

# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

## 17 July 2020



Hello everyone

We have reached the last day of one of the strangest and most testing school years I have ever known. I'd like to thank the staff team here for all their work – preparing online learning, making phone calls, running provision for key workers, sourcing and distributing food boxes, books, art kits, craft activities, cleaning, cleaning and more cleaning and of course, not forgetting, teaching the children who have returned! Many staff have done all this alongside managing their own children who were not at school. They have been fabulous.

We know that it has been a difficult time for some families and we are so pleased at the way that so many of you kept the routine of learning going and sent in your children's work regularly for us to see – thank you! It is now time for a well-earned break from trying to be parents and teachers and to have a relaxing holiday. Thank you also to your children who have often brightened their teacher's week in the phone calls.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September school will open in a more normal way. All children must attend every day. We have been planning slight changes that will make things as safe as they can be – these are outlined later in the newsletter.

We will be saying some goodbyes today; to Mrs Sessions who is off to be a Deputy Head at another school and to Miss Goodwin who will be teaching in Vietnam next year. We will miss them both and are very grateful to them for all they have done for the children at Hannah More.

Have a peaceful break. We look forward to seeing you all back in September.

Best wishes

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.



**There are 5 staff training days over the year, Tuesday 1 September is the first one.**

- **Term 1** Wednesday 2 September - Friday 23 October
- **Term 2** Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December
- **Term 3** Monday 4 January - Friday 12 February
- **Term 4** Monday 22 February - Thursday 1 April
- **Term 5** Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May
- **Term 6** Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July

# Important - Arrangements for September

From 2<sup>nd</sup> September all children should return to school. We will keep a 'bubble' system - each year group will be a bubble. For example, the children in year 4 will learn together, eat together and play together, with their teacher, LSA and their lunchtime staff members.

Because of our safety rules, parents will not be able to come into school for the time being. We hope to be able to welcome you back soon.

- Breakfast club will be open from 8-8.30am for children only; they should come through the office entrance. Each year group will have a separate table at breakfast club.
- The start of the day (for those children not coming to breakfast club) will be staggered. Families will be in either Group A or Group B. Group A should arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.55. Group B should arrive between 8.55 and 9.10. There will be one-way system, entering through the main gate and leaving via the gate in the ball court, onto Jubilee street. Staff will be there to guide you. Children will go straight to class when they arrive at school.
- Playtimes will be staggered, with each year group using a separate area of the playground.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have lunch between 11.45 and 12.45. Older year groups will have lunch between 12.45 and 1.45.
- The end of the day will also be staggered; Group A children will finish school at 3.00 and Group B children at 3.15. Please be prompt to collect your children at the end of the day.
- More 4 Kids will be open and you can book online as usual; we will contact you to advise you of the safety measures.

Final arrangements will be emailed to you in the last week of the holidays. We will also text you to tell you which group you are in.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



THIS WEEK



We've had some lovely thank you cards to pass on to everyone who's supported us over the past few months ...



Clearing some space... but what is Mr R's plan?



Thank you to Jack and the team from Bristol Sport!



Another yummy ready-meal from Travelling Kitchen...



Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of a most unusual school year, we wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community who has continued to work so tirelessly throughout the COVID 19 crisis.

The school governors have continued to meet online through the lockdown period, and we have seen how hard staff have worked to support both the learning and the wellbeing of the children - raising funds, co-ordinating food box delivery, ensuring access to art materials, books and IT equipment for those that need it most as well as carefully planning learning for those children at home and those coming into school. It has been a time of rapid change and development, everyone has had to learn new ways of doing things, and we are proud of how our staff have risen to this challenge.

We also want to celebrated the positive way in which parents, carers and the children have responded to such an unprecedented situation. We know it hasn't always been easy, but children have continued to work really hard at home and have had a chance to show how independent and motivated they are to learn. The governors have been really impressed!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful summer.

Amy Creech and Nisus Larsen - Co-Chairs of Governors



**To all of the families and children at Hannah More.**

I think most of you now know that at the end of term I will be leaving Hannah More to take on a Deputy Head position at a school in Keynsham. Due to the craziness of Coronavirus, I am unable to say goodbye to many of you personally so instead I am writing to you here. I want to thank each and every one of you for a very enjoyable 8 years at Hannah More. I have loved getting to know everyone and teaching all of your fabulous children. I take with me many happy memories and will miss the children, families and teachers very much.

Lots of love, Mrs Sessions x