



Newsletter
Spring Term 3 – January No. 8 2020

Key Dates:

- **Monday 6th January 2020** – Start of term 3 – 8.50am
- **Tuesday 7th January Pantomime** – 5pm collection from school
- **Friday 7th February** – NSPCC Number Day
- **Friday 14th February** – End of term 3 - 3pm finish
- **Monday 24th February** – Start of term 4 - 8.50am start

Vision, Mission and Values (VMV)



Following consultation with pupils, parents and governors, we decided to review our VMV in order that we ensure that everyone knows, agrees and aims towards our school ethos and strategic direction.

Please find attached an overview giving the details of our Vision, Mission and Values. This will be built into everything we do, including the curriculum, and developed over-time.

Staffing

We would like to welcome back Mrs Gilbert-Green to Reception Class, this term. She will be job-sharing with Mrs Best. Mrs Gilbert-Green will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Best will be teaching Wednesday to Friday. At the end of last term, we said goodbye to Mrs Smith, our Reception class teacher who was covering the maternity leave. We wish her all the best in her new teaching role.

In Year 4, we are pleased to have Mrs Kelly teaching the class, as we said goodbye to Mr Grace (long term supply). We extend our thanks to Mr Grace and wish him all the best.



Welcome Back to School

The children have settled in well this term, including those with new teachers and are focussed on their learning. Hopefully, everyone will be adjusting and returning to routines after the Christmas break. Thank you for sending the children into school so smartly in their uniforms.

Attendance



From September to the end of Term 2 – attendance is 94.5%. This has dipped from 95% in T1. The main reasons for absence are: illness (3.9%) and unauthorised absence (1.6%).

We are aiming to meet the national target of 96% at least this year, although we strive for 100%. Thank you to all of those parents/carers who are always promoting positive attendance.

Pantomime

The Pantomime was absolutely amazing! The teaching staff were in awe of the children's faces, comments and excitement as they watched the show.

It was a magical experience and many children commented on the actors, actresses, costumes, music, lighting and theatre setting. The pupils in Y1-Y6 also showed no fear as they sat in the balcony, on high, watching everything below. Teachers will be following up this wonderful experience talking to the children about what they saw, experienced and enjoyed.



We would like to say a huge thank you to The Everyman Theatre for giving our whole school free tickets and making the trip possible! Also thank you to parents/carers for arranging a later pick up time.

Community Links

The Everyman Theatre work closely with our school through links to Wentworth Court (local elderly residence), leading intergenerational programmes with Year 1.



This term an after-school drama club is starting led by an Everyman drama practitioner, along with Miss George and Mrs Shawcross, with 15 children across KS2. "The Project Zebra", drama group, will produce a performance based on "Respect" and perform this at a school assembly and also All Saints Academy, along with other local schools. Children have been invited to the club which will start on 22.01.20.

Inset Day

We can now confirm that our next Inset Day will be on Monday 16th March and the final Inset Day will be on Monday 20th July (school finishes on Friday 17th July 2020).

Website

Our new website will be launched shortly. We will let you know when it is "live".

Wishing you a positive New Year!

From the Staff





Aspire, Believe, Care, Achieve.....

Vision

At Hester's Way Primary School, we:

- encourage pupils to **aspire** and aim high.
- **believe** that everyone deserves the same opportunities to succeed.
- work in a happy, safe and **caaring** learning environment.
- **achieve** our aspirational goals and targets

Mission

We want our pupils to be healthy, positive and caring individuals, who are confident and independent, as they successfully move through life's milestones.

Our behaviour expectations to... "Be Ready", "Be Safe" and "Be Respectful", teach our pupils to be productive and fulfilled citizens, in the local and global community.

As a school, we aim to be inclusive and promote equality in all that we do, in our education and pastoral care.

We strive for our pupils to develop a love of learning, achieve national expectations, or the best outcomes from their starting points.

Our pupils understand how we learn, develop and grow as essential parts of school life and being a successful learner.

We aim to work alongside parents, carers, external agencies and the local community to provide a "family" approach to our work.

Our pupils develop values that support their own development and learning, through self-belief, positive self-esteem, care of themselves, others, their environment and work, which is modelled by the staff and school community.

Values:

We will have....

Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience, Determination, Pride and Independence.