

HANDSWORTH NEWS

BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL
HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in our **Virtual Sports Days**. Eight days of sporting activities! It was wonderful to see so many videos. Special mention to the parents who took part in the parent activity, lots of fun was had!

You will find the Government guidance for full opening in September on the News page of our website. We are currently developing plans and will inform you as soon as possible. We will be taking the transition for children coming in to Reception and Nursery slowly; this is a big step for the youngest members of our school and it is important we take the time to settle them into school at a considered pace. We are also in discussions with sports clubs and summer camp providers. We are keen to provide some summer provision for the children during the break. This will be run by outside agencies and we will let you know as soon as we have more details.

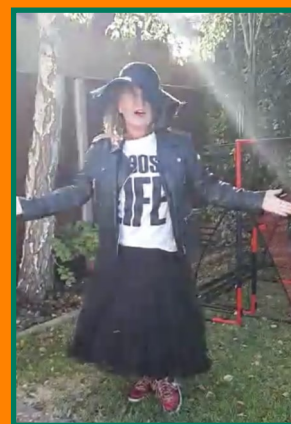
You will see on the next page of this newsletter that Miss Lewis has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this term. I would like to thank Miss Lewis for making me feel so welcome when I joined Handsworth, she is such a warm, caring person and we will all miss her so much. Miss Lewis, you are one of life's special people, thank you for everything you have done for the whole Handsworth community over the last 6 years. You must make sure you come to visit us at every opportunity!

Thank you to Friends of Handsworth for our Year 6 leavers hoodies, the children love them! Those not in school have been receiving special delivery visits from their teachers too!

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing some of our Year 4 and 5 children again this week. It was also great to meet some of our new Reception children. We have a busy last 2 weeks of term!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Nairne





Dear Handsworth pupils,

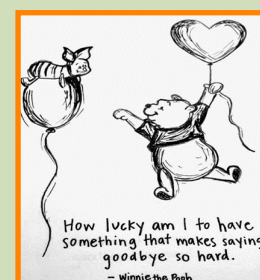
I haven't been very well this past year which is why you haven't seen me in school, but I am now at home recovering. I hope you are all keeping safe during this difficult time and you're enjoying your home learning. I visit the website regularly and the work you are producing is outstanding. I really miss seeing your smiley faces, hearing your laughter around the school and our daily chats as well as all the fun we had in the classrooms (with wonderful learning always going on Mrs Nairne!)

Sadly I won't be coming back to Handsworth as a teacher but hopefully I will come to visit you in your new classrooms soon. You are amazing and will all have a very special place in my heart.

Keep working hard and making me, your teachers and families proud of your achievements.

I can't wait to see you all soon,

Miss Lewis



Dear parents and carers of Handsworth Primary School,

It is with great sadness that I am writing to inform you all of my plans to take early retirement due to ill health and I will not be returning to Handsworth as a teacher. This past year has been a very traumatic one for me but with the help and amazing work of the fantastic NHS I am now recovering well at home.

I have been in the teaching profession for 32 years and have decided it is now time for me to pursue more leisurely activities. I joined the Handsworth team in October 2014 and I knew the minute I walked into the school building that I would enjoy my teaching time here. It has been an honour working with you and your families and I have loved being part of your child's school journey and getting to know you all. It has been a pleasure watching them grow into beautiful young people and I shall enjoy hearing about their future achievements.

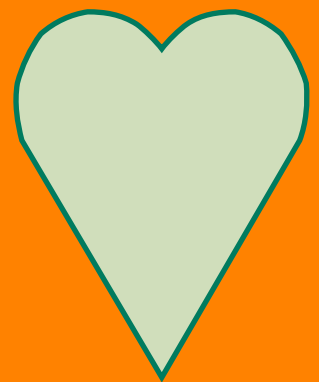
I have felt so very proud to be part of the Handsworth team and I would like to thank you and your children for all your support over the years.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon to say our social distancing goodbyes.

Lots of love from Miss Jane Lewis xxx.



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Parent Transition Information

We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and it is vital we learn all we can about your children from not only their current teacher, but also parents and carers.

Please complete the *Parent Transition Information Sheet* which you will find in the School News tab on the website. You will need to look back at the previous articles on the left hand side. It is called **Parent Transition Information Sheet**

Sibling Heroes!

A special shout out to our older siblings in Handsworth and in High School who are taking time out from their own work to help their siblings with theirs. Even it's just a case of keeping them entertained for an hour or two while their parents get some work done. They are absolute heroes!