



Weekly Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 27th September 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to the weekly newsletter. This is our first newsletter and you will receive a newsletter every week to give you an update of what has been happening. This week has certainly been busy!

Children have enjoyed the after-school clubs this week. There are three clubs taking place in each year group. Some clubs still have availability. Please see a member of staff from your child's year group if you would like to enquire.

Thank you for your support with uniform and ensuring your child is smartly dressed. There are still some children wearing trainers rather than school shoes. Please can we remind you that children should only wear trainers for their PE day.

Each classroom has a new-state-of-the-art whiteboard. Children and staff have been enjoying using the board to support with learning.

Thank you for your support for wearing blue to support the charity of Oliver's fight against Neuroblastoma. We have certainly helped a very important cause.

Now for your homework! Please ask your children about their learning. There are so many interesting topics being studied in school that we hope the children are able to share some of their knowledge with you.

Year group update. This week we hear from Year 6...

This week, in Year 6, the children have enjoyed writing an narrative based on the class novel of Freedom 1783. Please ask them about BIDMAS as this has been the main focus of their maths. This will be the focus of their maths homework. The children have understood the expectations of reading 5 times a week and they are rising to the challenge. In science, the children have made blood! Now that is something to ask them about!

Reading

All children should be coming home with a reading book and their reading record. The expectation is that children read five times a week. Please can an adult sign the reading record to identify when your child has read. Children will also have a record of their weekly spellings in their reading record.

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www.diamondhalljuniors.co.uk

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Attendance and punctuality

We all know how important it is for children to attend school regularly – and to attend on time- even more so with how much disruption school has had during the Covid-19 pandemic.

We aim for 97% attendance and no late sessions. Here's how attendance is looking across school for this week:

Class	Percentage attendance	Number of late session.
Mrs Laydon	97%	3
Mrs Crawford	94 %	2
Mrs Hubery	97%	1
Mr Woods	95%	2
Miss Edwards	95%	5
Miss Inkster	97%	1
Mrs Haydon	95%	3
Miss Robinson	92%	3
Mr Cureton	93%	4
Mrs Bendelow	96%	1
Mr Crowther	96%	4
Mr Guthrie	96%	0

Well done **to 3HL,3AH & 4SI** for being the attendance champions this week!

Please can we remind parents to contact the office if your child is going to be absent from school. This should be done before 8:30 am. If attendance becomes a concern, medical evidence will be asked for to support the absence.



Dates for your diary

Tuesdays (weekly) – swimming for Miss Inkster's and Mr Wood's class
Tuesdays (weekly) – swimming for Mr Cureton's class (a letter has been sent out tonight to 5LC parents).

October

Black History Month

3rd October – National Grandparents' Day

8th October – National Poetry Day

8th October - Mental Health Awareness Day

Parent Consultations – week commencing 18th October (more information to follow).

Half term commences Friday 22nd October.

Children return on Monday 1st November.

Online safety

A reminder to check parental controls on your devices – whether your child plays games or enjoys apps on their own phone or borrows a family member's device.

Please use the following links to help keep your children safe online.

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Think u know:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Celebration of achievement

Please join us in celebrating our newly elected reps for Anti-bullying aka 'Buddies' and School Council:



Anti-bullying 'Buddies'

Dickson, Tosin, Azeem, Izzy, Khushi, Astin, Eva, Ethan, London, Hashdeep

School councillors

Riley, Annalise, Joshua, Alexis, Farhia, Alife, Tise, Ellie, Adugbole,



Head Boy and Head Girl interviews will take place next week after some pupils were absent today. This will be announced in next week's newsletter.

News!

Please remember that all children can attend breakfast club. This starts at 8am with a cost of £2 per pupil, per day. Please speak to the school office for further information.

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Please contact the school office if you need to update your child's contact details. Information which must be kept up to date: telephone numbers, change of address and who can collect your child. A child will not be allowed to be collected by an adult who is not on the contact from unless a parent/carer informs the office on the day of collection.

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As we have seen, the weather seems to be changing and becoming more autumnal. Please ensure all children come to school with a suitable coat so they are prepared for more inclement weather.

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As we start our learning for Black History Month, please ask the children what their topic focus will be.

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Homework will be given out on Friday and should be handed in no later than Wednesday. If children are finding it difficult to complete homework at home, there will be a drop-in session available prior to the hand in date. Please speak to your child's class teacher if this is needed.

