

## Christmas Tree Trimming - Years 2 to 6



During the week commencing Monday 30th November, children in Years 2 to 6 participated in their virtual Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies. The Christmas Tree was beautifully decorated with their handmade crafts, from personalised snowballs, to salt dough ornaments, to pinecones. This magical moment was shared with the children's parents, guardians and carers who were able to participate via their child's Microsoft Office 365 account and witness the cheer of this festive season. The children not only had a special visit from Frosty the Snowman, but were greeted by Father Christmas himself, who danced and sang Christmas Carols with the children as they decorated the tree!











## Christmas Message from the Headteacher

As the autumn term draws to a close, 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 this challenging year. The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits. It is a time for sharing, caring and spreading love around the world in this present pandemic. It's also about spending time with family and friends, by virtual means due to the current restrictions. Most importantly, it's about creating happy memories that will last a lifetime. Thus, all classes were asked to reduce the amount of homework sent over this festive season. I do hope that you will use the time to bond as a family, reflect on this year and set family goals for the new year. I am sure that all pupils, parents, guardians and carers would like to join 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 and understanding during this challenging period. Last but in no way the least, I would like to thank our pupils – you are indeed some of the best pupils I have ever had the pleasure of working with. For the new year, I'm looking forward to the usual reassuring smiles, messages, bold good mornings and good afternoons. 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 2021 will be filled with good health and happiness all year round!

**Mrs. T Hue Hamilton**

## School Photographs - Individual Photographs Received

The individual school photograph proofs were received and sent home with the children this week. In lieu of the current circumstances and the rescheduling of individual photographs this year, orders will be limited to online ordering, directly to Fraser Portraits via [https://orderphotos.co.uk/school\\_downloads](https://orderphotos.co.uk/school_downloads), or over the phone at 01202 692433. You will be required to log in with your account details or enter your proof card identification/registration code to be able to make payments.

Orders must be placed by **Monday 11th January** in order to receive free delivery back to the School. Please note that these will not be delivered until after the middle of January.

Unfortunately, any order received after this date will need to be ordered directly to Fraser Portraits and will incur an additional surcharge of £4.00 per pack. For all orders placed after the deadline date, packs will be sent directly to your home address.

**The dates for Christmas orders have now passed and any orders placed from now will not be received until the new year.**

## Track and Trace


As you are aware, in a bid to prevent transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), we have been requesting that all parents, guardians and carers notify us of any positive cases of COVID-19 by either email or phone call to enable us to track and trace effectively. Please be advised that we will continue to track and trace until Thursday 24th December and ask that all parents, guardians and carers continue to report any positive cases once confirmed via email at [hewensprimary@trhat.org](mailto:hewensprimary@trhat.org).

### SPRING TERM 2021

<b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
<b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
<b>Term Begins:</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>
<b>Half Term:</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021</b>
<b>Term Ends:</b>	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2021

<b>Staff Training:</b> (All day)	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> [Training – all day]
<b>Staff Training:</b> (Half day)	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021</b> [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
<b>Term Begins:</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021</b>
<b>Bank Holiday:</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 (May Day)</b>
<b>Half Term:</b>	<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>
<b>Term Ends:</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021</b>
<b>Staff Training:</b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021</b>
<b>Staff Training:</b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021</b>

			<h1>DECEMBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021</h1>		
DECEMBER					
Friday 18th			End of Term - early dismissal from 11:30am		
JANUARY					
Monday 4th		1:00 to 5:00pm		Virtual Parent Consultation	
Tuesday 5th		1:00 to 5:00pm		Virtual Parent Consultation	
Wednesday 6th			Start of Term		

### Parent Consultation - Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th January

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of the upcoming changes to Parent Consultation meetings in January 2021. As we move towards using our online platforms, we will now be offering virtual Parent Consultation appointments via your child's Microsoft Teams login. This will ensure that you can meet with your child's teacher in a Covid-secure way. **You should have received a letter this week with your allocated time slot and login details.** We ask that all parents, guardians and carers make every effort to attend your scheduled appointment time. At the meeting, your child's teacher will explain what they have been learning this past term and discuss their strengths, weaknesses and progress. This is of vital importance as it will allow you the opportunity to provide your child with good, practical learning support at home and for school. You will have received copies of their Rising Stars Progress Reports for Reading, Grammar and Mathematics this week which can be discussed during the meeting. Thank you.

### Start of Spring Term - Wednesday 6th January


School commences for the spring term on Wednesday 6th January. School will start at the usual staggered times below. It is essential that your children arrive on time as lessons begin promptly.

### Primary School Admissions 2021

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 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 **Friday 15th January 2021.**

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](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary) or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

	Week Commencing: <i>Monday 4th January 2021</i>	
	<b>MENU 3</b>	

WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Baked Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Barbecue Grilled Chicken Breast with Rice	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Apple Crumble	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
THURSDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Cajun Chicken in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Non Halal
Meal Choice 3	Roast Mediterranean Vegetables in Pitta Bread with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Vegetarian
Meal Choice 4	Cajun Chicken with Oven Cooked Potato Slices and Tomato Salsa	Gluten/Dairy Free
Dessert Choice	Vanilla Sponge with a Pineapple Ring and a Cherry	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
FRIDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked Potato Wedges	Halal
Meal Choice 2	Fish Fingers or Battered Chicken with Oven Baked 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	Chocolate Brownie Tray Bake	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts
<i>Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day</i>		

### Drop-Off and Dismissal Times

Year Group	Drop-Off Time	Dismissal Time
Nursery AM / PM	8:30am / 12:30pm	11:30am / 3:30pm
Years 2 and 6	8:30am	3:00pm
Years 1, 3 and 5	8:45am	3:15pm
Reception and Year 4	9:00am	3:30pm

### Government Guidelines for Coronavirus

The government advises that capacity on public transport remains limited given the requirements for social distancing. This will be particularly challenging for children who travel to school via public transport.

As such, please encourage your child to walk or cycle to school where possible. Where this is not an option, we would like to reiterate the importance of parents, guardians and carers wearing face coverings on public transport for the duration of the journey, and for all to observe social distancing guidelines. Additionally, as confined spaces and limited ventilation on public transport can pose a risk to passengers, windows should also be kept open at all times to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

The current government guidance states that anyone who has coronavirus symptoms such as a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell, should stay at home. Thus, **we urge all parents, guardians and carers to adhere to government guidelines and follow best practices by keeping their child at home if they are displaying symptoms**, in an attempt to reduce the risk of transmission. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.