

# HAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWS



## Head of School address:

Again, welcome back to Hambridge Primary and to the first newsletter of the year. We hope your children have enjoyed the start of the Autumn Term and are enjoying all of the exciting things they are getting up to at the moment.

Pippin, Kingston, Bramley and Liberty classes all enjoyed a forest school session last week where they go to work together to build dens, drink hot chocolate and toast marshmallows on a lit fire. A good start!

Once again, a reminder that my office door is always open. Please do come and see me.

Best wishes

Nichola Chesterton  
Head of School



## Executive Principal address:

Welcome back! I do hope that all of our families across our academy schools had an enjoyable and restful summer. We appear to have returned to school with similar weather conditions we had over the holidays, rather than the usual 'Indian Summer' that often occurs once the children are back in school! We look forward to a busy and rewarding year ahead. Over the last few years, the Government has brought about a number of changes into schools in relation to curriculum and assessment plus a new and tougher OFSTED inspection regime. These have all had a massive impact on schools in developing new methods of assessing pupils' progress, a curriculum with higher expectations of all pupils whatever their starting points and a very challenging and ruthless OFSTED inspection framework. Our schools are all expecting an OFSTED inspection in the coming year and this will come in a very different form than schools have been used to in

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*The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.* H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility"

the past. With the implementation of the new methods of assessment, it is very difficult for schools to compare the 'old levels data' with the new measures that came into force in the 2015/16 academic year. We must also be mindful that the judgement of 'Good' is now harder to achieve than it was in the past, with the now higher raised expectations being implemented so suddenly.

All children within our schools are individual and unique and we must not forget amongst all the changes from above, the importance of each individual and the progress they make across our schools today.

I look forward to working alongside school staff to ensure all children receive an exciting and rewarding curriculum and experiences in our schools, developing and making progress into respectful and confident citizens of the future.

Best wishes

Mrs Barraclough

## Uniform

It is lovely to see everyone coming back and looking fantastically smart in their school uniforms. Please keep it up.

I have, however, seen a few grey skirts and trousers creeping in. Please remember that these should be black.

The school really does pride itself on its appearance from head to toe. Please bear this in mind and keep extravagant haircuts and colours to the school holidays.

## Clubs

Thank you to all our school staff and those parents who give up their time to run after school clubs for free. This means we don't have to charge you and we are really grateful.

Please note that Theatre Club will not take place on 20 September. French Club will not be held on 5 and 12 October.

Both chess clubs will commence at the beginning of October.

## Music Lessons

There are spaces with the woodwind and violin teachers. If you are interested please speak to the school office.

## A Great Big Thank You...

goes out to one of our parents, Mr David Wells, from David Wells Heating and Plumbing (dewells.com), who answered our recent plea and has very kindly offered his plumbing services for free over the weekend so we can move the old staffroom kitchen down to its new situation, the former Class 5 room. He is looking for an electrician to assist him with a couple of small things so if there is someone out there who can help it would be wonderful.

Thank you.

## Drop Off at School

Can I remind parents that the school premises are not staffed before 8.45 am. For safeguarding, health and safety reasons children must not be left unattended in the playground before this time.

## Who's Who

There often seems to be confusion as to who is who and who does what within both The Levels Academy Trust and Hambridge Primary. I hope the attached pages will be of help to you.

## School Games

We've done it! For the second year running we have gained the Gold Award from School Games. The award recognises the schools commitment to sport and fitness. Thank you to everyone who has played a part. From the staff who teach the PE and run the clubs to you the parents who come

along and support the children at every event thank you.

Most of all a massive thank you to all the children for consistently raising the bar and diving head first into sport at Hambridge.

Here is to another fine year of sport!

### **Pencil Cases**

Please can I ask that children bring in sensible pencil cases. Large toy-like pencil cases take up a lot of room on the desks and which restrict the children's learning.

### **Golden Tickets!**

At school we recognise that by adopting a positive approach, giving the children a secure and caring environment and by having high expectations of them, they can provide the kind of environment that promotes good behaviour. Verbal praise is the most frequently used reward given for work, effort or behaviour.

To this end we have introduced golden tickets this term and the ABC Code.

To explain, there are two strands to the ABC Code: the first provides a consistent system to reward pupils, particularly, but not exclusively, for good, improved or, occasionally, outstanding achievement and effort in the classroom with the second strand providing a clear and consistent approach to managing inappropriate, disruptive or anti-social attitudes or behaviour mostly, but not entirely, within the learning environment.

Each strand relies heavily on each member of staff's high expectations of pupils, both in respect of their learning and their attitude and behaviour, being communicated to the pupils on a regular basis.

The ABC Code will operate as an integral part of the 'Teaching and Learning: Consistency Framework', and will be yet another strategy to improve the quality of teaching and learning across the school.

### ABC: Expectations of pupils (linked to the Golden Rules):

1. Do be kind and helpful; show respect for other
2. Do look after property – show respect for the school's and other people's property
3. Do be gentle – be polite
4. Do work hard – try hard and always do your best
5. Do listen to people – don't interrupt
6. Do be honest – don't cover up the truth

### ABC Code: Rewards:

In addition to verbal and/or written praise, stickers/stars and displaying pupils' work etc. the following rewards are appropriate to pupils of all ages. It is expected that individual class reward systems will be subsumed within the ABC Code.

All members of staff keep an up-to-date record of all formal rewards which are issued to pupils.

A copy of the full policy can be found on the website.

To this end, the children awarded golden tickets last week were:

#### Discovery

Florence Gibson

#### Pippin

Arthur Davis

#### Kingston

Jack Perrin

Jack Male

Elizabeth Irish

Daniel Bulgin

#### Bramley

Isobel Hart

Flo Bradshaw

Kye Allen

Liberty

Kurtis Shelley  
Levi Fairburn

And today's were:

Discovery

Freyah Lock  
Scarlett Hanlon

Kingston

Albert Shaw  
Rose Bambury

Bramley

Rufus Colegrave  
Harry Clark

Liberty

Lottie Wild  
Amelie Richardson  
Will Male (twice!)  
Miss Parslow (our PGCE student)  
Jorja Doble  
Ruby Kelland

Well done to you. We are really proud of you.

**And finally...**

It is Raold Dahl day on Wednesday and it would have been his 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. I rather liked the following quote and I hope you do too.

*"And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it."*

Quote

**SAFEGUARDING**

If you have any concerns about a student, you should report this to a member of staff immediately. If you feel a student is at risk or a subject of abuse you must contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads Immediately.

**Don't think  
"What if I'm wrong"  
Think  
"What if I am right"**



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) (Hambridge School):  
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## Diary Dates:

Please note: Updates and amendments will be red.

Date	Time	Event
21/09/17	7 am – 8.30 pm	Liberty Class trip to Buckingham Palace
29/09/17	Tbc	FOHSA coffee morning
01/12/17	tbc	Christmas Bingo (tbc)
15/12/17	tbc	Christmas Fayre
08/12/17	09.00	FOHSA Shopping Mall £1/gift. Max £5 for 5 gifts. Please bring pre-written labels
21/12/17	Lunch	FOHSA Christmas party

## Inset Days

20 October 2017

9 February 2018

23 July 2018

24 July 2018

## Clubs List – Autumn Term

Day	Times	Club	
Mon	08.00 – 08.50 09:00 – 10:00	Hula Hoop - All year groups Fitness for all - Parents/carers fitness class – no need to register just turn up.	
	12:15 – 12:45 3:30 – 4:30	Running Club All year groups Gardening Year 2-6 - <b>Only until Half Term</b>	
	3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30	Netball - Year 3-6 Study Club - Years 2-6 KS1 Choir - Years R-2	
	Tues	8:00 – 8:50 3:30 – 4:45 3:30 – 4:00 3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30	Streetdance - All year groups Let's Get Cooking - Class 5 Let's get baking - Years R – 2 Upcycling - Years 3-4 Football - Years 4-6
		Wed	8:00 – 8:50  1:00 – 1:30 3:30 – 5:00  3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30
Thurs			8:00 – 8:50 3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 4:30
	Fri		12:15 – 1:10 3:30 – 4:30 3:30 – 5:15
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please remember to let the member of staff know if you cannot attend the club on a particular session</li> <li>If your child is attending Woodpecker Club after the activity session, then the member of staff will direct them to the club.</li> <li>Clubs may be cancelled at short notice due to illness or inclement weather. We shall attempt to contact you, by phone or e-mail or via Facebook but will of course look after your child until the normal pick up time should we be unable to make contact or if this places you in a difficult position.</li> <li>Permission is not required as such for lunchtime clubs, but turning up for the club indicates a desire to be part of that club for the duration of the term. Remember <i>'winners never quit and quitters never win'</i>!</li> </ul>	
		<p><b>Breakfast and Woodpecker Clubs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These run every day from 7:45 - 9:00 am and 3.30 - 5.30 pm. Please book via the office or the booking sheets which can be posted in the verandah. We would appreciate payment and bookings in advance for these sessions, so that catering and activities can be planned accordingly. (rates per hour are £3 booked, £4 not booked)</li> </ul>	