

# THE HAMLET HERALD



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

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to our Reading Curriculum Evening this week. Part of this session will be to explore strategies that you can use at home to help promote enjoyment of books and comprehension of texts. With this in mind, I thought it would be worthwhile talking about homework at DHJS. We were not surprised to receive mixed views about homework via the parent questionnaire last term; homework will always be an area with divided opinion.

It is an expectation that every child at Dulwich Hamlet completes the homework that is set for them. The materials we provide are carefully aimed to provide crucial opportunities for further independent practice of content learnt in school.

What we expect:

- Parents to ensure that children dedicate 10 minutes (Y3/4) and 20 minutes (Y5/6) of each day to Homework and more for reading.
- Support children by providing the materials, environment and guidance they need.
- Support the children in managing their time between Times Tables Rock Stars, DoodleMaths and Spellings (plus additional practice homework in Y6)
- Create a reading environment in the home incorporating independent, shared reading, parent to child reading opportunities and discussions about books, magazines, newspaper articles etc... The children should complete their reading journal books (Y3/4) or Reading Log (Y5/6)

What we will provide:

- Opportunities for children who have difficulties to complete homework after school – please contact your child's class teacher
- If children genuinely do not understand the taught content, we will reteach them – again, please let us know.
- Further optional home learning opportunities linked to schemes of work for the half-term (via the 'Our Learning grids' - please go to the Curriculum page of our website)

We are currently rather disappointed with upper school's (Y5/6) commitment to their online maths learning and we would like to see an improvement. We do monitor online activity. Keep it up Y3/4!

For any general questions regarding homework, please contact our Assistant Headteacher Tom Salomonson:

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## KEY DATES

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November

4G & ½ 4S to visit the James Caird at Dulwich College

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Road safety training for Y3

6S to visit the Black Cultural Archives, Brixton

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November

6MG class assembly, 9:05am Turney Hall, parents welcome

6GR to visit the Black Cultural Archives, Brixton

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

4H & ½ 4S to visit the James Caird at Dulwich College

6GR to visit the Black Cultural Archives, Brixton

Reading Curriculum Evening 6:45-8pm, Pickwick Building

(please contact office to book your place)

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

5A visit to the Ragged School & Museum of Childhood

## DHJS REMEMBERS

'Proud' does not do justice to the way in which our Hamleteers came together for a two-minute silence in Turney playground this morning. The 'Last Post' was played beautifully by Alfie, Alexia and Daniel in Y6. We held a special assembly where poems and letters from both sides of the trenches were read, we learnt about key figures, and how some things from the war have affected our future.



## WEEKLY HOUSE POINTS

Topaz Water	Ruby Fire	Garnet Earth	Sapphire Air
63	36	49	50

## DHJS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

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From 20th-23th November we will be acknowledging anti-bullying week. The theme for anti-bullying week this year is "choose respect"

<https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect> .

The children will be involved in a series of events throughout the week linked to theme of respect both face to face and online.

By the end of the week, we hope the children will understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online



## IDEAS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLS...

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You will all find a 'Things to do' pack from 'IMPACT' in book bags today. These contain a wealth of leaflets detailing shows and attractions from across London and slightly beyond which may be of interest to you.

## OUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS!

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There has been a noticeable increase of late with dogs being tied-up on the school railings. We all need to be mindful that not all children (and adults) feel comfortable around dogs, especially if they are growling or barking. Please can we ask that you consider if it is really necessary to bring the dog to school. Can we also remind you that there should be no dogs brought onto the school site, even in arms! Thank you.

## STOP PRESS: CRICKET NEWS!

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Our Y5/6's played cricket at the Oval this morning. They are officially the best team in Southwark and are now in the qualifying rounds to play at Lords. Now that's impressive! Well done team.

## PTA SPECIAL:

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Thank you to all for making the Quiz another fun-filled fundraising event. It was great to see so many new parents there. A big thank you goes out to Sonia and Colin for making it happen. We made around £1000 for the school, whilst having a great time. Our compliments to Ollies Fish and Chips.

**Hamlet Christmas Fair: Nov 24 from 12:30-3.** You are all welcome to have fun, spend money for your school and get into the Christmas spirit. Stand up to volunteer for your shift at the fair via your class rep. You are all needed. Watch out for the doodle poll which has been sent around to ask people to help set up and clean up. And do get in your donations of bric-a-brac, gifts, unwanted/unused bottles for the bottle tombola, and your filled and decorated jingle jars, or even empty, clean jars to be filled. Finally, we are also looking for good condition, second-hand children's clothing. Leave your donations in the appropriate boxes under the shed in Village playground.

**Christmas Party: Dec 13** Bel Air House. Look out for your Eventbrite invitation on email only. We are doing online ticketing for this most glittery and glamorous Christmas Party. So don't miss out, tickets are limited.

What a fantastic Bonfire cake sale! You earned the school £443, plus an extra £41.05 from used books and £143.05 in uniform sales. There were so many more treats to choose from, and the children were clearly delighted by all the goods. Thank you so much Lula, Martina and all the year 3 helpers. You were outstanding! Year 4, you are up next to run the **Christmas Cake sale on Dec 14**. Year 3 have clearly raised the bar.

The PTA will be providing funds for our children's school Christmas parties, the Christmas music concert and as always we will pay for the Panto coming to the school.

Get in touch, get involved and get in the community spirit with the PTA. All our funds go to benefit our children at Dulwich Hamlet. In the new year, we will need more volunteers for the new school disco in May, and the Year 6 Leavers Committee.

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All the best from, your PTA