

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Everyone at Hewens Primary!



Dear Families,

As we reflect on 2021 and the autumn term in particular, most of us will agree that it has been one of the most challenging years that we have ever experienced at Hewens Primary School. However, it has been amazing to see how our staff and families found ways to overcome personal anxieties and fears in order to support each other and the children. As the autumn term draws to a close, it's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas here and I'm sure it will feel even more like Christmas next week.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all stakeholders for your invaluable contribution towards the advancement of the School throughout 2021 even though we are having to be careful and sensible because of coronavirus. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits. It is a time for sharing, caring and spreading love around the world. It's also about spending time with family and friends. Most importantly, it's about creating happy memories that will last a lifetime especially during this current pandemic and all the restrictions we have experienced since 2020. I am sure that all pupils, parents, guardians and carers would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Hewens Primary for their continued hard work and commitment to the pupils of the School. Likewise, we the staff, governors and pupils would like to thank all parents, guardians and carers for all your support over the years.

In closing, I would like to thank our pupils – you are indeed some of the best pupils I have ever had the pleasure of working with and all the wonderful memories are forever etched in my mind. For the new year, I hope that you will continue to build wonderful memories through a paradigm shift in leadership and the prospect of having a new Headteacher.

I pray for and wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season – may we all be safe and keep healthy. Merry Christmas or Season's Greetings to everyone and I hope that 2022 will be filled with good health and happiness all year round!

Mrs. T Hue Hamilton

Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies - Key Stage 2



On Friday 3rd December, the children in Key stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) were afforded the opportunity to decorate the Christmas Tree with their handmade decorations that were completed in class during their Design and Technology session. They witnessed a grand entrance from Father Christmas and Frosty the Snowman who both added the much needed Christmas spirit in the assembly. The children had the opportunity to sing Christmas carols and danced with both Frosty and Father Christmas. Hewens Dancing Dynamites performed a Christmas dance to the popular song "All I want for Christmas is You" whilst Year 3 showcased their Christmas dance to the audience. It was a glorious opportunity for Aaron in Year 3 who vocalised his singing talent through his melodious voice for all to enjoy.

Parents, guardians and carers also had the opportunity to participate in the event whilst maintaining a safe distance from the children. They felt proud to watch the children perform their class Christmas carols then decorate the Christmas tree. It was a joyful and festive event which ignited the spirit of Christmas and we can safely say, the best way to see Christmas is through the eyes of the children!








Farewell Assembly



On Monday 13th December, the whole school put on an amazing performance throughout a farewell assembly for Mrs Hamilton to wish her well in her future endeavours and to reflect on all the wonderful memories of her as a Year 1 and 2 teacher, Key Stage 1 Assistant Headteacher and the Headteacher of Hewens Primary School. The children sang, danced and enjoyed their last assembly with the remarkable Headteacher who is known as Mrs Hamilton! We will all miss you!



 JANUARY 2022		
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Tuesday 4th	1:00pm to 5:00pm	Virtual Parent Consultation via Microsoft Teams
Wednesday 5th		
Thursday 6th		Term Begins
Wednesday 12th	9:15am	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Thursday 13th		Young Voices O2 Performance - POSTPONED
Saturday 15th		Primary School Admissions Deadline
Monday 17th to Thursday 20th		Bikeability - Year 6
Wednesday 19th		Indoor Pedestrian Training - Reception and Year 1

Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2022

Staff Training: (Half day)	Tuesday 4th January 2022 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Wednesday 5th January 2022 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Thursday 6th January 2022
Half Term:	Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022
Term Ends:	Friday 1st April 2022

SUMMER TERM 2022


Staff Training: (All day)	Tuesday 19th April 2022 [Training – all day]
Staff Training: (Half day)	Wednesday 20th April 2022 [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	Thursday 21st April 2022
Bank Holiday:	Monday 2nd May 2022 (May Day)
Half Term:	Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022
Term Ends:	Wednesday 20th July 2022
Staff Training:	Thursday 21st July 2022
Staff Training:	Friday 22nd July 2022

Head Boy and Head Girl Message

It is finally that time of year. What an incredible year it has been! As we enter into the holiday season, we wish you and your family a peaceful and safe time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Start of Term – Thursday 6th January

Please be reminded that school commences on Thursday 6th January and will start at the normal time of 8:30/8:45am. It is essential that your children arrive on time as lessons will begin promptly. It is extremely important that every child makes a positive start to the new term!

		Week Commencing: Monday 3rd January 2022 MENU 4
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Onion Gravy	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Cheese and Onion Tart	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gluten free Gravy	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Chocolate Sponge	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Potato Wedges	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Fish Fingers with Gluten free Potato Wedges and Beans	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Custard Tart	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

Parent Consultation Meetings - Virtual

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of the upcoming changes to Parent Consultation meetings in January 2022. We will be offering virtual Parent Consultation appointments via your child's Microsoft Teams login on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th January.

This will ensure that you can discuss your child's progress with the teacher in a coronavirus-secure way. If your child has Special Educational Needs, you will be asked to meet the teacher face-to-face so that your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) can be further discussed and signed. You should have received a letter with your allocated time slot and further relevant information.

Year 6 Parent Workshop

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 6 SATs workshop on Wednesday 12th January at 9:15am in the Hall. During the workshop, we will share strategies and ideas that could be used at home to support your child's learning. It will be an informative workshop and it is highly recommended that you attend. It will also give you opportunities to ask any questions regarding the Year 6 curriculum and assessments. We are looking forward to seeing you all and please ensure you wear a mask.

Primary School Admissions 2022

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon, by post or online, is midnight on **Saturday 15th January 2022**. To ensure your application arrives on time and in order to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications prior to the Christmas holiday period. The London Borough of Hillingdon states on their website that they cannot be held responsible for any delays in applications due to problems with postal or Internet service providers. Further information can be found on (www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary) or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.