



Engage – Inspire – Empower
Head Teacher Newsletter
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Welcome Back

Welcome back, I hope you all had a good break. We are now in the final half term of the academic year which is an incredibly busy time for all the year groups.

The end of this half term sees some changes for Jenny Hammond as we say goodbye to Chelsea. Chelsea is a Teaching Assistant at Jenny Hammond joining us in 2008 however she has actually been part of the Jenny Hammond family since November 1996 when she came to our school at the age of 6. For a few years now Chelsea has been completing her degree and will be moving into a role working with young adults and making a difference to their lives.

We also have another farewell at the end of term as Bilkis will be leaving us. Like Chelsea, Bilkis was first a pupil at our school and then 3 years ago joined us as a teacher. Bilkis is leaving to pursue a different career path but hopefully we can entice her back into the classroom one day soon.

Aniqa Khanam is also changing roles having joined us as a Special Needs Assistant in April 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all 3 members of staff the very best in your new careers and great success. We appreciate and thank you for your hard work at Jenny Hammond. You will be missed.

We are welcoming 3 new teachers however. Alice Sarzi Sartori, Aaisha Syed and Nafisa Shabbir. Alice and Nafisa will all be joining our teaching team in September as they are teaching in other schools for the rest of this academic year. Both are experienced teachers. We are fortunate that Aaisha is already at Jenny Hammond currently teaching in Year 2 so knows the school and the children well.

Alyson, who currently teaches in Year 5, will be leaving us but hopefully not for too long. Alyson is having a baby in August and we are very excited to welcome and meet a new Jenny Hammond baby. Not too long now Alyson.

With the new teachers joining us it means that Ruth continues supporting the children as our Intervention teacher and Nursel and Georgia continue their teaching roles supporting children and covering PPA across the school for another year. We are also in a fortunate position for Louise, who currently teaches in our Reception class, to come out of the classroom to cover PPA and to give support to our new Reception intake in September. Louise will be reducing her days and working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from September.

You can find out who is teaching in which class in September at the end of this newsletter.

Art Week

We start **ART WEEK** on Monday 13th June where the focus this year is based on sustainability. We are lucky to have Dorset artist Darrell Wakelam with us for the first two days. Darrell works with children on creating the most amazing art pieces using recycled cardboard and if you follow the school on twitter you may have seen some of his creations as I posted them during lockdown for our children to do. He's definitely worth googling for some great ideas to do with your children.

Book Fair

Things are definitely getting back to normal as we are once again holding a Book Fair at school from **Thursday 23rd June to Wednesday 29th June**. Opening hours on school days will be just before and after school in the hall although weather permitting each day we may hold the Book Fair outside. As always with all of our book fairs we receive a percentage of the money taken back in books for our classroom collections.



Music Lessons

If you would like your child to start music lessons in either the piano, violin or guitar in September 2022 then we hold one to one lesson with a company called Piano Fun Club. The lessons take place during the school day. Unfortunately we cannot offer these lessons for free and you will need to pay the company directly for any lessons arranged. More information can be found on their website at PianoFunClub.co.uk

Summer Fete – Thursday 21st July
11.30am to 2.30pm
50p entrance on the gate on Worsley Road



We are back this year with our Summer Fete and this time we are holding it the day after the children break up for the summer holidays so we hope that you will all be able to come along. Certainly all the staff are looking forward to welcoming you all back into school to enjoy a day of fun although none of them have put themselves forward yet to have wet sponges thrown at them as one of the games! Throughout the day you will be able to take part in games, buy from a variety of stalls, have your face painted and have fun on the bouncy castle amongst other things. The entrance to the Fete is through the gate on **Worsley Road** and it costs 50p to get in with children under school age coming in for free. Please start saving up your loose change as we haven't quite moved with the times and won't have any card readers on the gate or stalls.

To support one of our stalls we are holding a **Non uniform day on Friday 8th July**. On the 8th July we ask the children, in return for coming to school in non uniform, to bring in a **full bottle of drink for our bottle tombola**, (alcohol or soft drinks. Please note if you are donating alcohol can an adult please hand it into the school office). You can then win them all back at our Fete!

In the meantime if you have any bric a brac at home that is in reasonable condition then please start sorting it out to bring into school. **Unfortunately we can't take any clothes.**

Can you also help with our school raffle?

Do you have or know of any businesses that can donate Raffle Prizes to our school? If so we are happy to provide a letter on a letterhead for you to take to the company with your request.

Parents' Evenings

Children's reports will go out at the end of June and like last year they will be emailed to you. (The report will be emailed to the adult we have as the main point of contact on our system). Parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July. 10 minute appointments will be available to book nearer the time through our website and you will be able to ask for either a face to face meeting or online if that is more convenient.



Farewell to Year 6

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to Year 6 who move on to their Secondary schools in September. They have worked hard this year and coped very well with some of the pressures that Year 6 can bring. We would like to wish them all every success and look forward to hearing all about it when they come back to visit.

There is still a little bit more for Year 6 to do though. Alongside their work they will also be getting ready for their end of year performance at Jenny Hammond which usually brings a tear to some parents' eyes and of course we have the Year 6 graduation where we celebrate their time at Jenny Hammond School.

School Uniform

Please remember when you are buying new uniform for September that our uniform colours are **white** top, **red** jumper or cardigan and **navy blue** trousers, shorts or skirts. Dresses can either be blue and white or red and white check or a navy blue pinafore. Your child does not need to wear uniform with our logo on it and you can buy our uniform in the correct colours from most supermarkets. Our PE kit is either a navy blue tracksuit or navy blue shorts and a white T-shirt.

Our school uniform with a logo can be bought at Speedstitch in Walthamstow where you can either visit their premises at Unit 32, Walthamstow Business Centre, Clifford Road, Walthamstow, E17 4SX or buy online at www.speedstitch.co.uk.

Any lost property not claimed at the end of this year will be donated to a charity.

Parentpay and Dinner Money

We are getting near to the end of the school year and we need to clear some of the dinner money debt on Parentpay before we break up. Can you please check your account to see that you are up to date. Dinner money is £11.50 a week if your child has a school dinner every day.

If you leave Year 6 in debt then your child's Secondary school, if using the same payment system, will not allow you to add any money to your child's account until the debt is cleared with us.

And Finally ...

The teachers and the classes for September are:

- Reception Acorn: **Gilly Gray**
- Reception Conker: **Alice Sarzi Sartori**
- Year 1 Holly: **Anita Callus (current Acorn class)**
- Year 1 Sequoia: **Hannah Magee (current Conker class)**
- Year 2 Rowan: **Ashleigh Endacott (current Sequoia class)**
- Year 2 Willow: **Fenella Earle (current Holly class)**
- Year 3 Aspen: **Nafisa Shabbir (current Willow class)**
- Year 3 Juniper: **Sakina Said (current Rowan class)**
- Year 4 Lilac: **Aaliyah Hamid (current Aspen class)**
- Year 4 Maple: **Jo Hayhoe (current Juniper class)**
- Year 5 Cedar: **Shahnaz Bham (current Lilac class)**
- Year 5 Sycamore: **Aaisha Syed (current Maple class)**
- Year 6 Oak: **Andrew Warren and Gemma Tanna (current Cedar class)**
- Year 6 Chestnut: **Peter Rutherford (current Sycamore class)**

We break up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 20th July at **2.00pm**.

Best wishes
Deborah

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Dates For Your Diary

Year 1 Phonics Assessment week
Monday 6th to Friday 10th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 6th to Friday 24th June

Whole School Art Week
Monday 13th to Friday 17th June

Year 5 Conductive Music Workshop in school
Monday 13th June

Whole School – No Pens Day!
Friday 17th June

Reception & Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Thursday 23rd June in the afternoon

Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Friday 24th June in the afternoon

Whole School – Parents' Evenings
Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July (Information will follow nearer the time)

Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
Wednesday 6th July

Whole School – 'A Day to Create' day, celebrating 20 years of Artsmark
Wednesday 6 July

Year 1 -6 Hand in POWER Projects
Thursday 7th July

Fundraiser – Unicef Soccer Aid - Wear your favourite kit and bring in £1.00
Thursday 7th July (Year 6 will be playing football against the staff!)

Non Uniform Day - Bring in a full bottle for our bottle tombola
Friday 8th July
(Please note if you would like to donate alcohol to the bottle tombola then we ask that the adult hands it directly to the school office).

Year 6 End of School Play
Wednesday 13th July at 5.30pm

Year 1 -6 POWER Project presentation to parents
Thursday 14th July

Year 2 Pizza Express Workshops
Tuesday 12th July

Year 5 Mayan Day
Thursday 14th July, more details nearer the time

Year 6 Graduation
Monday 18th July at 5.30pm

Break up for the Summer break – Wednesday 20th July at 2pm