



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

The new school year has been very busy but rewarding. We have enjoyed welcoming new staff, pupils, families and carers to Key stages 1 and 2.

As this term draws to an end we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to parents and carers for your support in everything we do at the school.

In particular we are so grateful for your generosity supporting many fund raising events this term.

In the 2018/19 parent questionnaire you asked for opportunities to see the pupils work and activities in school and we hope that the Termly Topic web sheets and our recent end of term celebration of the pupils work has been a positive experience for everyone. I know I had lots of fun singing along with the pupils and I was overwhelmed by the enthusiastic participation by the audience.

Thank you for taking time out to read our newsletter and may I wish you all a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**



Miss Nolan
Headteacher

CHARITY FUNDRAISERS!

An important part of our commitment to wider community engagement is to take part in fund raising events local and national campaigns for different charities.

This term we have raised over £55.39 for Macmillan Nurses, £281.76 for Children In Need, £53.75 for Save the Children (Christmas Jumper Day) and our 'Homemade' Christmas Fair has raised 109.90 for Shelter. You also made a significant donation of food and toiletries to Southwark Food Bank for our Harvest Festival this term.

Thank you all so much for all your donations and generosity.



PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS

Our SALT and OT staff have been on hand again this term to provide support and advice.

We received very positive feedback from parents, carers and governors who attended training on the Zones of Regulation. We adopted this strategy in school this year to support our pupils emotional regulation skills.

Thank you for the feedback and we plan to hold a follow up training and support session in the New Year.

With the reception class due to open in January 2020 we will run induction sessions to welcome new starter parent and carers. **All are welcome to attend.**





PARENT VOICE

We receive parental feedback through the year at our meetings, 'drop in's' and parents meetings. Parents and carers often contact the school office for support and advice.

The senior support staff Jenny and Agnes are usually available in the school reception area each morning. Please feel welcome to speak with them to ask for information about up and coming training or for specific issues you feel you might need help with (e.g. Toileting, behaviour, transport).

One to one meetings can be organised - Coral is happy to speak to parents and to signpost help. Please call on **0207 639 6080**.

We gather parent view through our annual **parent questionnaire** every spring term. Please contact us at school and get involved developing parent working together with the school.

Attendance matters

I would like to thank pupils, parents and carers for this term improving attendance. As a whole school we set a target of 95% or above for attendance and we are happy to see the majority of pupils have achieved and exceeded this goal.

We understand there are many reasons why your child may need to be absent from school including appointments and sickness.

We know that by working together we can keep school absence to a minimum. We are on hand to support and assist you as needed.

I will invite parents and carers to meet with the senior Leadership team to discuss absence issues if I am concerned about a child's attendance or lateness. This is my responsibility and my duty of care to safeguard every child at Haymerle.

LEARNING IS FUN

This term, pupils have enjoyed learning through their topics. **'The Weather'** (Key Stage 1 Classes) **Pirates** (Key Stage 2 Classes) and **'That's Life'** in Upper Key Stage 2 classes.

We discussed pupil progress when parents and carers came to meet the class teachers for their first parents meetings. This week we all celebrated our learning through our end of term performances of song, music and dance relating to our work this term.

Thank you to Brenda and Will who worked with every class to plan and practice our celebration of learning performances.

Congratulations to all the children and staff for making the performances so much fun!

SAFEGUARDING

Haymerle School is committed to robust Safeguarding Policy, procedures and practice.

Our Safeguarding Policy protects pupils and informs staff, parents and visitors. **You can access this policy on the schools' website or request a paper copy from the admin team.**

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to ask for our support. Our designated safeguarding staff will always make time to meet with you.

Working in partnership with parents and carers the staff at Haymerle School hold pupils care and well-being at the heart of our work with you and your children.





Online Safety @ Christmas

At times it can be difficult for parents and carers to keep up with the rapid developments and innovations in ICT. Please help your children to be able to enjoy all the positive benefits accessible safely while on line.

Look for some top tips for staying safe online at Christmas from the **UK Safer Internet Centre**

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/top-tips-staying-safe-online-christmas>

And you could also check out **ParentInfo**. This website contains lots of useful info for parents on keeping children safe online.

<https://parentinfo.org/>

Please read our school policy regarding safe use of the internet.

Help the admin team at Haymerle

Giving pupils medication on School premises

Please be advised that we are very happy to support parents and families with the administering of medication for the pupils. **This can only be for medication given to your child on prescription.**

Parents and carers should contact the school to discuss a request for medication to be given in school.

A consent and information form must be completed before the school can proceed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Change of address and additional contact information

The admin team would remind parents and carers to please contact school office inform us of any changes to your contact information e.g. new mobile numbers. It is recommended as best practice (Safeguarding

Guidance) for schools to have two emergency contacts provided for pupils.

Please inform our admin team of any changes to the emergency contact information you have provided. Please check that the individuals named are available to support in an emergency during school hours.

Be Winter Ready

As the weather is getting colder and colder, please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat, hat, scarf and gloves as necessary to keep them warm when they go outside at playtimes or for outside learning. To help staff please write your child's name in their belongings.



Haymerle School Website

We hope our school website provides useful information about the school, policies, activities and events, our school ethos, aims and objectives.

On the website you can find out about your child's class team, the topics for the term and read about activities that take place throughout the year.

You will find us at

www.haymerle.southwark.sch.uk

You can find out about other support available in Southwark by going to the SIAS (Southwark Information Advisory Service) website sias@southwark.gov.uk

Pupil Therapy and Support

We continue to offer a wide range of therapeutic intervention and additional support to help the children. These include Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Music Therapy.



Individual therapists are happy to discuss your child's needs with you. Please contact the school office for further information.

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff involved for their continued hard work and support throughout this term.

On behalf of the staff and school governors at Haymerle we would like to thank the parents and children for your support and feedback, for attending meeting, training and drop in sessions.

As we start this Christmas Holiday we would like to thank you for your cards, gifts and good wishes for a peaceful Holiday and a happy start to the New Year.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2019

Monday 6th January 2020 – SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET

Staff Training

SCHOOL RESUMES 7TH JANUARY 2020

Spring term

Spring 1

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February

Half term

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

Spring 2

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April

Summer term

Summer 1

Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May

Half term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Summer 2

Monday 1st June to Tuesday 21st July

Public Holidays

New Years Day – Tuesday 1st January 2019

Good Friday - Friday 19th April 2019

Easter Monday – Monday 22nd April 2019

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2019

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 27th May 2019

Summer Bank Holiday – Monday 26th August 2019

For all enquiries, please call 020 7639 6080.

