



# Hampton Hill Junior School

## Newsletter

10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and relaxation. As we step into this new year, we are excited to welcome our pupils back to school for another term of learning and growth. Earlier this week, a parent survey was sent to gather your thoughts around the co-location of both schools. Your views are important to us, so do please take a moment to fill this in.

We have noticed how well families with siblings at Carlisle are adjusting to the earlier start time with the gates now opening at HHJS from 8.30am. Your cooperation has made a significant difference in ensuring a smooth start to the school day for our pupils. Thank you for your continued support!

As the weather turns colder, we kindly remind all parents to ensure that their children come to school dressed warmly. Please make sure your child has a coat every day.

Wishing you all a fantastic start to the year ahead!

Zoe Brittain

Federation Headteacher

## Notices/Reminders

### Equipment reminder:

Please can you check your child has all the equipment they need for school as we are running low.

A reminder of the equipment they need, which should be kept in a clear pencil case

- HB plain writing pencil
- Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Coloured pencils



Can children also remember a water bottle every day and a healthy breaktime snack and a reminder that we are a nut free school.

### Clubs

All clubs start **w/c 13th January 2025** and end **w/c 24th March 2025**. If you have any queries about the afterschool clubs please contact the club provider directly.

### Parking

Please can all parents be mindful of where they park. Please do not obstruct resident drive ways and please do not park on the zig zag lines. Please be aware parking enforcement officers are patrolling the area and issuing fines. May we also remind you that no parents or carers are to park in the staff car park without permission from the school.

## Notices/Reminders

### The Importance of Good Attendance

At our school, we believe that every day matters. Consistent school attendance is vital for your child's success. Missing school means missing out on valuable learning opportunities, which can affect academic progress and confidence. Here's a closer look at how attendance impacts achievement:

#### 96% - 100% Attendance

Excellent. Students in this category have excellent attendance, which puts them in a great position to meet or exceed their academic targets.

#### 91% - 95% Attendance

This is a cause for concern. Missing 9-17 days a year can mean nearly three weeks of missed learning, which can make it harder to keep up.

#### Under 90% Attendance

This level is concerning and is not acceptable. A child with 80-90% attendance will have missed almost two months' worth of learning over the course of the year. This can create significant gaps in their knowledge, making it much more challenging for them to reach their goals.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
98% Attendance	3 Days Missed 3 days of learning missed	Good
96% Attendance	7 Days Missed 1 week and 2 days of learning missed	Good
90% Attendance	19 Days Missed 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days Missed 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days Missed 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable

### Absences

If your child is absent please report this daily by contacting the school (020 8797 3019, Option 1) or email [student@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:student@hamptonhill.richmond.sch.uk)



### Dates coming up:

#### January:

10th January Year 3 Roman Workshop

Year 4 Gurdwara Trip:

4NB – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

4W – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

4AB – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025

17th January Year 5 V&A Trip

28th January CIS School Nurse—Parent Drop in sessions at CIS 9am-11am

#### February:

3rd—9th February Children's Mental Health Week

11th February Safer Internet day

26th February—Year 3 Parent Consultations

27th February - Year 5 Parent Consultations

27th, 28th February Year 6 Map detective Geography Trip

#### March:

5th March—Year 4 Parents Consultation

6th March—Year 6 Parents Consultations

6th March World Book Day

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are continuing to update the school's main office and Foyer area in order to showcase a range of children's learning throughout the academic year. In order to do this, WE NEED YOU!

We are asking for donations of any used or no-longer-desired photo/art frames of all shapes and sizes (A3 - A5) in order to showcase the incredible skills and talents of your children to the visitors here at Hampton Hill Junior School.

Any donations would be gratefully received and can be given to the office team here anytime over this half term.

### Fourth Plinth Schools Awards 2025



We are excited to invite the children to enter this fantastic competition. It's a chance to get creative and produce a work of art inspired by the contemporary art commissions for Trafalgar Square's Fourth Plinth.

#### Here's how to get involved:

Children should bring their clearly named entry into the school office w/c 20<sup>th</sup> February and we will photograph them and send the application off.

There are winner and runner-up prizes for different age categories: 5-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-15 years, as well as prizes for the best work from each London borough. There'll also be a presentation ceremony at City Hall and all winning entries will appear in an exhibition in late spring.

This year, winning works from the age group categories will be created in 3-D and displayed in Trafalgar's Square's famous St Martin-in-the-Fields, Crypt, on the Children's Plinth.

Entries can be in all art forms including drawing, painting, sculpture, collage and digital designs. There's no limit to the number of entries

For new ideas, information about workshops and helpful materials throughout the competition please visit the below website:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/programmes-strategies/arts-and-culture/current-culture-projects/fourth-plinth-traffic-square/fourth-plinth-schools-awards-2025?source=vanityurl>