The children also need to bring in a **named** water bottle. We no longer have drinking fountains. We have filling stations and the children are able to refill their bottles at points during the school day.

Our aim is to get the children in the playground at break and lunchtime. We will send them out in light rain, colder weather etc. We only keep them in if it's torrential rain, a storm or dangerous to be outside. It is therefore vital your child has an appropriate jacket or coat in school every day.

***We cannot stress enough how important it is to have every item clearly named.*** We have a reminder bell for the children to collect their belongings and staff are constantly reminding children to pick up coats, hoodies etc.

Our lost property is quite astonishing! If an item is named it will eventually be returned to its owner. Any unnamed items will be given to the PTA for the second-hand shop. Coats will be given to a charity and lunch boxes will have to be thrown away. Our playground becomes a play area for wildlife when we've all gone home. Your children must take responsibility for their possessions and collect their items when reminded.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you about jewellery and hair. The only jewellery permitted is stud earrings and a watch (no Apple or equivalent watches please). We would prefer the children not to wear either on PE days, including swimming and dance, but we can keep them somewhere safe if necessary. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back away from the face; equally hair that covers the face needs to be tied back or in a hairband to keep it out of eyes during lesson time. This is also particularly important during PE.



Welcome back to another musical year! The DHJS Music Department has hit the ground running, preparing for the year ahead. Any questions about music should be directed to Miss Campbell, but there is a lot to be organised so please see below for the answers to any questions you may have before contacting the school: [scampbell17.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:scampbell17.210@lgflmail.org)

**Instrumental Lessons:** If your child learned an instrument with us last year, they will have (had) a lesson with their tutor this week or next, but will not have regular timetabled lessons for the next couple of weeks. You will be told when they need to have their instruments and music in.

If your child is new to the school or is on the waiting list from last year, we are making arrangements to match interested children with instruments. This will definitely take a few weeks as there are many children and factors to consider. We will also be introducing the Y3 children to the variety of instruments we teach here so the children may develop an interest in different ones to those you put on your form. Miss Campbell will speak with the children to discuss any updates they may have.

Please note that there is a cost associated with these lessons and there is always more interest than availability, especially in certain instruments. Due to time/space restrictions, not all children will be offered an instrumental place right away. This is often disappointing for families, so please speak with your children about this being a possibility and be reassured that they will definitely get an offer as soon as we have the availability.

**Choir** started back this week with a very proud Miss Campbell and 120(!) enthusiastic voices. Choir takes place on Wednesday mornings from 8-8:45am in Turney Hall. It is open to every child, and does not need auditions, signing up or payment. We request that children arrive promptly at 8am through Village Gate so we can make the most of the sessions without disruptions. Children can dip in and out of attending choir but they must come regularly if they would like to be invited to perform in concerts. Any Y4-6 children who are interested in attending Young Voices this year will be receiving information next week about how to request tickets/merchandise as the deadlines for this have all been brought forward.

**Ensembles** will be starting up next week for most groups. If your child was in an ensemble last year, they will be welcomed back this year and we will also be inviting some new children to join. We celebrate experienced members supporting newer members as we begin to work towards the Christmas Concert (date tbc). Please note that ensembles are invite-only so watch out for paper copies of letters to return via bookbags. If your child is in Y4 or above and learns an instrument in or outside of school (having reached approximately grade 1 standard) and they would be interested in being involved in an ensemble, please let their tutor or Miss Campbell know.

**Steel pans** will start back for anyone who was in the summer term groups last year. Once again, this is always a popular activity so please return your slips as soon as possible, even if your child no longer wishes to continue. This makes organising the groups much easier and we will be able to see if we have availability for any new children to join the groups. If you are interested in your child being added to the waiting list, please watch out for online communications as well as paper copies in bookbags. Please note: steel pans are a Y4/5/6 activity and we also are going to continue our fabulous parent and carer group. There are still places available in this group, please email the office for a copy of the letter providing details. The adult group and Y 5&6s will work towards a performance at the PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November.

**Performance opportunities:** The children are fortunate in that they have the opportunity to see our talented music staff perform in assemblies over the first few weeks. It is such a treat to be able to appreciate live music performances and it is inspiring for the children to see their tutors in their professional capacity. We will be sharing our ensemble music through concerts again this year and our Hamleteers will be offered informal opportunities to perform in front of the school as the year goes through. If you play a musical instrument and feel you would be interested in sharing that music with the children, we would love you to get in touch.

We look forward to another year of music making!

Sharon Campbell  
Music Subject Leader



### Key Dates for Autumn Term 2023

Y3 -  Y4 -  Y5 -  Y6 -  Whole Sch -

Key Dates	Events	Further Details
04.09.23	<b>Autumn term starts</b>	<b>Arrive between 8.45-8.55</b>
06.09.23	Early morning Choir starts – All welcome	8.00-8.45 Turney Hall
11.09.23	<b>*After School Clubs Begin*</b>	15.25-16.30
11.09.23	Music Ensembles start this week (by invitation only)	Various times – lunchtimes & after school
13.09.23	Y6 Secondary Transfer Meeting	Online meet, 6pm (will be recorded)
18.09.23	Year Group Autumn Term Curriculum Presentations	Sent via email
18.09.23	3KS Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
19.09.23	3EF Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
21.09.23	3RS Meet the Teacher meetings	During the core day
27.09.23	3KS Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09:30
27.09.23	PTA AGM – please come along and get involved!	Turney Hall 19:00-20:00
28.09.23	Y3 visit to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 16.00
28.09.23	Y4 Freshwater Theatre Company <i>The Quest for Volcanoes and Earthquakes</i>	Village Hall
28.09.23	Y6 Taster Lunch – carried over from summer term	12:00-13:00
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Morning – come & support this incredible charity	Village Playground 08.00-09.00
04.10.23	3EF Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09:30
11.10.23	3RS Parent & Carer Café	Burbage 08:45-09:30
11.10.23	6TS Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
11.10.23	6O & 6W visit to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 15.30
13.10.23	6TS visit to Horton Kirby	09.00-ETA 15.30
13.10.23	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
16.10.23	5B visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
17.10.23	5N visit to Black Cultural Archives	Afternoon visit
18.10.23	5A visit to Black Cultural Archives	Afternoon visit
18.10.23	6W Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
19.10.23	Y4 Animal Classification workshops at The Horniman Museum	Full day visit
20.10.23	Hamlet's Got Talent!	pm. Turney Hall
	<b>23.10.23 HALF TERM HOLIDAYS 03.11.23</b>	
06.11.23	6O visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
07.11.23	6W visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
08.11.23	6TS visit to Black Cultural Archives	Morning visit
tbc	Parent Cafe: New Parents to DHJS this year, not via DVIS	Burbage – 9.00-10.00
10.11.23	New Parent Tour	09.00-10.00 (booking via school office)
10.11.23	DHJS Marks Remembrance	Turney playground
14.11.23	4G visit to The James Caird	Dulwich College, half day visit
15.11.23	6O Class Assembly (Parents invited)	Turney Hall 09.05-9.25
16.11.23	4GR & 4M visit to The James Caird	Dulwich College, half day visit
17.11.23	Flu immunisations – whole school	School nursing team – throughout the day
22.11.23	Y6 visit to Southwark Citizenship Scheme	Morning visit
22.11.23	Open Classroom – come and see your children's work!	15.25-16.30
23.11.23	Open Classroom – come and see your children's work!	08.25-08.45
23.11-1.12.23	Parent and Carer meets with class teachers	Various times via Google Meet
24.11.23	New Parent Tour	09:00-10:00 (booking via school office)
25.11.23	PTA Christmas Fair	12.30-15.00
29.11.23	2 x Y5 class visit to The Ragged School	All day visit
05.12.23	Whole School Christmas Celebration at St. Barnabas Church	X2 Performances – 10.00 & 14.00
08.12.23	1 x Y5 class visit to The Ragged School	All day visit
15.12.23 (tbc)	PTA Christmas Cake Sale	15.25 Village playground
tbc	Christmas Concert at JAGs – all music ensembles performing	19.00-20.30
15.12.23 (tbc)	Christmas lunch	All year groups
15.12.23	Panto	Morning, whole school
tbc	Y4 & Y5 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
tbc	Y3 & Y6 Christmas Parties	13.30-15.15
21.12.23	<b>Last day of term</b>	<b>13.25 last registration</b>



# [WEEKLY MENU] Week 2



Weeks Commencing: Mon 11th Sept - Mon 2nd Oct - Mon 6th Nov - Mon 27th Nov - Mon 18th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish of the Day	Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (E*, G, MK)	Meat Feast Pizza (G, MK)	Roast Beef & Gravy	Butter Chicken Curry & Rice (G*)	Battered Fish & Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Tomato and Basil Pasta (CE, G)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (G, MK)	Winter Vegetable Tart (E, G, MK)	Vegetable Curry & Rice (CE, G*)	Homemade Vegan Sausage Roll & Chips (G)
Vegetable Choice	Garlic Bread and Green Salad (G, MK)	Seasoned Potato Wedges & Sweetcorn	Rustic Roast Potatoes & Seasoned Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Apple Flapjack (G)	Fruit Jelly	Jam Sponge & Custard (E, G, MK, SO*)	Selection of Fruit Mousse (MK)	Chocolate Orange Sponge with Chocolate Sauce (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit	Salad Bar Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO) Fresh Fruit



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Allergens:  
 CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MJ = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds  
 \* = May Contain