

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

6th January 2023



Happy New Year to everyone in our school community.

It was great to see so many governors and parents at our inset day on Tuesday. I hope that everyone found it useful. We want to give parents as much opportunity to help shape the direction of the school. We used the Bristol Belonging Strategy to provoke conversation about things that we do well and areas that can be improved. Communication about behaviour is something that was key and we took away the need to do more.

We had already planned to introduce offensive language notes. Respect is such a key value for us at Hannah More and we want children to show respect to each other at all times. I believe that parents want to know if children are using bad language or being offensive towards others. The note will tell you exactly what was said so that you can discuss it with your child at home. You can find an example in this newsletter. We are also exploring ways in which we can send more communication about the wonderful things that your children do each and every day. More on this soon!

The children have all come back with smiles on their faces, glad to see their friends and ready to learn. Even though I have only been here two terms, I feel part of the community and I felt excited to start the new year and work together. Hannah More is a special place and anyone who visits is blown away by our building, our children and our commitment to community cohesion.

One of those people was Peter McCartney, a very generous man who donated money to the school. The money has allowed us to give the children more opportunities to get out of the classroom and go on trips. This brings learning alive and gives children purpose. Peter joined Year 4 on their trip to the Old Vic theatre this morning and was able to see first hand how much these trips mean to everyone.

I hope that parents have appreciated the new Termly planners that went home this week. We hope that more information about what your children will be learning in school will allow you to talk about it at home.

Have a restful weekend.

Kevin Hawkins

SUPERKIDS!

Year 1: Reel

Year 2: Idiris

Year 3: Lukas and Mujahid

Year 4: Baktiar

Year 5: Jamal and Fayola

Year 6: Aliyah and Sumaya



YEAR 1

This week we started our new topics for this term. We talked about people who help us. We looked at police, firefighters, doctors and nurses to name a few. At home please help your child practise counting up to 20 and down from 20. Our new topic this term is 'Who helps us'. Talk about people who help your family with your child. Keep reading!

Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic start to the term. We learnt about money in maths. In English we started our new book Traction Man and thought about materials as scientists. Please read with you child 5 times a week. Practise your 2, 5 and 10 times table, including doing them out of order.

YEAR 3

We started our new book called 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and were made exciting predictions, found the meaning of new vocabulary and answered inference questions. As mathematicians we looked at what happens when you times and divide different numbers by 10 and used related facts! We also began looking at the Vikings, our new enquiry topic. Please read with your child 5 times a week. Learn the 3, 4 and 8 times table facts out of order. Make a start on learning the 3 times table! Practise joined handwriting.

Year 4

As mathematicians we learnt to mentally multiply two-digit numbers by 10 and 100. As readers, we started our new class story 'The Iron Man' and made predictions based on clues and learnt how to work out the meaning of new vocabulary. In our enquiry lessons, we explored the art work of Alexander Calder and auditioned for our new performance roles. We also visited the Bristol Old Vic theatre and watched the Belle and Sebastien play. At home please help your child learnt their performance lines.

YEAR 5

This week we started our new book for the term 'Cosmic'. Children made predictions about what they think will happen. As mathematicians we returned to multiplication and learnt some new written methods. As athletes, children had a successful first session in their new PE groups. Children were really excited to learn about a new project where we will be linking with another Year 5 class from a different school in Somerset. More news to follow on this! At home please help your child with their homework and spellings ready for our Monday test.

Year 6

This week Year 6 learnt all about converting units of measure including grams, kilograms, metres and kilometres. As writers we started reading a book about a dystopian Britain, in which most of the UK has been flooded due to climate change. At home please help your child practise SATs style questions: these can be found on the Y6 blog page.

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE NOTE:

Offensive language note



Name: _____

Date: _____

Your child was heard saying: _____
by a member of staff.

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This is offensive because it is:

Swearing/inappropriate language

Homophobic

Sexual

Insulting

Racist

Religious prejudice

Respect is one of our core values so please discuss the meaning of the words and how they can be offensive. If this language continues, we will ask you to meet us to discuss ways to support your child.

If you need to discuss this further, or don't understand the words, please speak to Mr Hawkins or Mrs Barbour.

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PUPILS ONLINE SAFETY: PARENTAL AWARENESS SESSION

Hannah More will be running a **parental awareness sessions** on **Thursday 26th January at 14:30pm** in the Community Room. The sessions will be led by the **Cyber Security team at Deloitte** and will last for one hour.

The sessions will focus on sharing the **features, uses and safeguarding concerns in popular apps, websites and games** that are widely used by pupils. These include Roblox, Discord and Snapchat. The session will also share the ways that parents can make these apps, websites and games safer for the pupils.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask wider questions about online safety to the Deloitte Cyber Security team.

We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



MONDAYS



MOVE TOGETHER YOGA

**Monday Mornings With Debs
9am - 10am Term Time Only**

A fun, social session that uses simple Yoga poses to strengthen the body and quiet the mind.

No experience required, wear comfortable clothes.

Don't forget to bring some water.

In the community room - women only - its FREE

CONTACT SARAH OR DEBS TO FIND OUT MORE OR ASK A QUESTION
HELLO@OPENMINDSACTIVE.ORG

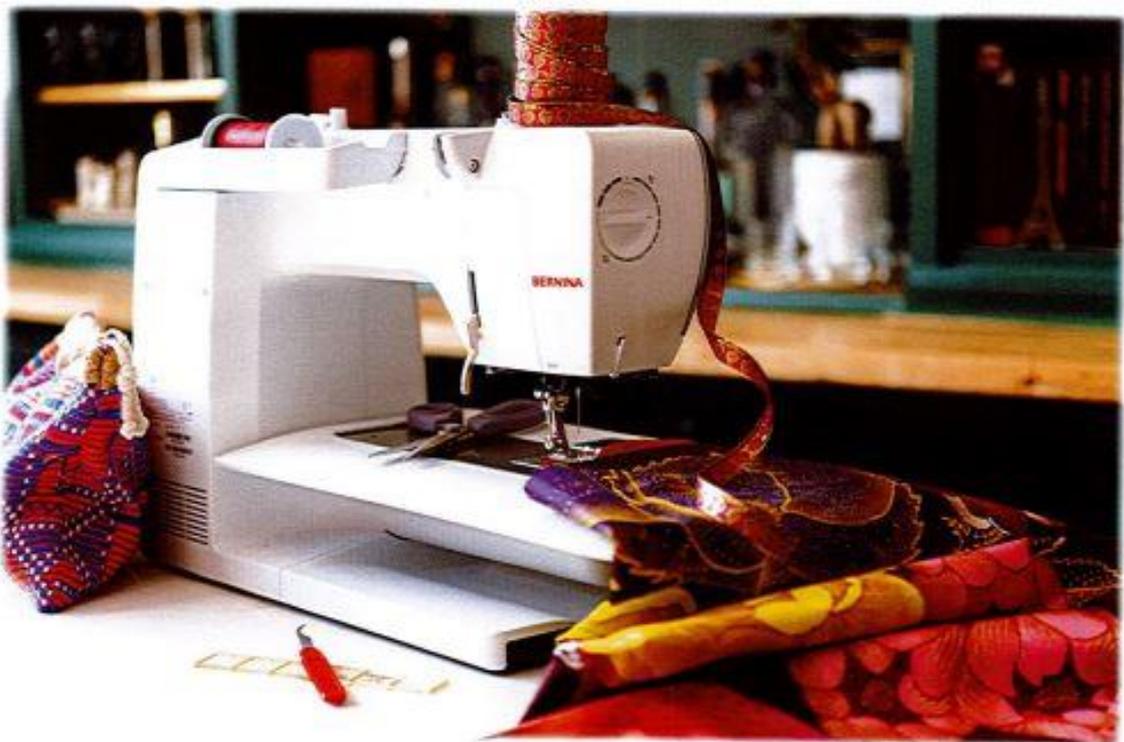
TUESDAYS

New Sewing workshops at Hannah More

TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 10th JANUARY 9.00-11.00

What to expect : drop-in sessions where you can find out more, meet the tutor, learn to use a sewing machine, complete your own projects, or maybe learn some crochet skills. All Hannah More parents are welcome!

Then after half term there will be a weekly course - you will need to attend every week, fill in an enrolment form and provide ID. Find out about 'next steps' and improve your English if you need to. The course is for people who do not have a (UK) level 2 qualification.



- Free course, get a certificate when you finish
- Work at your own pace - all welcome!



If you are interested contact friendsofhannahmore@gmail.com - or speak to Sarah at school

WEDNESDAYS

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 25th January, 1st February, 8th February 2023
At: Hannah More Primary School
Cost: FREE with Childcare Costs Covered by the School

THURSDAYS (NEXT TERM!)

Help Your Child to Learn - Craft and Chat

THURSDAYS FROM 23RD FEB 9.00-11.00

What to expect :

This is like a college course - you need to attend at least 8 out of 10 sessions. You will need to fill in an enrolment form and provide ID. There will be a chance to think about 'next steps' and improve your English if you need to. The course is for people who do not have a (UK) level 2 qualification.



- Free course particularly suitable for those with children in Year 2, 1 or Reception
- Receive a certificate when you finish
- Meet other people and do art and craft based on a storybook
- Find out how to support children's reading
- Free storybooks and craft activities to take home
- All welcome but priority is for Hannah More parents/carers



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FRIDAYS



New! FREE 10 week Cooking Course starting Friday 13th February in the Community Room. Course starts at 9:30am and finishes at 12:30pm.

If you are interested in taking part in the new course, please contact Sarah Franke [asap](#) in school.

