### Hannah More Primary School Newsletter 9th September 2016

#### **Dear Parents**

Welcome back to the new school year. I love the holidays but it is always a treat to start back and see the children looking so smart and enthusiastic. It has been a very settled start to the year, with children showing great learning skills already.

From next week, our newsletter will be online! This will save us a lot of money in paper and printing costs and hopefully make it easier for you to look back at past newsletters. Please make sure that you provide us with an email address if you have not already done so - and do tell us if any of your details change.

We really enjoyed looking at the children's summer scrapbooks - well done to everyone who completed one! Teachers have enjoyed sharing these in the classes and we will leave them in the hall next week for everyone to have a look at.

This week we welcomed lots of new children to Hannah More. Some of you have asked about school places for other people you know. Year 4 is full and Year 5 is nearly full, but there are a few places in other year groups. All admissions need to go through Bristol city council - we are unable to offer places. It is easy to apply online at https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/school-admissions

On Monday many of our families will be celebrating Eid, so it will be a quiet day in school. I wish you all a really happy time with your families.

Best wishes,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher



We will authorise Monday as a holiday, for those families who are celebrating Eid.





- Year 1: Keijah and Mahamed H
- Year 2: Matti and Ihsan
- Year 3: Numa and Lewis
- Year 4: Nakye and Lillian
- Year 5: Naod and Sabir
- Year 6: Mohamed W and Jamel



### **NEW SCHOOL YEAR DATES**

Term 1 Monday 5 September - Friday 21 October
Term 2 Tuesday 1 November - Friday 16 December
Term 3 Tuesday 3 January - Friday 10 February
Term 4 Tuesday 21 February - Friday 7 April
Term 5 Monday 24 April - Friday 26 May
Term 6 Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July

### Have you got your House PE t-shirt ?

Everyone will need a tshirt in their house colour this term! On sale at the office - £6.

> We have vacancies for two temporary lunchtime supervisors:

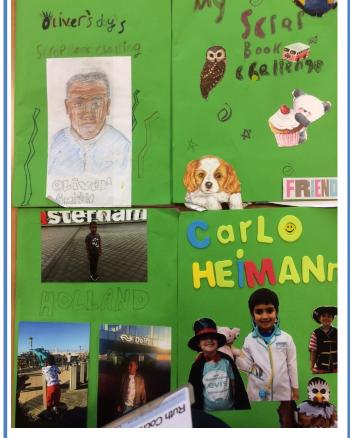
2 days per week, for 1 year and 5 days per week from 31st October (maternity cover).

See the office next week if you are interested.

# Using the Hub with your child ...

The Hub will be open on Mondays after school, for you to read with your child or use Bug Club. Sorry, no pre-school children allowed.





Well done Scrapbook winners!

## **Courses for Parents**

When?	What?	How to apply?
MONDAYS 9.15 from 26 Sept	Mums' drama group	Come along to find out more. All mums welcome!
WEDNESDAYS 9-10 from 21 Sept	Conversation group	
THURSDAYS 9.15 from 22 Sept	Family learning for Reception parents	Turn up on 22 <sup>nd</sup> to register
FRIDAYS 9.30 from 23 Sept	Parents' fitness activities	Come to a meeting on Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> after assembly to find out more!

#### Also running this term...

Workshops for new Reception parents – every morning and afternoon 12-16 September

Forest School level 1 qualification - 19, 20, 26, 27, 28 September Level 3 First Aid – October (will include a Saturday)

Email <u>ruth.cochran@bristol-schools.uk</u> for more information.

Next term we will run sewing and parenting as well.



### LEVEL 1 TRAINING September 19-28th



# This week's learning ...

**Year 1** ... This week we enjoyed singing songs and creating our very own class song. We discussed our class charter and created some class rules. We wrote our numbers to 20 and used our sounds to help with spelling. At home, please read with your child every day and help them to complete this week's homework.

**Year 2**... We have had a fantastic start to the term! We thought about the class expectations and what we want to achieve this year. We enjoyed writing a fact file about ourselves and, as part of our topic, we made Tudor Houses for a display. At home, please listen to your child read and discuss the class expectations for the year.

**Year 3** ... This week we thought about what good group work looks like and how we can work together well as a team. We thought about what it means to belong to a group and what makes our classes special. We wrote a letter all about our summer holidays and we played lots of exciting maths games. At home, please talk to your child about what good team work looks like.

**Year 4** ... We have had a great first week back! We enjoyed working in our new classes and getting to know each other! We showed lots of collaboration through playing team games inside and outside the classroom. We were set a challenge to make a car using the play pod materials – we loved the challenge and you can see the photos on Twitter or on our class blog! We also learned about mosaics and created our own Roman mosaic patterns! You can help at home by talking to children about what makes a good team member!

**Year 5**... This week we welcomed new children in both classes, Dove and Owl! We prepared for our learning, getting to know Mr Wells, and had very productive class council meetings. We enjoyed some Art, teambuilding games and researching our Author of the term: Anne Fine. During PE with Miss Stevens we discussed teamwork and put this in to practice. At home, please read on bugclub or with your new reading books and practise your times tables.

**Year 6** ... This week we got to know our old (and new!) teachers! We prepared for our learning by finding out about 'growth mindset'. We also revised place value in maths and prepared our class 'rap' in our literacy lessons. We enjoyed silhouette and bubble art on Monday. We went swimming on Thursday morning and played human noughts and crosses with Miss Stevens in PE. At home, please make sure you can log in to Bugclub and discuss what 'growth mindset' is with your child.