



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



Hewens Primary School would like extend season's greetings and warm wishes to our parents, guardians, carers and our awesome pupils. It's the time of the year when we reflect on our blessings and share special moments and gifts with each other. As the sun sets on 2022, let's purpose in our hearts to let love and fellowship reign over our lives in 2023.

'Feliz Navidad Prospero Ano y Felicida' - I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas from the bottom of my heart'.



QPR Football Tournament



On Friday 2nd December, eight children were selected to represent our school in a football tournament hosted by Queens Park Rangers Football Club. The tournament consisted of sixteen participating schools within Hillingdon Borough. Unfortunately, we did not qualify for the finals. Well done to the children who participated in the competition!



Farnham Museum



On Friday 8th December, Chestnut Class went on a school trip to Farnham Museum. The School Trip reinforced the childrens' knowledge of Anglo-Saxon Briton, in particular, their way of life. The children learnt that most Anglo-Saxons lived in small villages - many had less than 100 inhabitants.

Moreover, the villages were built near natural resources needed to provide food, water and fuel for heating and cooking.





New Websites Launching Soon!



We are excited to announce the launch of our new, fully-featured websites which are due to go live over the Christmas break! Complete with education-specific functionality, our new websites will improve accessibility to our content and will feature a consistent and intuitive design to make navigation simple. Some key features include: **Responsive Design** to ensure desktop/mobile optimisation, making it easier to use on all browsers and portable devices, **User Friendly Buttons** to enable you to navigate the site seamlessly, **Emergency Pop Ups** to alert you to crucial information which require urgent attention, **Powerful Communication Software** to improve communication, and much more. Our streamlined website will provide a more interactive experience, enabling you to locate information quicker and easier and will keep you informed of the latest news.

Keep an eye out on our social channels to be the first to hear when our new websites have launched!

Parent Consultation

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th January. Parent consultation times have been sent out via letter this week. Please be assured that we have taken into consideration those who have more than one child and have given a similar time to accommodate these families on their assigned day. If this is not the case, please contact us via email and we will try to change this for you. If you are unable to accommodate a face-to-face parent consultation meeting, the teachers will make alternative arrangements via telephone conference.

Start of Spring Term - Thursday 5th January

Please be reminded that school commences for the Spring Term on Thursday 5th 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!

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Tuesday 3rd	1:00 to	Parent Consultation
Wednesday 4th	5:00pm	
Thursday 5th		Term Begins
Wednesday 11th	9:00am	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
	2:45pm	Young Voices Parent Meeting
Friday 13th		Year 6 'Future Life' Presentation
Sunday 15th		Primary School Admissions Deadline
Monday 16th to Thursday 19th		Year 6 Bikeability Safer Cycling Course
Thursday 17th		Young Voices Concert
Wednesday 18th	9:00am	Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop
Friday 20th		Year 4 Personal Safety Presentation
		Year 5 Internet Safety Presentation
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th		Practice Papers - Year 1, 2 and 6
Tuesday 31st		National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) - Reception and Year 6

Year 6 Parent Workshop

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 6 SATs workshop on **Wednesday 11th January** at **9:00am** 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.

Young Voices Parent Meeting

On **Wednesday 11th January**, we will be holding a meeting at 2:45pm regarding the Young Voices Concert which is taking place on Tuesday 17th January. At this meeting, we will be handing out the parent tickets and providing relevant information about the running of the day. If your child is taking part in the Young Voices Concert this year, please ensure you attend the meeting. Thank you.

Wrap Around Care

We would like to remind families that our Wrap Around Care service is a charged service we offer for working parents, guardians and carers. Those who would like to make use of our wrap around care provision will be charged as follows:

- Breakfast Club: 7:45am to staggered start time (**cut-off at 8:15am**), £1 per day, per child which includes toast and squash.
- After School Club: staggered end time to **5:30pm [prompt]**, £6 per day, per child, which includes a snack, sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink.

If you would like your child to attend Wrap Around Care, please let us know what days you would like for breakfast and after school care by picking up a form at the School Office. **Please note payment must be made in advance.**

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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
Please note that all main meals are served with Fresh Vegetables of the Day		

Year 6 'Future Life' Presentation

On **Friday 13th January**, the Metropolitan Police Services will be holding a 'Future Life' workshop for the Year 6 children. This workshop will include information regarding gangs and knife crime. Please note this workshop will be age appropriate for the children.

Primary School Admissions 2023

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 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 **Sunday 15th January 2023**. 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 (<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary>) or by telephoning the School Placement and Admission Team at the Civic Centre, Uxbridge on 01895 556644.

Bikeability Safer Cycling Course - Year 6

Year 6 pupils who have signed up, will be participating in a 'Bikeability Safer Cycling Course' which will enable them to complete Level 1 and 2 combined. The course will officially start on Monday 16th to Thursday 19th January 2023.

Year 2 SATs Parent Workshop

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 2 SATs workshop on **Wednesday 18th January** at **9:00am** 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 2 curriculum and assessments.