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SCHOOL NEWS

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

It's Christmas! May this holiday season be filled with warmth, joy, and cherished moments for both parents, guardians, carers and pupils. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful time filled with love, laughter, and togetherness. Happy holidays!

Festive Treats

The Year 1 pupils added some sparkle to their classroom last week by using the knowledge they learnt during Literacy under the topic, 'Understanding Instructions'. They amalgamated their therotical and practical skills, which culminated in them making Christmas-themed shortbread biscuits. We hope they tasted as nice as they looked!

Achievement Assemblies

Our achievement Assemblies celebrated our pupils' commitment to the ethos and values we embrace here at Hewens Primary. Our 6 R's form the basis from which our pupils can be supported holistically, as they develop into positive and active citizens.

Term Dates – *2023 to 2024*

SPRING TERM 2024

Staff Training: (Half day)	**Monday 8th January 2024** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	**Tuesday 9th January 2024** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	**Wednesday 10th January 2024**
Half Term:	**Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024**
Term Ends:	**Thursday 28th March 2024**

SUMMER TERM 2024

Staff Training: (Half day)	**Monday 15th April 2024** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation – afternoon and early evening]
Staff Training: (Half day)	**Tuesday 16th April 2024** [Training – morning only] [Parent Consultation - afternoon and early evening]
Term Begins:	**Wednesday 17th April 2024**
Bank Holiday:	**Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day)**
Half Term:	**Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024**
Term Ends:	**Monday 22nd July 2024**
Staff Training:	**Tuesday 23rd July 2024**
Staff Training:	**Wednesday 24th July 2024**

Parent Consultation

Parent consultation meetings will be held over a two-day period on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th January 2024. **Parent consultation times have been sent out via letter**. 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 – *Wednesday 10th January*

Please be reminded that school commences for the Spring Term on Wednesday 10th January and will start at the normal time of 8:35am. 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!

Years 3 to 6 Presentations

On Thursday 11th and Friday 12th January, the Metropolitan Police Services will be holding a variety of workshops for Years 3 to 6. For further information regarding the topic, please check the diary dates. Please note these workshops will be age appropriate for the children.

Parent Internet Safety Workshop

On Thursday 11th January, parents, guardians and carers of pupils in Years 2 to 6 are invited to attend a workshop, which will be led by the Metropolitan Police Services. This workshop will start at 2:00pm in the Hall and will focus on Internet Safety. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions regarding any issues or concerns you may have. We hope to see you all there.

TERM DATES – 2023 to 2024

The 2023 to 2024 term dates are detailed on our website and can be accessed via [www.hewensprimary.co.uk/term-dates]. Please check these dates, as they will be particularly helpful to parents, guardians or carers planning family holidays and activities.

JANUARY 2024

JANUARY		
Monday 8th	1:00 to 5:00pm	Parent Consultation
Tuesday 9th		
Wednesday 10th		Term Begins
Thursday 11th		Personal Safety (Stranger Danger) Presentation - Year 4
		What Police Officers do and How we Help People - Year 3
		Internet Safety Presentation - Year 5
Thursday 11th	2:00pm	Parent Workshop - Internet Safety Presentation (Years 3 to 6)
Friday 12th		'Future Life' Presentation
Monday 15th to Friday 19th		Booster Clubs Begin
Tuesday 16th	9:00am	Year 6 SATs Parent Workshop
Wednesday 17th	9:00am	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parent Workshop
Thursday 18th		NCMP Height and Weight - Reception and Year 6
Monday 22nd to Friday 26th		Life Base Workshops
Wednesday 24th	2:45pm	Young Voices Parent Meeting
Wednesday 31st	9:30am	Year 4 Outdoor Pedestrian Training

Primary School Admissions 2024

We would like to inform all parents, guardians and carers of children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 that the closing date for applications for Primary School places to be received by the London Borough of Hillingdon is **Monday 15th January 2024**. To ensure your application arrives on time and to give your child the best possible chance of being offered the school of your choice, we would advise that you submit your applications before the Christmas holiday period. Further information can be found at [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/primary]. You should have received information about applying for your child starting primary school via email.

Year 6 Parent Workshop – *Tuesday 16th January*

All parents, guardians and carers are invited to attend a Year 6 SATs workshop on Tuesday 16th 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 24th January, we will be holding a meeting at 2:45pm regarding the Young Voices Concert which is taking place on Friday 2nd February. At this meeting, we will be 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.

Week Commencing: *Monday 8th January*

MENU 3

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 Vegatables 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

Holiday Requests During Term Time

Children's absence during term time will only be approved under exceptional circumstances. Any planned term time leave of absence, must be requested in writing to the Headteacher prior to any travel arrangements being made. In such circumstances, please contact the School Office and request a Leave of Absence Form, which must be completed and returned to the School Office prior to the absence.

Evidence is required to support the request.

You will be notified if your request is approved as soon as possible. If the absence is not approved but taken, it will be recorded as unauthorised. Please be aware that unauthorised absences could result in the issue of a fixed penalty fine and/or prosecution by the Local Authority. If you have any questions or require any further information about this procedure, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

Reading with your Children!

Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word.

With this in mind, we urge all parents, guardians and carers to share a book with your children at bedtime.

For the little ones, this may be simply looking at a picture book and introducing key vocabulary. For the older ones, it would be really good to start with some simple stories, by reading out loud to your child. If you need any advice on reading to your child, please do not hesitate to contact the School or speak with the class teacher.