

**RESILIENCE**

SCHOOL NEWS

9th December 2021



What a busy term! As we approach the last week of the Autumn term I would like to say a special thank you to the staff at HISN for all their hard work and also to the children for their continued enthusiasm for learning and school life.

The children are gearing up for more festive fun next week with parties and Christmas lunch as well as a visit from Santa. A huge thank you to the parents who helped last week with the Christmas shopping events and those that helped behind the scenes with wrapping and organisation of the presents. The children loved visiting the 'Elves' choosing a present and decorating/writing a label.

In the Spring term we will be hosting a showcase of children's work for parents to see. This will be an opportunity for your child to share work that they are especially proud of with you. There will be more details to follow at the start of the Spring term. These will be 20 minutes sessions for each class with three classes in the morning and one class in the afternoon. Please save the date if your child is in Year 1 or Year 2.

Wednesday 26th January - Year 2 Showcases

Thursday 27th January - Year 1 Showcases

The Christmas concerts have been absolutely fantastic this week and we are so proud of all the children. We started with our year 2 children on Monday and will finish with the Nursery on Friday who I know will be superstars and are very excited about their performance

Thank you for all the support you have provided and for your understanding around the organisation of performances this year. Thank you also for all the support you have given the school this term, it really does make a difference.

Claire Tester - Head of School

END OF TERM

Thursday 16th December Nursery at the normal collection times (11.30am or 3.30pm)

Friday 17th December 1.20 HISN (1.30 HJS)

Wednesday 5th January Children Return to School



Coronavirus

Children are **not required to self-isolate** if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with Coronavirus. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Children should continue to attend school as normal while waiting for their PCR test result, **unless they develop symptoms**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December 2021

Monday 13th	Christmas Jumper Mufti day Whole school £1 donation via ParentPay
Tuesday 14th	Reception Christmas Party—parent/carer to provide a packed lunch
Tuesday 14th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas lunch
Wednesday 15th	Reception Christmas lunch
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Certificates of Excellence

w/c 29.11.21

Certificates of Excellence is for good listening

RDC Matilda	1C	Leela	2D	Jessica
RF Max	1H	Luis	2J	Oliver
RW Ayla	1J	Otto	2T	Jasmine
RY Evelyn	1K	Frankie	2W	Amelie

w/c 06.12.21

Certificates of Excellence is for being hard working and challenging themselves

RDC Henry	1C	Mihika	2D	Rueben
RF Darcie	1H	Charlie	2J	Juptie
RW James	1J	Senara	2T	Alex
RY William H	1K	Stella	2W	Atlas

WELL DONE !



NURSERY

Festive cheer and excitement has arrived in the Nursery and our preparations for Christmas have begun! This week we have been looking forward to a visit from Singing Hands and our Christmas performance on Friday. The children sang beautifully and have been working hard on their Makaton signing to accompany our Christmas songs. We are so proud of each of the children for performing with confidence and a smile on their faces, well done Nursery. Another surprise this week included two new editions to the Nursery in the form of the Kindness Elves. The children were incredibly excited to find these very special guests in our classroom. The Kindness Elves bought us a letter and some gifts. They have begun leaving us kindness challenges in the hope of spreading an extra cup of kindness over the festive season.

Over the past few weeks the children have also enjoyed watching the garden change and noticing that the leaves have completely fallen from one of our trees. Some of our recent child-led interests include searching for aliens, making robots using mobilo, creating obstacle courses and retelling the story of Goldilocks in the mud kitchen to name a few. We have been busy learning about patterns as part of our maths focus and also exploring the concept of size.

As we enter the last week of term we would like to wish everyone in our school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Nursery staff and children.



RECEPTION

What a super, festive week it's been in Reception this week! The children have done such a fantastic job of learning Christmas songs and learning to move around the stage and act out their parts. They have really enjoyed dressing up in costumes and role-playing the Nativity story in class. We think they have all done a brilliant job during their big performance - what a wonderful achievement!

Over this last week, the children have been thinking about birthday celebrations and have loved sharing stories and roleplaying what happens at birthday parties. The children have been brilliant bakers this week and have made all sorts of yummy treats out of sand from ice creams, cakes and birthday pancakes, just like Kipper in our story of the week! The children have also been using their wow writing skills as they create party invitations for their friends as well as gathering and jotting down things they will need for a birthday celebration. They definitely made sure that they had a yummy scrummy chocolate cake, birthday balloons and not to forget the birthday candles!



YEAR 1



Well done to every child in Year 1 for performing so well in our Christmas production 'Born in a Barn'. We have all enjoyed learning the fabulous songs and actions that go alongside the Christmas story, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. You can find the videos of the performance on the class pages to enjoy at home with your family.

In English we have been looking at the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and 'The Jolly Postman' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg. We have been focussing on letter writing and looking at the features of a letter, before we wrote our very own letter to Father Christmas himself, asking what we would like for Christmas and why we have been good.

In Maths, we have been looking at finding the difference between 2 numbers by using subtraction skills, and also comparing number statements. The children have had to use a lot of number skills and think of a systematic way of working to ensure they are correctly inputting the greater than, less than and equal symbols.

In Science we have been continuing our work on materials and looking at the different properties of these, whether they are bendy, waterproof or absorbent. We have also learnt about what transparent and opaque means and looked at what objects have these properties.

In Geography, the children have extended the scale of their investigation of the school grounds, carrying out simple fieldwork in the area immediately local to the school. Using Google Maps, we went on a tour of Hampton and spotted different features virtually. We have also looked at the symbols used on maps and learnt what these mean, using a key.

1J and 1C also had a wonderful time visiting the church this week. 1H and 1K will be visiting the church next week.

The children have worked so hard this term and we are all immensely proud of every single one of them and the progress they have made, both in their work and in themselves. We all hope you enjoy a well-earned break over Christmas and you have a joyful, relaxing time. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have loved learning our songs for the Christmas show, we hope you enjoyed coming to listen.

During our lead up to Christmas we have felt so excited, with Christmas shopping, making Christmas art to decorate the hall, and we are very much looking forward to our Christmas celebrations in the last week of term.

Meanwhile, we have been continuing our learning about the Great Fire of London. We have been in character all week as Toby from “Toby and the Great Fire of London”, sequencing his day, talking about his feelings throughout his day and putting his diary entry in chronological order. We then planned and wrote our very own diary entry in the role as Toby – we even wrote with a quill like Samuel Pepys did in 1666.

In Science we have been talking about the effects of exercise on our body and got very hot and sweaty testing out different exercises. In Art we have been learning all about collage and have worked for 3 weeks on a Great Fire of London collage using different techniques – layering, twisting, scrunching and creasing. We can't wait for you to see the final piece.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and we can't wait to see you again in 2022.



Messages from the Office

Sickness/ Diarrhoea

May we remind you that when a child has been sick or had diarrhoea they must not attend school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode. Thank you for your understanding.

Term Time Leave

If you need to take your child out of school during term time please call or email the school office - office.hisn@hpp.school. The office will send out an Application for Leave form for you to complete.

SPRING TERM 2022 CLUBS

Please see school website for Club listings.



Nursery AM 8.30-11.30

Nursery PM 12.30-3.30

Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

Registration 8.40am—8.55am

End of Day— Reception 2.50pm

Y1 / Y2 3.00pm

Reminder that all children should be in school by 8.55am for registration. The gates close at 8.55am so if your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late in the register.

Whilst we appreciate that at times there may be delays either bringing your children into school or collecting them, HPP prides itself on good attendance and good timekeeping so if your journey is particularly difficult in the morning or afternoon please allow yourself good time to arrive/collect your children as it is often unsettling for them having to wait in the school office at the end of the day or arriving late in the morning.



Support for parents and carers who are worried about their child

Please find attached a helpful guide for parents and carers from KOOTH.

FREE SAFE & ANONYMOUS SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

www.Kooth.com - online support for young people

We would like to remind you of the availability of our online service to support the wellbeing and resilience of your students.

Kooth is a web based confidential support service available to young people. Kooth provides a safe and secure means of accessing mental health and wellbeing support designed specifically for young people . Kooth offers young people the opportunity to have a text-based conversation with a qualified counsellor. Counsellors are available from 12noon to 10pm on weekdays and 6pm to 10 pm at weekends, every day of the year on a drop-in basis. Young people can access regular booked online counselling sessions as needed. Outside counselling hours' young people can message our team and get support within 24 hours.

When students register with Kooth they will have support available to them now and in the future. Support can be gained not only through counselling but articles, forums and discussion boards. All content is age appropriate, clinically approved and fully moderated.

You can also book for a virtual or face to face assembly or workshop for additional support in promoting Kooth to students. You can also order free posters and cards for your school.

To find out more visit

www.Koothplc.com (adults)

www.kooth.com (young people)

You can also view a short video about the service at: <https://vimeo.com/318731977/a9f32c87de>.



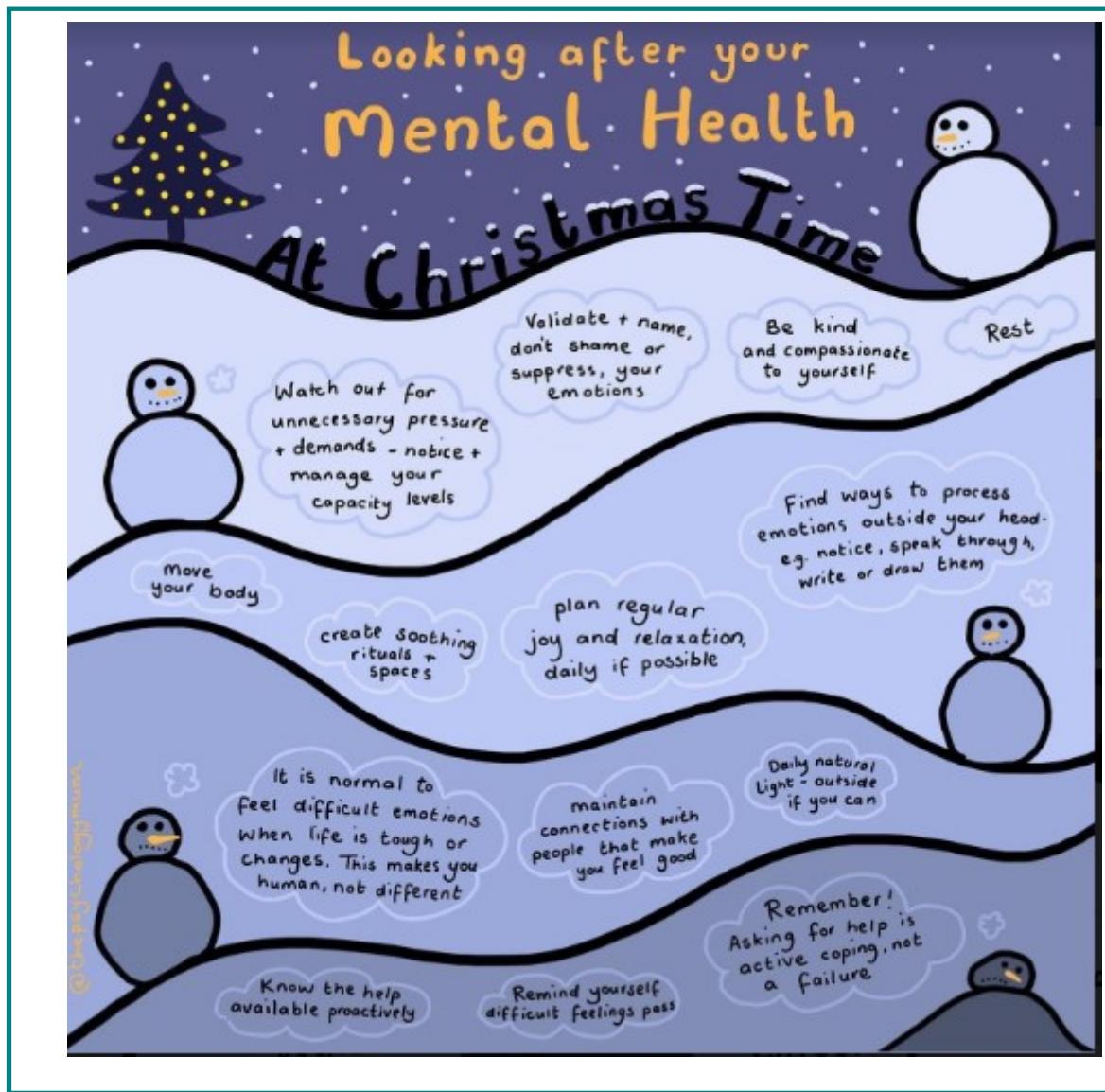
Message from the HPP Parent Support Advisor

If you are struggling or have any worries or concerns about your child contact me for a chat. I am here to offer support and advice or just a listening ear when needed. You can contact me directly via email

kfinnegan@hampton-jun.richmond.sch.uk

or mobile 07471234544.

Best wishes Karen Finnegan



Safeguarding children online - Setting parental controls

This is the time of year parents and carers will be buying devices that access the internet for their children and so we would like to highlight the importance of setting parental controls before giving the devices to children. Please click on the link below :-

[Five top tips](#)
[Parental safeguards template](#)



PARENT HUB



Hampton Infant School and Nursery

would like you to join their school on Parent Hub.

Just tap "Join a School" in the app and enter the handle below...

@HamptonInf

The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.



What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Join a School" and enter the school handle (above).

Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more



Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year



HPP Guide to COVID

Does your child have one of these three symptoms?

A persistent cough OR high temperature OR loss of taste or smell

YES

NO

Government advice is for you to book a PCR test. Stay at home and isolate until the results arrive. **Do not use a lateral flow test for a child with any of the symptoms above.**

Positive result



- Inform School Office of result.
- Child needs to stay at home for ten days from first day of symptoms or date of PCR. This will be confirmed by Test & Trace

Negative result



- Inform school of result before child returns to school.
- Child may return to school if well.

Child is well



Child can come to school

Child is unwell



Child to stay at home until better

- Day 1 Home Learning will be set by the office followed by Day 2 Home Learning on Google Classroom set by the class teacher.
- Work should only be completed if the child is well.

Other Advice



- Lateral flow tests are only meant to be used for asymptomatic testing.
- If your child has a positive lateral flow, you must follow up with a PCR test.
- If a member of your family has had a positive PCR result but the child is well there is no obligation for the family to test unless they are showing symptoms and therefore they should attend school.
- If a member of the family is unable to bring the child into school due to being unwell with Covid, please speak to the office who will be able to help with possible pick up/drop off arrangements.
- Children are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Children should continue to attend school as normal while waiting for their PCR test result, unless they develop symptoms.



NUT AWARE SCHOOL

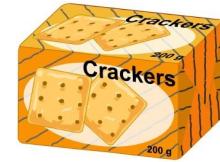
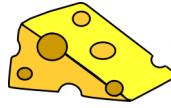
We would like to remind you that Hampton Infant School is a nut aware school.

We have a number of children with life threatening nut allergies and having these products in schools puts them at risk.

If you are sending in a packed lunch be aware.

Please do not send any products containing nuts into school with your child.

- Pesto
- Hummus
- Sesame seeds
- Sushi
- Nutella products
- Kinder products
- Cereals and granola
- Grain breads / crackers that may include nuts
- Nut butters: Including almond, cashew, peanut
- Nut pastes: marzipan, almond paste, nougat
- Nut oils: cold-pressed or expressed peanut oil
- Nut extracts: almond extract
- High energy bars
- Mortadella—Italian ham which may include pistachios



Always check food labels