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SCHOOL NEWS

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Virtual Physical Education Challenge

Another week, another challenge!

From the week commencing Monday 16th November, Hewens Primary School took part in Week 6 of the London Youth Games – Boccia challenge.

I know... what is that? Don't worry, it sounds more difficult than it really is! The challenge consisted of 5 different hula hoops and 5 attempts to throw or roll the balls in each hoop. Children were rewarded with 10 points for each ball they got into each hoop. Even though Hillingdon has slipped down to 6th position on the leader board with 138 points, we are very positive that we can change this with the next challenge. Fingers crossed, we climb up the leader board next week!

Addition Fun in Reception

During the course of last week and continuing this week, the children in Reception have been learning about the concepts of numbers and addition. Much of this learning was done practically, using objects, whiteboards and whiteboard pens. The children enjoyed every minute of the lesson where they showcased their knowledge of writing a number sentence using the addition and equal signs correctly.

Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies

This year, we would like the children to continue with the tradition of hanging their handmade decorations on the Christmas Tree and showcasing this to their families.

With this in mind, we would like to invite all parents, guardians and carers to watch their child's Christmas Tree Trimming Assembly via Microsoft Teams using their child's login details.

Please see the schedule in the diary dates to find out what time your child's assembly will be. Let's see if there will be a surprise visit from Father Christmas this year or if he has to quarantine after arriving from the North Pole!

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office.

Height and Weight Screening

On Friday 4th December, the School nurses will be visiting to carry out height and weight screening of **Reception and Year 6 children**.

This is part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP), which takes place annually in schools within England.

School Photographs - *Tuesday 8th December*

The health and safety of all our pupils is paramount to us and we have been working hard to ensure we can still supply your child's individual photographs in the safest way possible.

As such, we have finalised arrangements with Fraser Portraits who have provided us with a rescheduled date for your child's individual photographs and a risk assessment, outlining the various measures that will be put in place for their onsite presence on the day. The photographer will now be visiting the School on **Tuesday 8th December**, so please ensure that your child is dressed smartly in full school uniform.

Should you have any concerns, a copy of the risk assessment has been uploaded to the School website and may be provided upon request at the School Office. Thank you for your cooperation during these unprecedented times and we apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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 or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe - *Rescheduled*

Unfortunately, we have had to reschedule the Year 6 workshop for **Wednesday 9th December**. Please ensure that your child attends school so as not to miss out on this informative workshop.

Authorised and Unauthorised Absence

Your child's absence from school will only be authorised if:

- They are too ill to attend. In this case, you must ensure you contact the School on each morning of your child's absence by 9:00am. The only exception to this is in the case of long-term absence due to illness. In this instance, we will require a letter from your General Practice (GP) or Hospital.
- Your child has a medical appointment and the School has been notified and evidence has been provided, however, whenever possible medical appointments should be made outside of school hours.
- Exceptional circumstances apply and the Headteacher has given permission.

If a child is absent from school and the School has not been informed of the reason, the child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Any absence other than in circumstances as described above, will be recorded as unauthorised. In this instance, the parent, guardian or carer of an absent child may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice by the local authority.

The Fixed Penalty fine is £60, which will be increased to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the fine is not paid within 28 days, the local authority may prosecute.

School Attendance

There are many, very good reasons for ensuring children in all year groups attend school on time and on a regular basis. Good attendance means that a child:

- Keeps up with their school work,
- Is better supported to meet their expected progress,
- Develops better personal and social skills,
- Learns life skills such as punctuality and time management.

Being absent from school means that a child loses valuable learning time. In particular, excellent attendance in Year 6 is pivotal to a successful transition to secondary school.

During this final year, they will prepare for and sit their end of Key Stage 1 and 2 assessments, as well as take part in lessons and activities that will help them to confidently move to the next important stage of their learning.

For your information, below are some very important figures that relate children's attendance percentages to the actual number of school days missed.

98% = 4 days missed

95% = 10 days missed

90% = 19 days missed

80% = 38 days missed

Whatever year your child is in, but particularly if they are in Years 2 and 6, please ensure that medical and other appointments are made out of school hours and that they are only absent from school if they are too ill to attend. Thank you.

DECEMBER 2020 TO JANUARY 2021

DECEMBER		
Virtual Christmas Tree Trimming Assemblies via **Microsoft Teams**		
Wednesday 2nd	9:00am	AM Acorns - Nursery
	9:30am	Blossom - Reception
	10:00am	Cherry - Reception
	10:30am	Hazel - Year 1
	2:00pm	Maple - Year 1
	2:30pm	PM Acorns - Nursery
Thursday 3rd	9:00am	Elm - Year 2
	9:30am	Willow - Year 2
	10:00am	Beech - Year 3
	10:30am	Pine - Year 3
	2:00pm	Ash - Year 4
	2:30pm	Holly - Year 4
Friday 4th	9:30am	Hawthorn - Year 5
	10:00am	Rowan - Year 5
	2:00pm	Oak - Year 6
	2:30pm	Chestnut - Year 6
Friday 4th		Height and Weight - Reception and Year 6
Tuesday 8th		Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 9th		Changing Bodies and Keeping Safe Workshop - Year 6
Friday 11th		Christmas Jumper Day - Non-Uniform
Friday 11th		Hearing and Vision Screening - Year 1
Friday 18th		End of Term - early dismissal from 12:00pm
JANUARY		
Wednesday 6th		Start of Term

Christmas Meals - *Friday 11th December*

On **Friday 11th December**, we will be offering the children who wish to have a school dinner, a traditional Christmas meal and a dessert at a small cost of £2.40.

All information regarding Christmas meals is available on IPayimpact. You will be required to log into your child's IPay account and select their meal preference at your earliest convenience. Please ensure your child's account is topped up with sufficient funds if you would like them to enjoy the festive meal. Once this is received, staff will then be able to pre-order to guarantee your child's meal choice. **Please also note that on Thursday 10th December, there will be a menu change.**

Week Commencing: *Monday 30th November*

MENU 4

MONDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Spaghetti Bolognese	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Spaghetti Bolognese	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Mediterranean Pasta Bake	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Bolognese with Gluten free Pasta	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Raspberry Jelly*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
TUESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Chicken Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Beans	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetarian Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Onion Gravy	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Gluten free Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes without Milk or Butter	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Jam and Coconut Sponge*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
WEDNESDAY		
Meal Choice 1	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	**Halal**
Meal Choice 2	Diced Lamb with Noodles and Vegetable Stir Fry	**Non Halal**
Meal Choice 3	Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles	**Vegetarian**
Meal Choice 4	Diced Lamb with Vegetable Stir Fry	**Gluten/Dairy Free**
Dessert Choice	*Vanilla Ice Cream with Peaches*	*Fresh Fruit and Yoghurts*
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*
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

End of Term - *Friday 18th December*

Parents, guardians and carers are reminded that **Friday 18th December** is the last day of term. Children will be dismissed at staggered times starting from 12:00pm. Please see below for times:

Year Group	Pick-Up Time
Nursery AM	11:30am
Years 2 and 6	12:00pm
Years 1, 3 and 5	12:15pm
Reception and Year 4	12:30pm

Please note that afternoon Nursery will not be open on this day.

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