

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

8th January 2016

Hello everyone

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to everyone. I hope you had a good break and the children have come back to school rested and ready to learn.

There are some fantastic opportunities ahead of us in 2016 - and not just for children! If you look inside this newsletter you will also see a great range of courses that are running for parents this term. We also have another 'Open Morning' planned for later this month, where you can come into classes and get a glimpse of the exciting teaching and learning that goes on every single day.

Another important focus for us this year is our health. Mr Cook is leading an initiative to improve health and fitness right across our school community. The links between good health and good learning are very clear - we know that children who have a healthy diet, plenty of exercise and plenty of sleep do better in their learning as well. We will send home a leaflet with more information on Monday. In the meantime, ask your child about fitness in school and have a think about any new year resolutions you could make as a family (Mr Webster says he is going to eat MORE FRUIT and FEWER BISCUITS!).

Finally, some very exciting work will be starting in the playground next week as a BEACH is coming to Hannah More. You can read more about this inside this newsletter. Watch this space!

Best wishes

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.

This week's **LEARNING CHAMPIONS!**



Reception: Summeya I and Ibrahim

Year 1: David and Aleks

Year 2: Abdi and Yusra

Year 3: Mohamed H and Hanna

Year 4: Abdirahman and Ikran

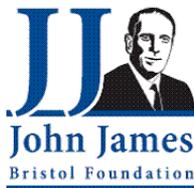
Year 5: Hanan and Charlie

Year 6: Lubna and Jaleya

Do you have a child starting school in September?



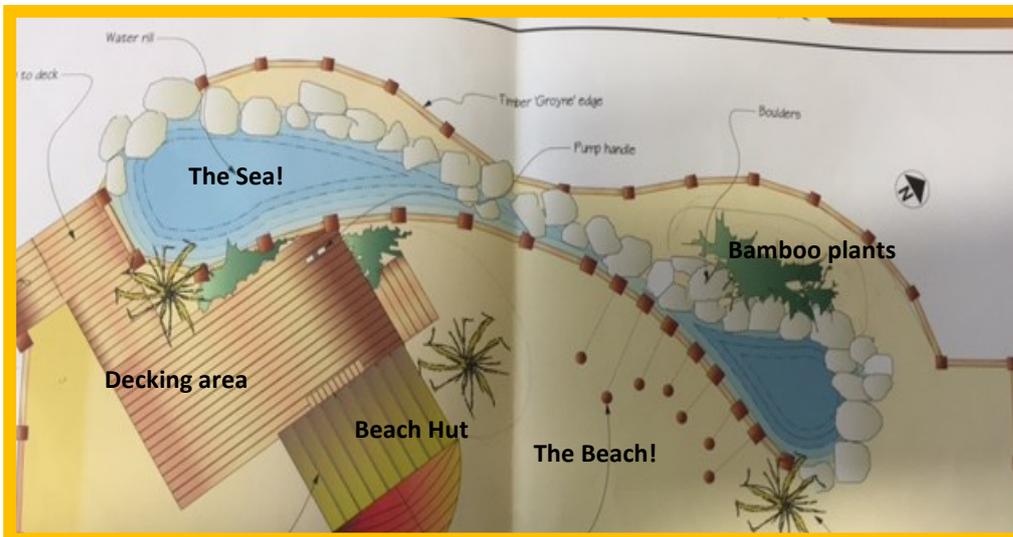
The deadline for applications for places in Reception is **Friday 15th January**. If you have a child who is at nursery and waiting to start school you must apply by this date. If you would like some help with your application please ask at the office.



A huge thank you to our funders!

The Beach comes to Hannah More!

We are really excited about the development of a new playground area. We have raised lots of money so work is starting next week to create a beach! This will have sand, rocks, beach huts and water. This type of play is fantastic for developing children's skills, especially creativity, language and social skills.



While the building work is happening, the area between the Reception outdoor area and the corner of the old building will be fenced off to keep everyone safe.

Half Term Holiday Club...



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We are pleased to be able to offer some subsidised holiday places for children who are entitled to Pupil Premium. These places are £3 per child per day. At holiday club children have lots of fun, improve their language and social skills, are creative, make new friends and even go on exciting trips! Ask at the office for more information.

New courses for 2016

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Maths continues from last term

Conversation group every week!

Wednesdays 9.15 - drop in to improve your English

Drama continues from last term

Storytelling workshop

**Tuesday 12 January 9-10
Reception / Year 1 parents!!**

Sewing - there are a couple of spaces left! **Sign up in the office.** You need to be able to use a machine. **Priority to people who completed the previous course.**

Family Learning



Thursdays from 18th February. For Reception and Year 1



Healthy cooking

Thursdays from 21st January. Sign up from 5th January, at the office.



A course to help with early maths skills. Tuesdays from 26 January.

Come along to the community room any morning to find out more, or email ruth.cochran@bristol-schools.uk with any questions!

Would you like to see what goes in in classes during the school day? Here's your chance! Our Open mornings allow you to see the school in action. You can visit your child's class or an older class or our lovely new Hub. The next Open Morning is **Wednesday 27**



January and booking forms will be sent home soon.



Open Mornings at Hannah More

News from the classes...

Reception classes ... This week we have learnt a new story called 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We acted out the story and thought of ways to describe the different characters. In Maths we practised our adding skills using a number line to help us. **Please help at home by counting from 0-20 and practise writing these numbers.**

Year 1 ... This week we started looking at the story 'Handa's Surprise'. The children looked at fruits and even created their own delicious fruit kebabs! In Maths we learnt about the fraction $\frac{1}{2}$. We also started looking at similarities and differences in animals as part of our new topic. **Please continue to support your child with counting and writing numbers and practise words from previous spelling homework.**

Year 2 ... This week we started learning about fractions. We shaded in fractions of shapes and found $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of sets of objects. In Literacy we learned a new wishing tale called 'How to Catch a Star'. **At home, please ask your child to show you the class actions for 'How to Catch a Star'.**

Year 3 ... This week we extended our learning about fractions. We used objects to show fractions and began to learn how to find fractions of a number. In Literacy we learned the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and used this to write a character description. In topic we learnt about people with different dietary needs and how nutrients and oxygen are transported around the body. **Please help at home by encouraging your child to practise their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.**

Year 4... We started with our WOW event in Literacy– we had props, costumes, a magic hat and a 'Place Between'. We had to act out using our imagination! In Numeracy we explored fractions of a shape, a set of objects and an amount! We learned the difference between unit fractions and non-unit fractions. In Topic we learnt how different symbols represent something different in Christianity and in Hinduism. **At home please help your child to learn our fantasy story 'Leon and the Place Between' with their actions! We will be looking out for who has done this next week!**

Year 5... In Year 5 this week we have completed a design and technology project. We learnt about gears, pulleys and levers and then made our own artefact with K'Nex that shows these mechanisms. We went on an exciting trip to @Bristol where we had a fantastic day of Science, finishing with a 3D trip around the solar system in the planetarium. **At home please ask your child about their trip to @Bristol and what they learned.**

Year 6... This week we revised our knowledge of fractions by simplifying them and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers. In Literacy we started to learn about the features of a play script including performing the play in small groups. We started our new Topic called 'Health and Me' by taking part in an interesting smoothie-making workshop and revising how the digestive system works. **At home, please encourage your child to learn their spellings for this week.**