

# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

## 16th December 2022



Hello

As I reach the end of my second term at Hannah More, I feel more and more at home at the school. It is hard to explain to those that don't work in schools what it is like. The children ensure that every day is different, every day brings joy and laughter. Sometimes it is challenging, but we are all here because we want the best for the children and want to make a difference. When Sarah read her poem at the end of assembly this morning, it struck a chord because many of the powerful feelings she described capture life at Hannah More so well. You can read the poem in this newsletter!

This week has seen some fantastic events which have showcased the learning that goes on here. Year 5 performed 'Oliver' to the staff and children and then to parents on Wednesday. There was such enthusiasm and energy in the way that they delivered the songs and told the story. Year 6 and Year 1 both created museums to share with their adults. I was shown around the Year 6 museum by Mahamed and he was able to talk me through his learning in great detail.

When we start back after the holiday, you will receive a Termly planner. The planner will give you information about what your child is learning in class during the term. Hopefully, this will mean that you have more information and can discuss learning at home. We will be interested to get some feedback about how useful the document is.

Don't forget that we are keen for as many parents as possible to join us on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to have some input into the new behaviour policy. You can come and have lunch with your children at 12pm and then Adam, our sports coach, will do some activities between 1pm and 3pm whilst parents meet with staff and governors.

However you choose to spend the holidays, I hope that everybody stays warm and well. Enjoy the time to rest and spend time with friends and family. We will look forward to seeing you all in Term 3.

Best wishes

Kevin Hawkins

# LEARNING CHAMPIONS!

**Lavender: Yusuf J**

**Year 1: Mohamed A**

**Year 2: Mariam**

**Year 3: Sarina and Aymen**

**Year 4: Zack**

**Year 5: Isra and Billie-Rae**

**Year 6: Safia and Pauline**



This week we enjoyed working together as a team to make a huge paper chain. We practised our counting skills, counting the chain links and thinking about how many more we needed to make 100 chain links. As artists and creators, we made festive pictures and Christmas decorations for our tree It's been a lovely week getting into the Christmas spirit! You can help at home by reading with your child, talking and spending time together.

## LAVENDER

### YEAR 1

This week we finished off work for our Toy Museum. Thank you to all who visited! We loved showing you our toys and writing. In maths we learnt about repeated patterns and symmetry. The children are very tired after a long term so need a good rest ready for the new term. Keep reading with your child!

What an exciting week Year 2 have had with Christmas lunch, class treats and parties. We continued to learn about 2D and 3D shapes, and were busy writing a set of instructions for 'how to make a pizza'. Please read with you child as much as possible over the holidays. Teach your child how to count in 3s. Show your child the different coins and notes when buying things in shops as we will move on to look at money. Ask them to select the right amount of money and talk about change.

### Year 2

### YEAR 3

What a lovely last week! We finished our chronological reports and studied the 8 times table as mathematicians. We also painted winter rocks and made gifts for staff and had a class part on Friday! Please read with your child 5 times a week. Learn the 3, 4 and 8 times table facts out of order. Encourage your child to write a story, poem, recipe or instructions!

As mathematicians, we learnt how to estimate effectively and find factor pairs. In our enquiry, we used our authors skill to produce fact files about different types of animal. We also explored the collage work of Megan Coyle and created collages of our own. Continue practising times tables over the holidays and get you child ready to act and sing in our class performance next term!

### Year 4

### YEAR 5

This week the children wowed the school and parents with their fantastic performance of Oliver. Every child took part and worked hard to make it a success, well done! As mathematicians children completed their first unit on fractions. As philosophers they considered the meaning of peace and used their acting skills to represent a prayer of peace. Children also did lots of Christmas crafts. We hope all of Year 5 have a well-deserved rest over the holidays! A reminder that swimming will start next term every Thursday, so remember swimming kit on the second day back!. At home please help your child with their homework and encourage them to read and practise their times tables.

Year 6 had a busy week preparing our Ancient Egyptian museum - thank you so much to all of the parents who were able to come, we were very excited to share our work with you. At home please help your child by reading with them, practising weekly spellings and TT Rockstars!

### Year 6

# Mindful Me Time for Parents



## Free Taster Workshops

These sessions look at how we deal with the stress and worry which comes from being a parent or carer. We can learn to notice what happens when we are stressed or worried, and how to keep calm when faced with difficulties.

**Mindfulness for Parents/Carers supports us to:**

- **Feel more confident about being a parent**
- **Manage stress and frustration**
- **Talk to and listen to children**

## FREE Taster Workshops for Parents/Carers

Day: Wednesday Mornings  
Time: 9.15am -11.15am  
Dates: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> February, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
At: Hannah More Primary School  
Cost: FREE with Childcare Costs Covered by the School  
Book: [mcp.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:mcp.bristol@gmail.com), Claire-Louise on 0794939963 or speak to Sarah or Ruth at school.

# Community Food Packages

If you're in need of some **free food** over the festive period then please pop down to Docklands and we'll be happy to supply you with a food package - no questions asked.



Monday 19th December | 3.30 - 5pm

Monday 2nd January | 3.30 - 5pm

(First come, first served.)



**DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CENTRE,**  
29 BRIGSTOCKE ROAD,  
ST PAULS, BRISTOL BS2 8UA

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# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

## @FELIX ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

**FREE HOT MEALS AND LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAYS**

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPENING TIMES

**CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Sunday 18 Dec, 1 to 5pm

**WK 1**  
Mon 19 to Fri 23 Dec  
12 to 4pm

**WK 2**  
Tues 27 to Fri 30 Dec  
12 to 4pm

(Term-time opening hours resume  
Tues 3 Jan 2023)

Food is fuel for play and throughout the holidays the playground will be open serving fully funded hot meals cooked by our wonderful kitchen team.

**FREE HOT MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**



Find out all the latest information on our Facebook page @FelixRoadVenture  
Food and activities funded by Your Holiday Hub

**Felix Road  
Christmas Party  
Sunday 18 December  
1 to 5pm**



### Activities

- Mon 19      Photography
- Tues 20     Sewing
- Weds 21    Clay
- Thurs 22   Collaging
- Fri 23      Cooking
  
- Tues 27    Face and body painting
- Wed 28     Stomp rockets
- Thurs 29   Hand plaster casting
- Fri 30      Cooking

**Activities are optional. Everyday we will have the usual child-led free play available both indoors and outdoors.**

# OXFORD STREET CHRISTMAS PARTY

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MARKET STALLS

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STREET PARTY

**BRISTOL CYCLE SHACK**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH**

**12PM - 8PM**

## Your flu vaccination options

The injectable flu vaccine is available for children from Reception to Year 6 who are unable to accept the nasal flu vaccine due to porcine gelatine content or clinical reasons.

Appointments to receive this vaccine can be booked at [bit.ly/CCHPFlu](https://bit.ly/CCHPFlu) or by contacting the School Aged Immunisation team using the contact details below.

**School Aged Immunisation Team**

[Sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:Sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net)    0300 124 5515

There will also be a drop-in vaccination session at **Easton Christian Family Centre** **Wednesday 21 December** from 12pm – 6pm.

Service provided by

# I am Grateful

## a Poem by Sarah F

I am Grateful for our school and this community, for our friendships and our bonds and new-found teams.  
I am hopeful for how this place is making me stronger. As a mother, for my own children, and all in  
between.

I feel worthy to be a part of this adventure. To see my worth and feel like we fit in and belong.  
I'm in awe of the strength in the team that we are building. Never stagnant, never ignorant, but  
sometimes wrong.

I believe in the strength in numbers and our sisters. The power from our elders, and our males and those  
who care.

I am driven by this feeling of redemption, I feel there's something kind of magic in the air.

I am happy to be a part of this achievement. To see courage forming from those who before were failed.  
I work hard to keep the momentum of the forward. For those kids who've fought so long to tell their tales.

I'm Inspired to hear these voices from the other tongues. I'm enthralled to learn broad skills from cultures  
new.

We stand strong for you together in our learning, and this is not just for the children, it's for you.

So Work hard now for your children, for your family.  
Move them forward, filled with love, they can achieve.

Stand beside us in this journey for their future. Lift them up, with us we raise them proud and free

### **INSET DAY—TUESDAY 3RD JANUARY**

Parents are welcome to join governors and staff for lunch at 12pm. Children can eat with parents

From 1 - 3, Adam the sports coach will have Hannah More children while staff, parents and governors meet. We will:

- Discuss communication between home and school. Introduce new offensive language letters.
- Look at the impact of childhood trauma and the importance of children's needs being met.
- Look at the Bristol belonging strategy and how well we meet the objectives. What more do we need to do?

If you and your child/children can come, please email [hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk) so that we can cater for the correct number of people.