

Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

18 September 2020



Hello everyone

This week as children have moved towards a more traditional timetable, a few classes have done the finishing touches to their community projects. The PlayPod has had a makeover inspired by Isabel Campoy's "Maybe Something Beautiful" and there are some fantastic brightly-coloured benches in the playground inspired by the "One Day House" by Julia Darango. Year 6 will be planting trees inspired by the story of the Kenyan activist Wangari Maathai. Bristol's Lord Mayor Jos Clark will be attending that ceremony!

It seems that six months away from school has impacted on children's immune systems. There are some bugs going around that have seen a few children being sent home with temperatures, headaches and sore throats. Four children have had coronavirus tests and these have all come back with negative results.

You may be aware that we are recruiting a new Administrator to work mornings in the school office. If you think this post may suit you or someone you know, please take a look at the job description, which gives more detail.

We already have a big pile of lost property in school... can I remind parents that all items of clothing, as well as lunchboxes, water bottles, book bags and PE bags, should be named. This means we can easily return things to their owners if they get mislaid. We regularly look through lost property for named items, so we can rehome them.

Have a lovely weekend

Sue Ramsay,
Headteacher



Year 1: Liliana and Yusuf H
Year 2: Mikel and Mawaddah
Year 3: Nico and Maid
Year 4: Mushtaaq and Nasima
Year 5: Amirah and Hassan
Year 6: Subaida and Alyssia-Mae

We are so pleased to see children back in school, but many things are quite different at the moment. We can't have our usual assemblies because of our 'bubble' system, so Ms Ramsay sends 'superkid' messages to children by video! We also had a special zoom assembly this morning for Years 1-5. Ask your child to tell you more about this - and don't forget to celebrate those superkids!



Update on roadworks

New Kingsley road will be closed for one more week. There will be a new temporary pedestrian crossing across the roadworks, between Gardiner Haskins site and school. Please use this if you are walking to and from St Judes. This will improve safety at the start and end of the day. From Monday 28th September we have been told the road will be opened, however there will be further works on Jubilee street. We will update you again in next week's newsletter.



If your child is in Year 3 or above you won't get free lunches unless you have registered for them. If you receive benefits you may be eligible. Children in Reception, year 1 and 2 receive a 'universal free meal' - but the school still gets important extra funding if you register! Apply online!

Are you entitled?

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

This term ends Friday 23 October

- Term 2 Tuesday 3 November - Friday 18 December
- Term 3 Wednesday 6 January - Friday 12 February
- Term 4 Tuesday 23 February - Thursday 1 April
- Term 5 Tuesday 20 April - Friday 28 May
- Term 6 Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July



(Staff training days are 2 November, 4 and 5 January, 22 February and 19 April).



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After School Club Leader

We are advertising for a Play Leader for More 4 Kids. You must have a relevant level 3 qualification. More information about the job and how to apply are on the website:

www.hannahmore.org.uk/our-community/working-at-hannah-more

The deadline for applications has been extended until 2nd October.



School Administrator Post

We wish to appoint an efficient, friendly Administrator to shine brightly in our sometimes hectic school office, to ensure that all sections of our community feel well informed and up to date with developments at school. We need someone for 16 hours each week, Mondays 8.30-12.30 and Tuesdays- Fridays 8.30-11.30. More information on the website!

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We've sent you a pack about flu vaccinations at school. All the information you need is in the pack. It's your decision whether or not to have the vaccination.

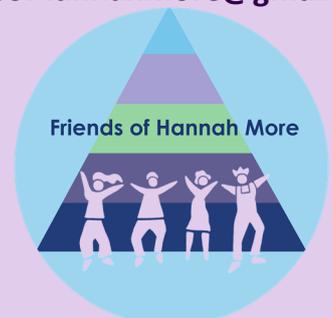
- Read the information
- **Return the form before 25 September**
- Vaccinations will be given in classes on 9 October
- More info at www.bit.ly/childrens-flu-vaccine

**STAY WELL
THIS WINTER**



We really want children to have everything they need for school! Contact us if you are in urgent need of anything. Speak to Ruth or send an email in confidence to:

friendsofhannahmore@gmail.com



This week's



Reception

This week we enjoyed staying for lunch and getting to know all the children. Everyone is settling in to Hannah More so well!

Year 3

This week we have been finding one, ten and a hundred more than a number. As authors we have been looking at the book Rama and Sita. We have started looking at writing descriptions for the characters. **Please read with your child every day and practise the 2, 5, 3 and 4 times tables.**

Year 5

This week we finished our wonderful community project- we designed and hand painted two school benches to brighten up our playground. We have also had a very successful first week getting back into Maths and English lessons. Miss Campbell and Mrs Jackson have been very impressed by all of the engaged learners and fantastic attitudes. **Please help at home practising times tables and the related division facts.**



In maths, we learned to read, write and break down numbers up to ten million. In English, we began to read Beetle Boy. We also learned about different types of beetles and made presentations to the rest of the class. In our enquiry, we learned about Carl Linneaus and the classification of living organisms. Please help at home by supporting your child with their first homework of the year and helping them to get in a good homework routine.

Year 1

This week we explored different fruit and vegetables and made art in the style of the artist Arcimboldo. We also began to learn the story 'Avocado Baby'. **You can help by asking your child what happens in Avocado Baby and by counting while you do things at home – eg. cooking, or putting away the shopping.**

Year 2

This week we worked on our tens and our ones by using lots of pictorial representations. We enjoyed learning about our new book 'The Tin Forest' and started to make some lovely trees and plants using tin material! **At home, please read with your child every day and practise counting to 100. Make sure your child can retell the story of The Tin Forest!**

Year 4

We continued to paint the play pod and it's looking amazing! Take a look as you pick up your children! We also learnt how to round numbers as Mathematicians. As Authors we wrote character descriptions. Our map skills and compass skills are improving too as Geographers! Please help by reading with your child and encouraging them to practise times tables.