Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 13th September 2019



Hello everyone

It was lovely to welcome our new Reception children this week. The classes settled really well and we are looking forward to them staying on for lunch next week! It was good to see some new families joining us; thank you to everyone who has made newcomers feel so welcome in our school community.

We enjoyed having some parents visiting classes this afternoon to have a look at work we are planning for the term. This was the first of several opportunities to come into school and discover what's happening. Next week we have our 'Getting to Know You' meetings, where teachers will find out all about your child and your family - and what you want for your child during the year ahead. Please sign up with your child's teacher for a slot.

Next week many of our parent courses will start, beginning with the lovely morning! This is a group for parents and toddlers, run by one of our parents. There's always some lovely messy play activities as well as stories, songs, healthy snacks for children and coffee and biscuits for adults. Please tell your friends too, as this group is open to anyone from the local area. Details of other parent courses are in this newsletter.

It was delightful to welcome some fantastic volunteers in school this week. Some people are returning for another year (big thank you Fahimo in Year 1, Sarah in Reception and John in Year 6!) and some are new this term. Keep an eye out for new faces around school!

This afternoon Mr Webster and I celebrated some great achievements with TWO special teas; one for our learning champions from last term, and one for our superkids. Well done to everyone and keep up the great learning in the weeks ahead.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher



Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th September, 3.30-5.30

Make sure you have booked a slot with you child's class teacher by Monday!

Getting to know you



Year 1: Amaya and Khalid

Year 2: Eba and Ayan

Year 3: Yousef and Musna

Year 4: Dirshe and Vega

Year 5: Yusuf and Hamza

What's on for parents - September 2019



Mondays 9.00 -11.00 Parent and toddler group

£1 per session. Messy play, stories, songs and snacks! Waxaanu nahay curur cusub oo caruurta yar yar iyo babies ka. Goorma? Isniinta 9-11am wakhtiyada schoolka la dhiganayo.

Tuesdays 9.15-11.15

Help your child with reading

For parents with children in Reception or Year

1. Starts September 17th. Lovely books and ideas to take home!



Wednesdays 9.00 -10.00 **Conversation Club**

ESOL group - improve your speaking and your understanding.

Drop in, beginners welcome, free crèche.

Thursdays 9.15 –11.15 ESOL

Basic level ESOL class, to help you understand more about school and your child's learning. For Hannah More Parents. Free course, free crèche. **Starts 19/9/19**

Wednesdays 9.30-11.45 starts 18 Sept

Incredible Years Parenting Course

- Problem Solving
- Communication Skills
- Behaviour

Ladies netball

Mondays 1.30-3.00

Starts 30 September



Parent Open Morning

Tuesday 1st October

Come and see teaching and learning at Hannah More. Visit your child's class or other classes in the school.

Look out for the booking forms which will be emailed home.



Lists of club places for children can be found on the blue board by the bottom gate.

We are sorry if your child did not get a place at their chosen club! There was lots of demand and limited spaces. They will be on the waiting list, or you can ask the office about spaces in other clubs.

If your child would like to do choir club they can just turn up on a Thursday!

Welcome to Hannah More Miss Malik!

Miss Malik is working in year 6 along side Mr Cook and Miss Skinner as a trainee teacher, supporting children's learning and helping them prepare them for SATs tests next year. Say hello and introduce yourself if you see her around school!





school. A whole new heating system was installed so that we

would be more energy efficient and some exciting changes happened in Lavender (previously the crèche) and More 4 Kids' rooms, see the pictures below.....











Lavender Room



What I've learned this week...

Find your child's class below to read about what they have been learning this week and how you can help them at home!



This week we practised our counting to 20, and wrote numbers to 20 independently. We also drew portraits of ourselves, and made pizza faces!

At home: Read with your child every day for 10 minutes. Practise counting and writing numbers to 20 the right way round, and writing your name correctly.

Year 2

This week we learnt all about the alien Beegu and thought carefully about what it would be like to be her. As mathematicians we looked at representing numbers to 100 in different ways.

At home: Read with your child every day for 10 minutes. Practise counting forwards and backwards from 100 and adding and subtracting within 20.



This week we learnt how all families are different and we talked about our own families. As writers we wrote as if we were Grace, the main character from our book. We have had a brilliant first full week in Year 3 and we are really proud of the children.

At home: Read with your child and asking them questions about the book they are reading. Encourage your child to practise their times tables.



This week we have been reading and exploring a book called 'The Name Jar'. We have been thinking about how the character feels about joining a new school in a new country and writing diary entries. We have also written non-chronological reports all about the meanings of our names! At home, encourage your child to read their books for 10 minutes each day.



We have worked on being a team in Year 5 this week. We came up with class rules and expectations and practised sticking to them. The children worked hard on their presentation and have some very neat work to show. We also made some tasty treats to share with our parents on Friday afternoon.

At home, please help by reading every day for 10 minutes practising times tables up to x 12.



Most of Year 6 have been away on camp this week! The rest of Year 6 enjoyed some great challenges - we hope you have seen some of the pictures on twitter or the website. At school we also enjoyed having help from a student Rachel and we welcomed back volunteer John as well.