



HANDSWORTH NEWS

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



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to the Spring term. I hope you have all had a great start to 2022. It was an absolute joy to welcome our children back to school on Wednesday!

This week we have all enjoyed settling back into school life. I know it was a shock to the system for us adults having to get up so early again, so I'm sure it was tricky for our children too! My clothes also appear to be slightly tighter than they were last term!

Thank you all for continuing to support us with the challenges Covid brings. The pandemic has had a huge impact on our budget which is very difficult. It is important you are aware that government guidance is for classrooms to be ventilated as much as possible. With the cold weather and windows open in classrooms for ventilation, it is a good idea for children to wear some additional layers. A long sleeved vest or an extra top would be beneficial. Please note, the teachers will not allow conditions to become too uncomfortable for the children. If you have any concerns or questions please speak to the school office.

Thank you once again for completing the parent survey, we had over 115 responses which is fantastic. We will be addressing some of the points made soon and giving you more information about how we plan to continue to improve. It was a very positive survey with some excellent points about what can be done to be even better.

Our Science lead, Miss Jordaan would really appreciate some help with organising the Science resources. Please get in touch with the school office if you are able to offer any of your time. We will make sure we provide tea and biscuits for you!

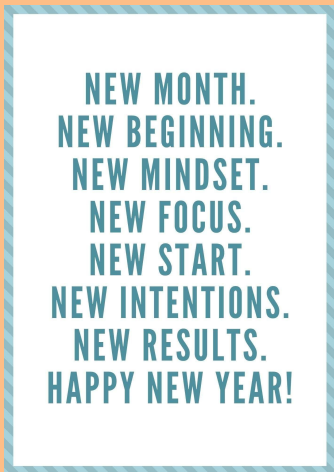
I understand that many parents are in class WhatsApp groups. These groups can be helpful as a way to share information and advice with other parents and carers. However, I would like to remind you that our home school agreement requires parents to use social media constructively. The school cannot improve or address issues if they are not raised directly. You must allow us to deal with any issues before writing comments on the group that can cause others to feel uncomfortable. Please always be kind. We talk to our children about ensuring we think of others, and we must model this too.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and restful weekend.
Mrs Nairne

**Please click below to
see a video from our
children wishing you a
happy new year!**



Dates	Events
24th January to 28th January 2022	5TC Bikeability Course
Monday 31st January 2022, 2-3pm	School Nurse Drop in Session
31st January 2022 to 4th February	5JG Bikeability
Tuesday 8th February 2022	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 9th February 2022	Year 1 Phonics Meeting
Monday 14th February 2022	Nursery Admissions applications deadline
Monday 14th - Friday 18th February	Half term holiday
Thursday 24th February 2022	Year 2 Trip to the Tower of London
21st to 25th February 2022	5JG Swimming Lessons
28th February 2022	Nursery places offered.
Monday 28th February 2022, 2-3pm	School Nurse Drop in Session
Thursday 3rd March 2022	World Book Day
28th February to 4th March 2022	5TC Swimming Lessons
Monday 7th to Friday 11th March	Year 6 Shaking Up Shakespeare
Friday 18th March 2022 7pm	FOH Pamper Night
Friday 18th March 2022	Comic Relief
Friday 11th - Saturday 20th March	British Science Week
23rd March 2022	Year 1 WOW Day - Space Explorers
Thursday 24th March 2022	Year 2 Great Fire of London WOW Day
Monday 28th March 2022, 2-3pm	School Nurse Drop in Session
Monday 28th & Tuesday 29th March	4SN Bikeability Course
Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st March	4BD Bikeability Course
Thursday 31st March 2022 - 2.30pm	FOH Inflatable Ninja course and Krispy Kreme
Friday 1st April 2022	Parents Consultation Day (INSET - school closed to pupils)



FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH

DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS?

FROM TOMORROW AND FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS
THERE WILL BE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATION BOX
UNDER THE UNIFORM STALL OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL.

ANY JUMPER DONATIONS WILL BE KEPT AND PUT ON THE
CHRISTMAS JUMPER STALL AT THE
FOH CHRISTMAS 2022 FAIR.

ALL DONATIONS BOTH CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS' SIZES
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.



THANK YOU

FRIENDS
OF
HANDSWORTH



Helpful Handsworth Hints

I feel amazing today

and every day when
I am not rushing.



**Punctuality
Matters!**

OPEN CLASSROOMS

This will be an opportunity for you to come into class with your child after school. Your child will be to show you their work and celebrate what they are proud of! It will not be an opportunity for you to have an in depth conversation with your child's class teacher. However, we will be happy to discuss anything with you after the open classroom session. You would just need to inform the office that you would like to meet the class teacher or a member of SLT.

Wednesday 2nd February

Wednesday 18th May

Wednesday 13th July



Our uniform is gender-neutral.

Gender-neutral is sometimes misunderstood to mean a ban of skirts or dresses - this isn't the case at all, It is about not prescribing what girls or boys wear and allowing free choice.

This enables children to choose the types of clothing they feel most comfortable in, and the most appropriate for how they want to dress.

A gender-neutral approach is based on eradicating gender stereotypes (ie, 'girls should wear this,' and 'boys should wear that')



- Green school jumper or cardigan (preferably with Handsworth logo)
- White shirt, polo shirt or blouse
- Grey (not black) trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.
- When warm checked green summer dresses may be worn.
- Plain white or grey socks or plain grey tights.
- Black school shoes. Trainer style shoes are acceptable as long as they are completely black and do not feature logos or coloured soles.
- No high heels, open-toed sandals or platform shoes. In the winter black ankle boots may be worn.
- Hair longer than chin-length must be tied up. Hair accessories must be reasonably sized and in school colours only. (Green, white, grey and black)

**SCHOOL
UNIFORM**

We are sure you are aware of the budget pressures schools are facing. The pandemic has had a huge impact on our budget and we really appreciate any support you can give. If you are able, please donate to our voluntary fund. Please click on the image to the right to donate. Thank you.

Handsworth Primary School

VOLUNTARY FUND



Getting straight back into it!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Tromans! Ryan is wonderful and we know you will enjoy every minute with him!



STARS OF THE WEEK

EYFS

KS1

KS2

AMELIA **NHW** PENNY **1IL** JAMES A **3FB**

HUGO **RAO** HARRISON **1MJ** KAREEM **3LB**

KIAN **RHH** IRTIZA **2KC** POPPY **4BD**

LEO **2MW** LARA **4SN**

JAMES **5TC**

ZARA **5JG**

OSMAN **6RT**

MEERA **6SM**



The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn. The stars also have the opportunity to have a tea with Mrs Nairne and Ms Addai.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!