

Newsletter 08.09.2023

# The Small School With The Big Heart

We are an inspiring learning community with high expectations, where all feel safe and happy and everybody has the opportunity to unlock and realise their potential

### Message from our Headteacher

Dear Families,

Welcome back to our wonderful school! It has been lovely to touch base with so many of you on the gates and in the playground this week.

I know the start of term is always incredibly busy with letters and messages. I can only apologise for the slow flow of communication, but unfortunately the school internet service was knocked out for two days by the underground electrical explosion near Turnham Green Church. This has now been repaired and we are up and running again. Thank you for bearing with us in the meantime.

Over the holidays I received the final design proposals for the playground. Next week I will be sharing these with our school councillors and house captains, so that they can gather some pupil voice and make any tweaks before we invite the parent body in to have their say. Do keep an eye on the diary for your invitation.

Once again, we have set ourselves an ambitious whole school attendance target of 97%. Please support us in achieving this by avoiding term time absences where at all possible. We saw significant improvements in pupil attendance as the year progressed last year, so let's all make the commitment to start strong. The children will continue to receive half-termly attendance prizes and those who hit the 97% target will be entered into the end of year raffle in recognition of the resilience and commitment to learning that this takes.

I have received the draft Ofsted report following our inspection at the end of the summer term. I have now sent this back with my comments and I look forward to receiving the final report in the next two to three weeks. I am very excited to share this with you.

In the words of Mother Teresa, 1977, "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." I look forward to working with you all this year and I promise to do my utmost to deliver another jam-packed, rich and enjoyable year where children are valued and allowed to thrive so that they make excellent progress.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Stockley

### **Messages and Updates**

Great swimming news!

We are taking up a tremendous opportunity this year by starting Year 4 Blake class with swimming lessons from the beginning of the year rather than at the start of Summer 2 term. The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm for this and have already participated in a water safety discussion (which makes up a part of the Swim England Certification which we take part in).



A letter has gone home which will hopefully answer any questions - but here are a couple of important notes: Children require a swimming costume: swimming shorts for boys, full costume for girls (not bikini type) - if your religion or culture requires greater skin coverage, these costumes are freely available through Amazon. They also require a swimming hat and are highly recommended to have googles. Of course also, a towel. Some boys have asked about swimming tops - they can wear a swimming top if they wish but not regular t-shirts as they will hinder them - please only give them tops designed for swimming.

All children are required as part of the national curriculum to participate in swimming lessons, and can only be excused on medical grounds with a doctor's certificate. Unless a child has a physical injury, we take the view that if a child is well enough to attend school, they are well enough to swim.

The other slight change to these lessons is that the three year groups (4, 5 & 6) will now be split into 4 ability groups so there will be an element of children from multiple years in each group. To this end, Year 4 came up with two new group names to add to our current Dolphins and Sharks - these are Tadpoles and Jellyfish with Tadpoles being the beginners and Sharks the most advanced. This will no doubt evolve as the lessons progress.

Warm regards,

### Mr Harpley



### DATES FOR 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 and Year 5 trip to the Horniman Museum

## Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

- Year 4 trip to the Hydroponic Farm
- Piano and Guitar lessons start for Years 1 6
- Year 6 Meet the teacher at 3.30pm and the Home Farm Residential meeting will take place straight after the meet the teacher.

## Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2 trip to Hogarth House

### Coming soon.....

Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September the William Hogarth after school club list will be issued and will be available for children in Reception class to year six to book a place.

# Happy

To all our stars: It is lovely to see your *happy* faces light up the school.

Class	Star(s) of the week	Description			
Mondrian	Adrianna	For coming into school every day with a smile, she has shown excitement towards her learning. Adrianna has also tried her hardest and celebrated the successes of others! Well done, and keep it up!			
Matisse	Romey-Mae	I have been so proud of how Romey-Mae has approached the new school year. She has started the year full of happiness, resilience and determination. Romey-Mae is an example of the values that we hold dear in The William Hogarth. Thank you for setting a high standard for all of year 2. Well done.			
Picasso	Muniba	Muniba has returned to school with a big smile and a great hard working attitude. She has been working very well with other children in the class and she shows respect to everyone.			
Blake	Leandra	From the moment Leandra returned to school, she has shown an impressive eagerness to learn. She has been very helpful to her peers and has been a superb role model, displaying amazing learning behaviours and attention in class.			
Shonibare	Katie	This week, Katie has exhibited all of the school rules. She has made an effort in all lessons, showing great learning behaviours. She has volunteered herself to carry out duties in and out of the classroom and shown kindness to others during her break time. Fantastic! Keep it up!			
Riley	Mu'aahd	This week, Mu'aahd has exhibited all of the school rules. He has tried his hardest in all of our lessons – especially maths where he has blown me away. Mu'aahd has really shone this week when taking care of his friends. He has settled into a new environment incredibly well and I have loved having him in my class! Well done!			

# Lunch menu for week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

	Monday GREEN EARTH MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option	Cheese & tomato pizza with herby diced potatoes	Italian chicken & mixed rice	Roast chicken with roast potatoes & gravy	Sausage pasta bake	Fish fingers & chips
Vegetarian Option	Veggie sausage with herby diced potatoes	Cheesy pea pasta	Quorn roast with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetable sausage pasta bake	Beany tomato ragu & fluffy couscous
Halal		Italian chicken & mixed rice	Chicken breast with roast potatoes & gravy	Chicken sausage pasta bake	
Vegetables	Mixed vegetables	Garden peas Carrots	Cauliflower Seasonal greens	Green beans, sweetcorn	Baked beans Garden peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna	Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna	Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna	Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna	Jacket potato with beans, cheese or tuna
Dessert	Oat & raisin cookie	Vanilla blondie & apple wedges	Ice cream & banana	Chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce or custard	Strawberry muffin/ traybake

### <u>Let's Leap – After School Care Provider</u>

If you would like to make a booking for breakfast club or after school care, please visit the Let's Leap booking system (<a href="https://letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk/">https://letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk/</a>) to register and book the days required. Payments need to be made directly with them. Let's Leap timings and prices listed below are per child per day:

BC Session - 7.45am - 8.45am - £5.00

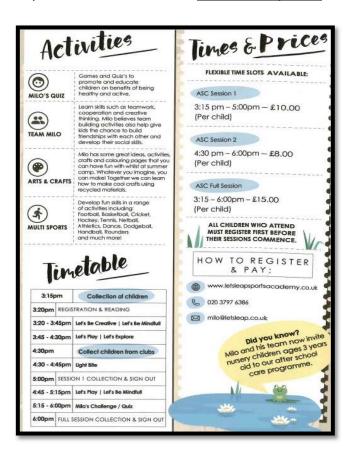
ASC Session 1 - 3.15pm - 5.00pm - £10.00

ACS Session 2 - 4.30pm - 6.00pm - £8.00

ASC Full Session - 3.15pm - 6.00pm - £15.00

For all other enquiries please contact Let's Leap Sports Academy on 02037976386 or email milo@letsleap.co.uk





**PianoFunClub** – Please contact PianoFunClub if you would like to book your child a place for piano or guitar lessons. This is currently available from Year 1 to Year 6.

Contacts: www.pianofunclub.co.uk / admin@pianofunclub.co.uk / Tel: 07575 530 304

## Financial Help

#### Free Money for Childcare and After-School Clubs and Holiday Camps

It is a really difficult time at the moment with bills, rent and food prices all soaring. At The William Hogarth School, we are continually looking at ways to help out our community and try to alleviate some of the pressures families are facing.

Tax -Free Childcare which is a government scheme to help working families with the costs of childcare is something that could help you with current costs. It is not only for 15/30 hours free childcare for nursery aged children (if entitled) but also includes wrap around provision such as **breakfast and after-school care** as well as **after-school clubs** for children up to the age of 11.

Tax-Free Childcare is a bank account that is set up in your child's name and for every £8 you put in, the government will top up with another £2 - up to a maximum of £2000 a year. You must pay out to an organisation that is Ofsted

registered - (schools and lots of sports clubs are) and then you pay for your provision through the scheme. If you earn under £100,000, it is likely that you are eligible to claim.

Check out the other eligibility criteria and sign up at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare">https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare</a> - it's very easy!

This can therefore be used towards our after school clubs and with Let's Leap breakfast and after school care provision.

### William Hogarth School Term Dates 2023 - 2024

### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Term starts for pupils: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Term ends for pupils: Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm

Half term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

INSET DAYS: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

#### **SPRING TERM 2024**

Term starts for pupils: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Term ends for pupils: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

INSET DAY: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Easter holiday - Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024

### **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Term starts for pupils: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Term ends for pupils: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm

Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

INSET DAY: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

**INSET DAYS: 2023 - 2024** 

School is closed to pupils for staff training: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024