

Hannah More Newsletter 14th December 2018

Dear all,

Our 2018 Year 6 results were published this week. We are really pleased that the percentage of children achieving the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths increased to 55% this summer. Bristol Post wrote a very supportive article about how well we had done. Their reporter wrote: "**Very good results at Hannah More Primary, and great to see our inner city schools do well...**". The Year 6 results are a result of the hard work and effort of children and staff over the four years leading up to the tests in year 6.



Please come along to our performances next week! Reception children perform their Nativity on Wednesday and the Year 5 show is on Thursday. Both start at 2pm and everyone is welcome. Please bring a pound or two to support our parents' raffle and to buy a mince pie!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about class news, decreasing pupil numbers in the city and some of the parent activities planned for 2019.

Best wishes and stay warm over the weekend,

Sue Ramsay, Headteacher.

There will be refreshments and raffle tickets on sale after both of the performances next week - all welcome!



- Reception: Noah and Noba
- Year 1: Samsam and Mushtaq
- Year 2: Asma and Ella-Mae
- Year 3: Ibrahim and Layla
- Year 4: Shaquille and Muaad
- Year 5: Mohab and Morino
- Year 6: Yousaf and Teshan

Pupil Admission Numbers

After many years of numbers of children in central Bristol increasing, they are now starting to decline. Data shows that there have been fewer children born in the area over the last five years so the demand for school places has reduced and will continue to do so. Unfilled places lead to lower budgets which make it difficult to sustain the quality of service we would like. Along with other schools in the city we are consulting now about reducing our pupil admission limit from 60 to 30 from September 2020.

You can contribute to the consultation at <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/copy-of-school-admission-arrangements-for-2020-21/>

The consultation closes on 21st January 2019.

What's coming up for Hannah More parents - January 2019!

Mondays 9.00-11.00 Apple Tots ! Parent and toddler group

£1 per session. Messy play, stories, songs, snacks for children and adults!

Mondays 3.15-4.00 Family Reading in the Hub

Come along to The Hub to borrow books and read together after school.

Tuesdays 9.15 -11.15 Help Your Child with Maths

For people who don't have a level 2 qualification. Enrol on 15th January.

Wednesdays 9.00 -10.00 Conversation Club - Improve your English

Practise your speaking and listening skills. Drop in any week!

Thursdays 9.15 -11.15 ESOL class. Pre-entry / Entry 1 level

Small ESOL group for pre-entry level learners.

Fridays 9.15 -11.45 Mindful Parenting

Feel more confident about being a parent and manage stress and frustration. Sign up from January. 12 week course, starting on 25th January.

Fridays 9.30-10.30 Mums' fitness - netball

Ladies only, runs after assembly in the sports hall. We will run sessions on January 11th and 18th, then restart after Mindful Parenting.

What have we been learning?

Reception.... There has been a lot of singing, practising lines and making scenery to get ready for our performance next week. We are very excited to share what we have been learning. **Join us at 2pm on Wednesday!** Help children practise their lines and please make sure your child's clothes for the play are in school by MONDAY in a named bag that we will keep in school for the week.

Year 2... This week we began to look at tally charts as mathematicians. We also looked at what kinds of food we prefer , which will help us when we design a new school dinner menu next week! Please try to encourage your child to read every day with you. Ask them questions about the story and the characters.

Year 4... In year 4 we have been working very hard in our reading, arithmetic and reasoning tests. Year 4 Swift have also had their first ever Ukulele lesson- which was a huge success! At home, please practice your times tables and the related division calculations. .

Year 5 ... We completed tests to see what the children have learnt so far, and to practise our skills. We also practised our performance of The Snow Queen for next Thursday at 2pm- PLEASE JOIN US! We were artists as well - we created mixed media collages to represent ourselves - you can see these after the performance in the hall. At home, please read every day with your child.

Year 1... As mathematicians we continued to learn about place value and how many tens and ones are in a number. As writers, we explored the story "The Snail and the Whale" and produced our own characters and settings! In Enquiry, we learnt about and compared Bristol and Bangalore! At home, please read with your child every day!

Year 3... This week we did some maths and reading tests to see how the children are progressing. We were really impressed with how the children persevered and showed determination with these. We also had our exciting trip to the museum where we became geologists for the day and learnt much more about rocks and fossils. Read with your child as much as possible and ask them questions. Practise the 2,3,4,5 and 8 times tables together.

Year 6... We did lots of end of term tests this week and teachers were impressed with the progress the children have made! We also began work on decimals in Maths and planned (and started to write) a fantasy story in English. In Enquiry, we analysed several TEDtalks (ask your child what this is!) and began to plan our own impactful speech. At home, ask your child what they thought of our class book this term (Skellig) and how it compared to Beetle Boy in Term 1.



Our new Hannah More parents' group is looking for people to get involved!

Feeling Arty???

Design a logo for our new parents' group! Hand your design to the office with your name and class.

WIN A £10 BOOK TOKEN!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thursday 19th December
Festive Roast Turkey dinner or
a Quorn Roast for the
vegetarian option. No Salad Bar
on this day.



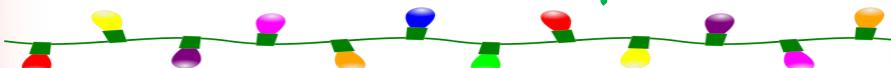
Reception Performance
Wednesday 19th
December at 2pm

The SNOW QUEEN

Year 5 Performance
Thursday 20th
December at 2pm



Class Christmas parties



Key Stage 1 - Friday 21st December in Morning

Key Stage 2 - Friday 21st December in the Afternoon

Please bring in some food and drinks on these days for children to enjoy as a final treat before the end of the term!