

The Flying Newt



No:09 Week ending 9.11.18

Dear Parents/Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

I'm writing this hot from watching '**Alvin and the Chipmunks**' with Year 1 & 2. A super film, a very appreciative audience and a wonderful bag of snacks! Many thanks to all of the Friends who helped to organise the **Film Night**, to those who baked, to the Staff who helped out and of course, Year 1 and Year 2 for being such delightful audiences!

We have the first of our focus weeks next week, themed '**Let's go Fly a Kite**' to link with our class themes and chosen by the out-going Year 2 School Council. Another lovely opportunity to learn through the really rich and creative provision that we offer. The staff have planned a wonderful week of art, geography and science based learning with plenty of scope for children's ideas and creativity! Please join in the fun by helping your child with their **home challenge which is to make a paper aeroplane which can 'fly' at least one metre. Children can bring their creation in on Friday 16 November as well as come dressed as something that flies BUT no superheroes please.** Thank you!

This week we had a **3 day whole school review** with Jeremy Bird, an independent education consultant: we engaged with everything from teaching and learning in every class and talking with School Council to safeguarding practices and the performance of our school plus everything in-between! I am pleased to say that **Hampton Wick Infant & Nursery School continues to be in a position of strength and continues to be a wonderful school.** The strengths that we have were recognised and the areas highlighted to tweak to improve were not 'surprises'. Many thanks to the staff team and the children. It has been an intense but purposeful process ☺

Thank you to all of you who bought poppies in support of families who have been impacted as a consequence of war. **This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday** with services of commemoration taking place at Hampton Wick, Teddington and Kingston. Children have taken part in a school assembly on Remembrance Day including talking about peace, KW+KA. **This coming Tuesday** (13 November) is **World Kindness Day**. We will be having a keen focus on **ALL children using Kind Words and Kind Actions from good manners at the gate, to helping one another and solving matters if children fall out. I'd be really grateful if you would reinforce the importance of being kind...it does make our world a better place.** Thank you ☺

There is a lot taking place at school between now and the end of this term: please ensure that you make a note of what is happening in the **school diary** so that you don't miss any of the fun!

Our new Headteacher Mrs Michelle Boyce will be coming to spend a few days with us as part of her induction to Hampton Wick Infant and Nursery School. Michelle will be here this coming Tuesday so please say 'hello' to her if you are dropping off or picking up. I am sure that you will all give her a lovely HWINS welcome! Thank you.

Finally, if you haven't saved the date already, please keep Friday 14 December 6.30pm onwards at HWINS for my Moving On party. It would be lovely if you could join me. Thank you!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
HJP, Heidi Johnson Paul, Headteacher

Preview Learning...coming up next week:

- N:** How does my kite fly?
- R:** How things fly and what the world looks like from above
- 1:** How things fly and designing and making kites
- 2:** How do things fly?

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a PE kit at school. PE bags and T shirts can be ordered online, we also have some second hands ones you can purchase from the school. In addition to this, they will need black plimsolls and black tracksuit bottoms or shorts.

Diwali

Nursery have been celebrating Bonfire Night and Diwali this week. As part of those celebrations we invited some of our families in to share with us what they do to celebrate Diwali. Jaya's Mummy & Grandma came in to help us learn how to make Rangoli patterns using different coloured rice. Finally they gave us Dia lamps to take home. It is fantastic when our families help make our learning so much richer. Thank you



Absence Reporting

Please help us to know why your child is not at school: this is part of our collective safeguarding responsibilities.

When reporting your child's absence from school please use the following methods

- by calling the School Office and selecting "option 1" and leaving a message
- by emailing the school absence email address absence@hamptonwick.richmond.sch.uk

Please do not send emails to any other school email address as they may be missed.

All absences must be reported to the school office by 9.30am. If an absence has not been reported by 10am, a member of the Office Team will follow up as needed with phone calls. If you do not report your child's absence to the school, your child will be deemed 'missing in education' and the Educational Welfare Officer will be informed after a period of no more than 3 days.

This week Year 1 had full attendance: no absences and no lates. Well done Year 1 😊

Wilderness Café

The Wilderness Cafe is going to be an exciting hub of festive activity in the coming weeks... firstly it's still a lovely and warm spot to come in and have a cup of tea after drop off on Thursday and Friday mornings... but we're also planning to run a few craft sessions in the lead up to Christmas.

****Sew and Crow**** cross stitching, a beginners guide to embroidery - and you'll come out of it with a beautiful handmade design perfect for Christmas pressies. **Friday, 23rd November 9am - 11am.**

****Christmas Wreath and decoration making**** a modern and funky look using pompoms and upcycled material. **Thursday, 29th November 9am - 11am**

****Sign up by sending a message to Anna Buset via Classlist****

There will be a small donation of £5 for craft packs and workshops and spaces will be limited so sign up NOW!

Call out for donations - we need the following items for the crafting:

- Coloured embroidery thread
- Wool/yarn
- Cotton and material off-cuts
- Beads/feathers/festive adornments!
- Needles

Please drop off donations at the Wilderness Cafe on Thursdays and Fridays or leave at the school office.

Finally, for those of you with young children not yet at school, we are hosting a STORYTELLING morning in the café on **Friday 14th December at 9am**— we'll send out a reminder closer to the time!

Anna x

Message from FHWINS Chair

Thank you to all the helpers who made yesterday afternoons Film Night a success! & for the parents/carers who patiently waited in the hall- hopefully the posh coffee and treats made it worth it! And now... roll on Christmas Fair! **SAVE THE DATE - 8th December**

AND a first call for donations - Next Friday, 16th of November!



Christmas Hamper Donations

- Wine
- Chocolate
- Posh toiletries
- Christmas Crackers
- Candles
- NO perishables

**FRIDAY
16th
November**

St John the Baptist Junior School Hampton Wick
OPEN MORNING
For prospective parents

ARRIVAL FOR 9:00
HEADTEACHER'S INTRODUCTION 9:15
TOURS BY THE CHILDREN 9:30

St Johns is a family school that gets to know every child as individuals. In everything we do, we strive to give your child every opportunity to flourish, both now and in the future, that they may live life in all its fullness.

WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
Lower Foddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT4 4HQ
0208 9741114 | www.st-john.richmond.sch.uk Come and see for yourself!

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 2 children,

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Morning on Wednesday 21st November from 9.00am, where you will be able to see our school in action. Our pupils will be happy to take you on a tour of the school.

Safeguarding

All staff at our school receive at least annual Safeguarding training. During this term, staff have had 2 lectures: 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). Staff have E-Safety training scheduled for next week.

Please remember to talk with a member of staff should you have concerns related to a child/family which fall into 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**

Community Diary Dates

12 November 2018	Monday 12 - Friday 16	Focus Week: Lets go Fly a Kite
	Monday 12	
	Tuesday 13	
	Wednesday 14	
	Thursday 15	
	Friday 16	Please bring in Christmas hamper donations, such as wine, chocolate, Christmas crackers – NO CAKES ARE NEEDED . Children dress up - Focus week theme
		Target books out
19 November 2018	Monday 19	Road Safety Week
	Tuesday 20	Image Musical Theatre
	Wednesday 21	9.00am Prospective parent Open Day St John the Baptist
	Thursday 22	Wilderness Autumn I Spy Trail 3.30 - 4.30pm
	Friday 23	Christmas Fair Bottle tombola donations - children to wear school uniform
26 November 2018	Monday 26	
	Tuesday 27	
	Wednesday 28	2.00pm Aesop Nursery & Reception The Hare & the Tortoise (<i>AM Nursery to arrive at 1.45pm and be picked up at 3.00pm. AM Nursery session as normal</i>)
	Thursday 29	2.45pm Violin Assembly (parents by invitation only)
	Friday 30	Target books back
	Saturday 1	Advent Fair St John the Baptist