

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

5 January 2024



Happy New Year to all of our school community. I hope that you enjoyed a restful break and the new year has started well.

Despite the pouring rain, I was brightened up by the number of smiling faces that came through the gate on Wednesday. Many children told me how happy they were to be back in school. School should be enjoyable and learning new things is good for all of us, whatever our age. It has been lovely to see children reconnecting with friends and enjoying time in class with their adults.

Attendance

School starts at 8.45am. Although the register doesn't close until 9 o'clock, learning starts at 8.45am. The start of the day is often the time when children practise key skills for their year group or go over areas that they might have misunderstood from the previous day. If children arrive at 9am or later, they could miss an hour of learning a week.

1 hour each week = 1 day each term.

During the learning review meetings, teachers will talk to you about attendance. Anything above 95% is good attendance. Many of our children are below this number. As with lateness, if children aren't in school, they can't learn. I know how much our community values education and can see how much of a difference it can make. Everyone gets ill sometimes and that cannot be helped. Please think carefully about whether to keep children at home. Lost learning time can make a big difference to academic achievement.

Homework club

Homework club starts in week three on Thursday 18th January. Adults must come with children. It is a chance for children to spend focused time on their homework. Also, it can be a good chance for adults to see how they can help their children at home. The club will run for Year 1 and 2 in BFG class and Year 3 – 6 in Owl class with Mr Cook.

I hope that as we start 2024, we can continue to build on the work that we have done in 2023. Everyone at Hannah More wants the best for the children and the community. If we continue to work together, we can achieve this. Have a good weekend.

Mr Hawkins



starting 18th January!

HOMEWORK CLUB!
THURSDAYS 3:15-4:15PM

KS1 - BFG Classroom with Miss Goldsack

KS2 - Owl Classroom with Mr Cook

Children must have a parent/carer attending with them

Parent Meetings

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY

**Please book a timeslot
with your child's teacher**

SUPERKIDS!

Year 1: Roman

Year 2: Mascud

Year 3: Ehsan

Year 4: Aisha and Zahra

Year 5: Aseel

Year 6: Yasmin and Ibraheem



CLASS NEWS

YEAR 1

We had a wonderful start to the term. As authors, we wrote the beginning of the story 'Owl Babies'. In phonics, we revisited the ue and u-e digraphs (two letters that make one sound) and as mathematicians we thought about shape and repeated patterns. At home you can help your child learn to read and write the tricky words sent home last term.

Year 2

This week Year 2 started work on our new book 'Pattan's Pumpkin'. We also learnt about 3D shapes and their properties. We started to learn about seeds and plants, and enjoyed a trip to the Old Vic to watch a performance called 'Four Seasons'. Please read with your child 5 times a week. Practise your 2, 5 and 10 times table including doing them out of order.

YEAR 3

This week we started our new termly book. We wrote predictions about our story. In enquiry we started a new topic which looks at the Vikings. We explored the timeline of British history and learnt new vocabulary. Please read with your child 3 times a week at home. Please make sure your child does the homework sheet.

Year 4

A super first week back in Year 4. As authors, we started to explore a new book called 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We discovered that this iron robot is bigger than a house and has a head as big as a bedroom. We used this information to create our own similes for his facial features and we tried to use a mysterious tone. As mathematicians, we continued to work on our 3-digit by 1-digit formal multiplications written methods. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week. Practise your 6 and 8 times table including doing them out of order.

YEAR 5

Since being back, we have travelled to the stars as we began our space-themed enquiry 'What makes our planet unique?'. In our maths lessons we explored the concept of perimeter and calculating it in shapes. As authors we began reading our new book 'Cosmic' and reviewed non-chronological reports ahead of planetary research next week. At home, share knowledge of and use the internet to research the different planets of the solar system.

Year 6

A short but busy first week back for Year 6! We began our next text for the term 'Floodland' - a story all about how sea level rises affect the UK. We also multiplied and divided fractions and learnt about renewable energy! At home please ensure your child reads at least 3 times a week for 18 minutes.

**Drop in for info on how to
reduce your energy bills.**



Energy Help Desk



At Hannah More

Monday 15th January 9-10.30.

**Free! All welcome. Language support,
tea, coffee, hot chocolate and croissants!**

**Find out how to talk to energy
companies, plus top tips on
saving energy.**

**Learn how to make your
home **warmer** and reduce
your energy bills.**

**Come along to a FREE workshop and learn how to
draught-proof your home. All welcome!**



**Mondays 22nd & 29th January at 9am
in the community room at Hannah More**



**All materials
provided!**



**Language support, tea,
coffee, hot chocolate
and croissants!**



**Quartet
Community
Foundation**



**BRISTOL
ENERGY
NETWORK**

Recycle, Repair, Refashion

INTERMEDIATE

SEWING COURSE

with Traceydaun

10 week sign-up course

Tuesdays from 16 January

@ 9am-11:30am

in the Community Room

- sewing experience essential
- refreshments provided
- receive a certificate from Learning West upon completion of the course
- CRECHE available

for more information, speak to Sarah Franke in school or by email

sarah.franke@bristol-schools.uk



**Do you want to practice speaking English?
Come to an English Conversation Club.**

Czy chcesz ćwiczyć rozmowy w języku angielskim? Przyłącz się do klubu konwersacyjnego English Conversation Club.

Ma doonaysaa in aad luqadda Ingiriisiga si fiican ugu hadasho? Kaalay oo ka qaybqaado kulamo gaar ah oo loogu talagalay xoojinta ama horumarinta ku hadalka luqadda Ingiriisiga.

یا آپ انگریزی بولنے کی مشق کرنا چاہتے ہیں؟
انگریزی بول چال کے کلب میں تشریف لائیں۔

Хочеш попрактикувати розмовну англійську?
Приєднуйся до англійського розмовного клубу
English Conversation Club.

SCAN QR code to find out more



- Practice speaking English • Improve your confidence
- Meet new people • Term times only • Enjoy fun activities •

TUESDAYS 14:00-15:00

**Hannah More Primary School New Kingsley
Bristol BS2 0LT**

STARTS 28/11/23

FREE Speaking classes in Bristol | No need to enrol—just turn up!



**COMMUNITY
LEARNING**

www.esolcc.org or contact Aggie on:

✉ esolconversationclubs@bristol.gov.uk

☎ 07768500673

PILATES & FITNESS

mixed group with tutor Mark

Tuesday evenings @ 6:30-7:30

This welcoming class is open to those at any level. With over 20 years of experience teaching Pilates, Mark will challenge everyone at their own level. Pilates improves physical strength, flexibility, and posture and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities.



There will be four sessions, starting on Tuesday 9th January in the Community Room. Parking is available if needed. You must register in advance and pay a £5 booking fee to reserve your place. (You can claim this back.)

For more information, email friendsofhannahmore@gmail.com
You will need to complete a short health questionnaire at the first session.



NEW SIGN-UP COOKING COURSE WITH



**THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE ON
FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY**

AND WILL RUN FOR 10 WEEKS

FRIDAYS (TERM TIME ONLY)

9:30AM-12PM

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

**Priority will be given to those who have not done
a Travelling Kitchen cooking course before.**

**You will need to commit to all 10 weeks to
complete the course.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE SPEAK
TO SARAH FRANKE IN SCHOOL OR EMAIL**

sarah.franke@bristol-schools.uk

INTERNET SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

**THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY @ 2PM-3PM
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

Drop-in session for parents and carers to find out more about cyber security and how they can support their child in using the internet safely. The session will be delivered by the Cyber Team of Avon and Somerset Police.

Come in!
**For tasty food
and good company**



**Free meals
Wednesdays
6.30pm and
Saturdays 1pm**

Everyone is welcome

**FoodCycle Bristol
Wellspring Settlement
43 Ducie Road
BS5 0AX**



Sit and eat with us
Come inside for a
warm, tasty
meal.

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needed, just
turn up!

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