



Hampton Hill Junior School
Newsletter 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year- we hope you enjoy this new format.

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back, and to greet all our new arrivals, to school. The children have made a great start to the new school year.

Y5 are at Sayers Croft this week and seem to have been lucky with the sunshine. We wish them all well and are looking forward to seeing them return tomorrow. Thank you to the staff team who are supporting them this week on their exciting adventure.

This week we have been introducing the children to the new federation vision and values (detailed on the school website) and are looking forward to next week when the club timetable starts.

The water supply issue was an additional challenge this week that we hadn't anticipated. Thank you for your understanding regarding this. We are also continuing to work with Caterlink for the new lunch system to bed in and work well for all children.

We hope you have found the Meet the Teacher sessions to be informative and beneficial. Please do remember to check the website for a wide range of supportive curriculum information- including the presentations from these sessions.

Thank you to all parents who are helping us out already in a great range of ways (such as reading helpers). We really welcome and appreciate your positive support.

Alongside this, our PTA are seeking a new treasurer to take on the role from Katherine, who has been such a great support to the school during her time in post. Please do contact the PTA or school office if you would like further information about this.

Best Wishes

Alan Went

Head teacher

OUR VISION

For every child to flourish-with confidence. A sense of belonging, and a love of learning and of Life

OUR VALUES

Everyone in Carlisle and Hampton Hill Federation plays a role in bringing our values to life each day:

HAPPINESS - our schools are happy places where children are nurtured and everyone feels safe, supported and valued.

BELONGING – we are kind to each other and celebrate what makes each of us special and different.

CURIOSITY – we ask questions, explore ideas and go on adventures to discover about ourselves and the world around us.

COURAGE – we try new things, we don't give up, and we know that making mistakes helps us learn.

CONFIDENCE- we celebrate our strengths and all the brilliant things we know we can achieve.

AMBITION – we are enthusiastic, have pride in what we do, and do our very best every day.

TOGETHERNESS – we work together and help each other out.

If you are a parent / carer contacting the school by email please use;

student@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk

This will ensure you get a speedy response

Please make sure you are signed up to Arbor as this is our only form of communication now. We are no longer using ParentHub

EVENTS AT SCHOOL



Year 5 had great fun in the Wonderdome last week learning all about the planets.

The HHJS 'WOW' programme—this programme will start again next week

We are proud of our pupils and are keen to celebrate all their achievements both academic and wider. Please help us to celebrate your child's achievements. To do this, complete a WOW card (which your child can get from their teacher) when your child has had a 'golden moment' and encourage them to bring the card into school for our WOW class display. It can be anything you want to share with us - passing an exam, getting man/woman of the match, showing kindness without prompting, completing homework that they normally need pushing to do, finishing a book they have struggled with, learning an instrument and practising happily, learning a new language, remembering impeccable manners, making an effort to tidy up, helping out at home (without prompting). It can be any 'golden moment' that made you proud. Something out of the ordinary for you and your child.

If you could aim to send one in every half-term that would really contribute to our celebration board. If you want to note it also in the home-school diary, for reference, that would be helpful. Please ask for more cards if you need them.

CLUB NEWS

Chess Mates



A chess update from the summer holiday;

Five children from Hampton Hill Junior School had qualified for the Delancey Gigafinal, the third round of the 2023 UK Chess Challenge annual nationwide event. This event took place during the school summer holidays. Harry C, Yr 4 chose to compete in the on-line competition, and Abigail & Veremii Yr4, Abhigyan Yr 5, and Arrav Yr6, chose to compete 'over the board' at Sandown Racecourse at the end of July. A lot of exciting chess was played both on-line and over-the-board. The players did so well to get this far. They each scored 2 to 3 wins, which proved their ability to compete at this level. Well done to them all.

Chess club is about to start for the Autumn term. We look forward to welcoming new Year 3 players, and we have planned a busy term for all our players.

KELLY'S DANCE AUTUMN TERM 2023 starting on 21st September: Year 3&4 – Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm, Year 5&6 – Thursdays 4:45-5:45pm **Spaces remaining** Kelly's Dance 07877078162 kellysdance@yahoo.com

UNIVERSAL METHOD MARTIAL ARTS

Thank you all for continued support. We wish you a great summer holiday and look forward to seeing in September ready for the new school year.

Our martial art sessions will be back in September at HHJS. Our classes will be running every Monday (after school), Tuesday (morning) and Friday (morning).

Cost for the term is £85 per month for x1 session a week.

If you would like to book then please email us: info@universalmethod.co.uk or call Sunita on 07956 692069

All external clubs take their own bookings and registers, please check with them, as on the Clubs' timetable or flyers, found on the website. All PPG places to enquire with clubs first for availability and with school for finance. PPG students may have one term of clubs funded by school.

Mental Health Support team (MHST)

Our friends at the MHST are pleased to share with you the details of their "**Helping Children with...**" series of webinars.

Below is a link to the overall flier with all webinar titles and dates for the year and individual fliers for the first two upcoming webinars:

Helping Children with Worries - 26th/28th September
Helping Children with developing Resilience - 16th/18th October

As we draw closer to the other dates we will send you links and fliers for those webinars.

If you have any questions do let us know.

Helping Children Series summary flyer:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tnvk0EIGXwEbGSpLzYiPWzc1EsZsA-2OJZfw4V6c01Q/edit>

Helping Children with... Worries:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SeuSwxqRGfVObbXXKw2Eh7yj8xXdGrP1eM-gSsoghC4/edit>

Helping Children with... Resilience

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sCHvAORkAH4i0cQ2kYNSeErfFqp0lxEIMf6ndS3aQLA/edit>

Childrens' Centre

The Richmond Children's Centres offer so much support and resources for families. To find out more , [here](#)



PENCIL CASE CONTENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

All children should bring the following items to school in their pencil case throughout the school year; Ruler (cm/mm), blue ink handwriting pen, rubber, sharpener, whiteboard pen, HB pencils, glue-stick, purple biro, green biro, colouring pencils.

Hello from HHJSA, our PTA

We are Bryony (Chair) Anna and Kate (secretaries) and along with our fab team of class reps we work with the school to organise events throughout the year to raise funds and bring us together socially and have fun!

We have lots of exciting events planned for the year ahead including school discos, fun run, Christmas tree sale, we are also hoping to team up with Carlisle Infant School for a movie night and other events. We are always open to suggestions and would love for more people to get involved.

We are in need of a treasurer to join our team, you don't need to be a maths genius but if you can manage a spreadsheet and are fairly organised then we could really do with your help! We are a very friendly and laid back bunch so please don't be afraid to come forward!

If you'd like to get in touch then please email us at hhjsaemail@gmail.com or message Kate on 07958 608614, we'd love to hear from you!

COOL MILK www.cool.milk.com

Free milk will be provided for all children in receipt of statutory free school meal entitlement and who have opted to receive free milk which will be funded by school.

Subsidised milk is available for those parents wishing to take up the offer. Please use the coolmilk website to set up your account with them. Please note that there is a week's delay on orders placed online.

www.coolmilk.com

Attendance and absence:

A reminder that attendance is crucial for a child to succeed at school. Please note that the school gates open at 8.40 and children must be lined up to start school by 8:50. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.