Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 10th September 2021



Dear Parents

It is great to be back at school and seeing the children enjoying their learning. It has also been my first week working with Mrs Barbour, the new deputy. She has worked very hard to get to know lots of the children and has appreciated the welcome from the parents on the gate.

We have also welcomed a new sports coach, Adam, from Bristol Sport Foundation. He'll be working with the children Monday to Thursday and offering after school clubs. He will be joined this term by other coaches each day who are specialists in the areas of PE that children are focusing on. He worked with each class this week and the children had a lot of fun.

We have also welcomed the new Reception cohort this week. They all look so smart in their new uniforms and have been very brave and enjoyed learning in their new classrooms. It's also good to welcome new families to the school. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Unfortunately the community room extension was not finished over the summer as we had hoped so we have postponed some of the planned courses. However, the ladies fitness will restart on September 20th 9-10 with Debs or Maggie.

"Get to know you" meetings will happen next week on Tuesday and Wednesday after school. These meetings are a chance for you to tell the teachers about your child and share any strengths or concerns.

I look forward to seeing many of you then

Best wishes

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher



Year 1. Ethan

Year 2: Sohaib and Aiez
Year 3: Nabiila and Tate
Year 4: Akram and Rehan
Year 5: Musna and Sireen

Year 6: Amirah and Sumaya

This week Year 1 enjoyed settling into a new classroom. We have been mathematicians and practised counting objects, and working in talk partners! On Friday, we tasted and made some yummy bread! At home, please read with your child every day. Practise counting 1-10 with your child and backwards again, or for a challenge, try 1-20!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a terrific start to the year! On Monday we read a new book 'Be Kind' and have spent the week carrying out kind acts for our community including making cookies, writing compliments and painting pictures for others. Please read with your child 5 times a week. Practise counting forwards and backwards from 100. Practise writing numbers with your children.

This week Year 3 have been brilliant mathematicians and have started working with 100s number. We also had fun making ice cream sundaes! Please read with your child every day and practise 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables.



This week Year 4 have been getting creative by designing a mural to be painted on the shed and creating colourful streets in art. We have also practised our presentation in maths and English and enjoyed our first session swimming!. At home, please read with your child every day and encourage them to practise times tables.

Year 5

Year 5 had a fantastic first week back at school. We have been reading a picture book called 'The One Day House' which has inspired us to create designs for benches which we will now paint in the playground. We have also been doing some art and playing lots of games and having lots of fun!. Please practise your times tables and related division facts.

Year 6 have had a fantastic first week back at school. We have used the story of Wangari as inspiration for writing tree poems and thought about where our school values appear in the story. Wanting to do our bit for the planted, we also baked cookies and cakes to raise money for Tree Aid. In maths, we have been recapping our key learning skills and we have also spent time thinking about our hopes and dreams for the year.

Please practise your times tables and spellings.

Welcoming new staff to Hannah More!



I am so delighted to be joining Hannah
More as your new Deputy Head teacher.
Having spent nearly 20 years teaching
and leading in schools across Bristol, but
also in Dubai and Thailand, I was keen
for a new challenge and ready to take up
my first Deputy Head position. I chose
Hannah More because of the strong
teaching team, the exciting curriculum,
the high standards, the amazing play
space and of course, the incredibly warm
community. Thank you for making me
feel so welcome in my first week and
please come and say hello on the gate if
you haven't done already!

Adam Sinden is our new Head Sports Coach. He's joining us from Bristol Sport Foundation, an organisation we've worked with many times in the past for holiday clubs and sports sessions.

He'll be delivering engaging, energizing and exciting PE lessons for all year groups, and will often be joined by specialist coaches from Bristol Sport Foundation.



Secondary School Applications

If you have a child in Year 6, you can apply for secondary school places from **Sunday 12 September**. For more information about the process and how to apply, please visit www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply

The deadline to apply is 31 October

Secondary schools will be holding open days and evenings, giving you the opportunity to look around before applying. Below are details of opening evenings coming up at two local schools.



City Academy's Open Evening for prospective students and parents, is taking place on Wednesday 29th September from 4pm – 7pm.

www.cityacademybristol.clf.uk/events/city-academy-open-evening/

Our open evening will take place on Tuesday 14th September, from 4pm – 7pm.



www.johncabotacademy.clf.uk/open-event/





13 Week Parenting Programme

A weekly facilitated Parenting Programme

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC) is a parenting programme designed to support you to raise happy and successful children by getting access to information and strategies for bringing up your children, meeting other parents, and making sure your voice is heard.

SFSC is a 13 week parenting support group, open to all parents, the aim of the course is to achieve a healthy, violence free lifestyle for you and your family, giving you tools to change the way you parent and enabling you to give your children clear boundaries, consequences and life skills and learning along the way how to:

- Understand your own behaviour
- Build your confidence as a parent
- How to influence your children's behaviour
- Improve your relationships and communication with them

Wellspring Settlement 43 Ducie Road, Barton Hill Bristol, BS5 0AX

Starts 22nd September 2021 9.30am - 12pm

There will be a creche available for 0-5's, book early to avoid disappointment as spaces are limited.





How do i access the programme?

You can book a place on the programme or get more information by contacting **Sally on 0117 9556971 ext 161**

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