

# HENDON NEWS

10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019

## From the Headmaster:

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new academic term. It is lovely to see the children again, looking so refreshed after their holiday break, and so positively engaged in their learning already!

As the Spring Term begins, I want to offer the good wishes of the School community to all our Y6 and Y8 pupils who are currently undertaking 11+ and 13+ examinations and interviews. We know that our pupils have been preparing hard for the challenges that they are currently facing and we want their individual efforts to be rewarded in due course.

This half-term our theme is: ***Tradition***. This theme will be exploring the rich cultural and religious beliefs and customs that exist in our School community and contrasting these against the backdrop of our wider British society. I am hoping that more children will volunteer to offer a short presentation on their interpretation of this theme at our weekly assemblies. Do please try to encourage your child to take-up this challenge, perhaps with a friend. The presentation does not need to be more than 2 mins long and it does not necessarily need to be a power point.

There are a number of School trips that are taking place over the coming weeks. Please ensure that your child is appropriately

attired for the activity and protected against the winter chill.

Equally, can I make my termly plea to parents to ensure that their child's possessions are correctly labelled, that way personal items can be returned to their rightful owner. Given the winter cold, I do expect children to arrive at school with a coat, which they will need during the day at break-times. Also, please can I encourage parents to purchase the School winter hat, that can be ordered from 'Uniform4kids' and delivered directly to the School Office.

Pupils in the (senior) prep attending Games on Friday afternoons are encouraged to bring a small towel with them, just in case they need to dry themselves before changing back into school uniform, should they get wet. Also, please can parents ensure that their child has sufficient layers of clothing to remain warm to participate in Games during these Games (Sports) sessions at Wilf Slack.

School Records: do please inform the School by letter/e-mail if there are any changes to your personal contact details, equally, please write to us to inform of any changes to your child's dietary or medical records.

Finally, please can I appeal to parents, as we begin the new term, to be mindful of parking restrictions around the School at drop-off and collection times, this is especially important for those who choose to park in Brinsdale Road.

## School News:

- **Music News:**

We have a new guitar teacher, Mr English, joining us after the February half term break. Please email Ms Dawson directly if your child would like to start lessons then, with an indication if they are a beginner or a more advanced player - this is purely for Mr English's information.

Our flute teacher, Ms Minelli has some spaces available for anyone who would like to take up that instrument. Again, please email Ms Dawson directly.

The next Tea Time Concert will be on Tuesday 12th February at 4:30, and is

open to anyone in any year group from Year 1 up. Names of pupils, together with the instruments and which piece of music to Ms Dawson by Tuesday 29th January at the latest please, so that the programme can be put together and refreshments ordered.

- Please support the HPPG's first Cake Sale of 2019 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 3.20pm. Parents should collect their child as usual and then make their way to the playground via the side gate where they will be able to enter the school hall through the playground door.

## REMINDER DATES:

- **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Nursery Tri: Little Angel Theatre; 'Wow! It's Night Time
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> :** Year 5 trip: National Gallery  
Explore Learning Workshop: Yrs 1 & 2  
U11 Football Tournament
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup>:** HPPG Cake Sale: School Hall from 3.20pm
- **Monday 31<sup>st</sup>:** LAMDA Assembly: 8.40am
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** LAMDA Exams (In school)
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> :** Explore Learning Workshop: Yrs 1 & 2
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> :** Pre-School & Reception Trip: Radlett Centre