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No:15 Week ending 21.12.18

Dear Parents/Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

The Christmas holidays are just about here for the children (and some adults!). It's been a full-on half term: non-stop learning and teaching and huge chunks of fun and sparkle! Thank you.

On Monday morning, Year 2 gave us a fine production of '**Lights, Camel, Action**'. With confidence brimming and lovely singing together with good acting, we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Many thanks to our lovely audience who were very smiley and supportive 😊 As a result of your generous contributions from all 4 performances, we have **raised £772.84 for WaterAid**. What a phenomenal amount! On behalf of the **School Council who chose this charity, thank you all so much**.

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their **Christmas parties**. Many thanks to our lovely Friends' Christmas Elves Team for organising this, to Mrs Claus and her elf for popping by to see us and to the staff for joining in the fun 😊

Today – Friday – we have enjoyed the end of term '**Rock Steady**' performance. I continue to be impressed by our young children taking on these instruments and playing with such verve. Rock and Roll! A huge thank you to their Rock teacher Craig and a big well done to the staff band...we managed to 're-imagine' another well-known pop song – apologies to ABBA – but to end on a high of 'We Will Rock You'!



Many thanks to all of you who have kindly sent us cards and gifts, expressing your Christmas greetings and warm wishes. You are very kind and generous! Your kindness is much appreciated by the staff: thank you so much. In turn, all of the staff team wish you all a very happy, restful and joyous Christmas with family and friends. It's always such a busy 'break' catching up with people, eating and generally a different routine! Children can get busy with their **Christmas Targets (please return the sheet on 08 January with the targets ticked when done 😊)** which are a wonderful range of lovely things to do...and I have spoken with them all about having a **fun but calm time** and to **use Kind Words and Kind Actions** and to be grateful for all that they have.

Thank you to the many staff, colleagues, parents/carers, children, Governors and my family who joined me for my 'moving on' party. It was a beautiful evening and I was so pleased that you were able to join me. Thank you for your Kind Words and thank you for being part of this special occasion to mark my moving on. I had lovely popcorn, film and ice-cream parties with all of the classes yesterday. Lots of eating, laughing and togetherness. Bliss!

And so the time has finally come for me to say a fond farewell to you all as I close my chapter at Hampton Wick Infant and Nursery School. I came 23+ years ago as the Deputy Headteacher and two

years later, was appointed as the Headteacher. Goodness, I was 32 years old and full of passion, ideas and optimism for everyone in the community. That passion, love and care still burns true which makes leaving this amazing school so much more difficult.

Emotionally, I am deeply connected to the Hampton Wick Infant and Nursery School Community. I have lived a life with over 2000 children, thousands of parents/carers, tens of Governors and a few hundred staff. I have learned so much and together as a community, we have achieved so much. My aspirations and ambitions for all have remained high and the dreams big...but of course, these are nothing without every facet of the community working to drive these things forwards: the initiatives, the projects, the changes, the love. We've achieved what we have achieved because we have worked together as a team.

You will know that my big passion is 'pupil voice': getting to the heart of what children want at their school, giving them an abundance of responsibility and social awareness and getting to know each child so I can check that they are getting what they need to thrive educationally and socially. I have strived – with a team of many – to ensure that the memories that children have of their school are positive and indeed, impactful for their lives now and to come. I don't doubt for a moment that I could have done some things even better but I also know that the grounding children receive with Kind Words & Kind Action, Learn and Let Others Learn and being positive I Can people will stand them in good stead for life. Do continue to reinforce these values including the HWH5!

Thank you for believing in me, for supporting me and for trusting me. I have had the best possible opportunity to fly in what I believe is a vocation and not a job. I have been rewarded on a daily basis by your lovely children, by the teams with which I have worked with over the years AND have been partnered with the best school community I could have asked for who have been consistently kind, helpful and fun...and have always responded with a 'yes' to my many requests for help!

Hampton Wick Infant and Nursery School really is a magical place. A great education is a game-changer for life and it is the result of everyone working to the same end. Please continue to invest in our school.

It wouldn't be like me to part without giving you all some next steps..! Please read *with* your children and *to* your children. Reading unlocks so many doors to present and future successes and a rich vocabulary enriches everything. Please keep generating Kind Words and Kind Actions: this is the essence of a wholesome society. Dream big and achieve big! Please support the new Headteacher. This is a strong community and we are at our best when we swim together and create ripples of success.

Thank you for the opportunity to be Headteacher of Hampton Wick Infant and Nursery School. If I have been able to see farther and do better, it's because I have stood on the shoulders of giants...and those giants are you. Thank you so much: I have completely loved being a part of your lives xxx

Thank you again for the mountain of Kind Words, cards, gifts, hugs and kisses that you have given me as I move on...I am truly overwhelmed.

The next step of my journey is setting up my coaching business – Supermagic Coaching – and catching up with my wonderful husband Vincent, our 5 children, Percy our doglet and our wider family and friends. Catch me on supermagiccoaching@gmail.com if you'd like to stay in contact or if you'd like to explore some coaching!

May 2019 bring you all good health, peace and happiness. May we enter the new year with hope, optimism, energy and the best of health for each and every person.

Enjoy your break with family and friends, enjoy the fun ...and the staff and new Headteacher – Michelle Boyce - will see you rested, fresh, raring to go for learning and on time on **08 January 2019**.

Warmest wishes and thank you for love, support and care,

Heidi x

Heidi Johnson Paul
Headteacher

HJP's Assembly



Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to all who supported this worthy cause. We raised over £97 for the charity. Thank you.



Hamper Raffle

Many thanks to all of you who donated goods and purchased tickets for the Hamper Raffle. Together we raised nearly £500

Congratulations to all our winners

Parrot Class	K Truter
Blackbird Class	A Solak
Owl Class	O Lansbury
Dragon Class	T Rhodes
Peacock Class	V Gkiata
Pegasus Class	G Raul
Hummingbird Class	L Talbot-Smith
Robin AM	A Gray
Robin PM	I Valatka



Christmas Parties & Activities



Request for Cereal Boxes from Year 2

Could we kindly ask that Year 2 children bring in a medium-sized cereal box or two to school on the first day back after the Christmas break.

Thank you, The Year 2 Team

General Housekeeping Information

- Please be aware that we are required to follow the HSC recommendations for **sickness and diarrhoea**. If a child suffers from either, a child can only return to school after they have had **48** hours free from illness
- **When notifying the school of your child's absence** please either call the school office and press 1 to leave a message or send an email to absence@hamptonwick.richmond.sch.uk
- **For all dental and medical appointments** we require a copy of the appointment card or letter
- Children are **not allowed onto the site in the morning eating food or chewing gum**.
- **Please be on time for school**. Lateness is monitored. Parents/carers will be issued with a record on your child's annual report
- **All reading books – as usual – will be collected in at the close of this week**. Please enjoy reading a range of books with your child over the Christmas break
- **Head lice**: featuring on a child's head near you. Please check and treat your child's head as required
- **School uniform including shoes**: Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform including shoes – no trainers please. Please tie your child's hair back if long as it can get in the way of their face as well as others...and it's a measure towards trying to keep the spread of head lice at bay.
- **Key rings**: Please take these off the book bags and keep the trinkets at home as they are causing distractions! Thank you

Keeping Children Safe Online

The internet holds a vast amount of useful information and is a gateway to learning new things. It can also be a dangerous place. If your child is using technology online, please ensure they are using it safely. The link below will provide you with lots of hints and useful tips to help keep your child safe when they are online.

http://hamptonwick.richmond.sch.uk/web/?page_id=8382

If you are planning to purchase new technology this Christmas please follow the link below to see how you can set up parental controls before your child accesses the internet.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Miss Hayes
Computing Leader

Safeguarding

All staff at our school receive at least annual Safeguarding training. During this term, staff have had 3 workshops: basic safeguarding training which includes procedural aspects as well as information on types of abuse and this week, FGM (female genital mutilation) and Prevent (anti-terrorism training which can manifest itself in many ways) and GDPR and E-Safety training.

Please remember to talk with a member of staff should you have concerns related to a child/family regarding safeguarding. Always better to raise concerns than to say nothing.

Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a child? If so, please contact:

Marita Cunniffe - Assistant Headteacher (Designated Safeguarding Lead);

Heidi Johnson Paul – Headteacher (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead);

Shelley Pawley-Nita – Senior Administrator (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead);

Adam Makepeace - Lead Governor (phone number in the Child Protection Policy)

Local Authority Designated Officer (allegations made against a member of staff) **Alice Stott**

lado@achievingforchildren.org.uk on 020 8891 7370 or 07774 332675

SPA phone number 020 8547 5008 or www.richmond.gov.uk and search **Single Point of Access**

Message from Friends HWINS Chair

It's Christmas time! Our first term has come to an end. Thank you once again for your support with all of the events throughout this term. We would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season! Enjoy spending time with your family and friends, eating loads of food and relaxing (if time allows)! See you in 2019. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Amy & Sam

Community Diary Dates January 2019

07 Jan 2019	Monday 7	Inset Day – Children to not attend school today
	Tuesday 8	Children return to school
		Christmas target sheet back
	Wednesday 9	
	Thursday 10	
	Friday 11	
14 Jan 2019	Monday 14	
	Tuesday 15	Application closing date for Reception Classes
	Wednesday 16	
	Thursday 17	
	Friday 18	9.15am Class Assembly – Peacock Class
		Target books out
21 Jan 2019	Monday 21	
	Tuesday 22	
	Wednesday 23	
	Thursday 24	
	Friday 25	9.15am Class Assembly – Hummingbird Class