

# HAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWS



## Executive Principal address:

As the evenings start to draw in, we are coming towards the end of our first half term back in school. Our pupils have been working extremely hard and have settled in well to their new classes engaging in a variety of activities across the curriculum.

In all our schools, we value the part that parents play in supporting their child's education. Parental input out of school is key to ensuring children continue to use skills learnt in the classroom to prepare them for their independent future lives. In this day and age, modern technology can easily get in the way of enjoying books with our children. If we are not careful it can also too easily replace family conversation or fun informal learning experiences such as asking your child to add the cost of items purchased when doing the weekly shop. As parents, we must try to balance the amount of time spent playing solitary video games and/or watching television with social family interaction. It is worrying to note that recent surveys show a fifth of parents with primary aged children do not spend any time reading with their child and that more than half spend less than an hour a week doing so.

It is invaluable for every child's education for parents and carers to engage with them to support reading, writing and mathematical skills thus enhancing their formal teaching at school. So please continue to communicate with your child's class teacher about how you can best help their specific learning progress when at home. I promise your child will benefit and both of you will enjoy the

experience.

(Mrs Barraclough)

## Welcome

Since my last newsletter, I am delighted to welcome the families of Lily (Bramley) and Seren (Pippin) Davies and Kiera Berry (Pippin).

## New Appointment

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Van Duin (pronounced Van Down!). Mrs Van Duin will be replacing Mrs Cunningham when she leaves for Australian shores on 17 November. We are lucky that Mrs Van Duin is able to work alongside Mrs Cunningham from Monday 30 October to ensure a smooth transition.

## Maternity Leave

We wish Mrs Bond all the very best of luck as she leaves this week to go on maternity leave. The school did interview candidates to cover her maternity leave but the interview panel didn't feel that any of the candidates were good enough to join the school and our HLTAs could deliver better quality provision. It was, therefore, agreed, to ensure continuity for Bramley Class, that Mrs Chesterton will teach every morning and an experienced HLTA will work with the class in the afternoon with lessons planned by Mrs Chesterton. We are also exploring other avenues and will also re-advertise the post.

## FOHA

FOHSA: the school would like to pass on its sincere thanks to all parents who attended the meeting today. Many, many thanks to the new committee: Rachel Sellars (Chair), Delia Burrige (Vice-chair), Tracy Lanfear and Emma Vickery (Treasurers), Mary Ann Holm (Secretary). It is very much appreciated.

**Dance-a-thon**

This has taken place today and is in aid of the NSPCC. Could we remind parents that the sponsorship forms are due in the first week back after half term. Thanking you all in advance for your support of this worthy cause.

**Golden Tickets**

This week's Golden Tickets have been awarded to:

Discovery

Sophie Masters  
Wright Hinchliff  
Annabel Clark  
Scarlett Hanlon

Pippin

Poppy Bell  
Elsie Lacy  
Cyrus Farzad  
Rufus Motley  
Seren Davies  
Kiera Berry

Kingston

Evelyn Kelland  
Logan Shelley  
Albert Shaw

Bramley

Tom Crowter  
Lily Davies

Liberty

Demetrius Driver  
Oliver James  
Levi Chorley

**London Marathon**

One of our parents, Adrian Attebery, is hoping to run in next year's London Marathon in support of Whizz-Kidz (a charity that works to transform the lives of disabled children across the UK, supporting them to become confident and independent young adults by providing the vital equipment, support and life skills they need to reach their full potential). In order to take part Mr Attebery has to raise £1900. If you would like to support him in reaching his goal please follow the link: <https://whizz-kidz-london-marathon18.everydayhero.com/uk/adrian>

**School Games**

For those of you who don't look at the school website, Mr Thompson does a regular sports slot on the Schools Sports Blog. Please do have a look at it via the following link:

<http://hambridgesainsburygames.blogspot.co.uk/>

**Starting and Transferring School Sept 2018**

The admissions process for school place applications in September 2018 has begun and the website is now live for parents/carers to make their on-line application. For children due to start school for the first time the deadline for application is 15th January 2018. For information regarding children due to transfer to secondary school please visit [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions). Copies of the 'Primary or Secondary Admissions in 2018 booklet, A Guide for Parents' can be downloaded from [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions)

**PE Kits**

We still have many children who do not have their PE kits in school. Pupils must have full PE kits in school each day from Monday to Friday. The school spare PE kits have also gone missing. Could we ask that you take time over the holidays and see if any of it is at home or if you have any spares you would like to donate.

**Montpellier Exchange**

We now have 12 pupils who are keen to travel to Montpellier next year. We need to book the flights soon so we get the best deal so please let me know directly after half term if your child/ren wish to go.

**Parking**

I'm afraid we have had our second complaint over the past two weeks with regard to parents dropping off and picking up at school. We appreciate that the car park is too small and that the road is a public highway and it is not ours to patrol, but please can we remind parents to park sensibly and to try and not to break the law. We have contacted the local constabulary today and they think that it is fine to very quickly drop off sensibly on the zigzag lines at the front of the school but to not park there.

**...and Finally**

Thank you to all our parents, staff and community for a very enjoyable half term. Please can everyone have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you on 30 October.

Best wishes

Nichola Chesterton  
Head of School

**SAFEGUARDING**

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

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



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)  
(Hambridge School): Nichola Chesterton



Deputy DSL (Hambridge School):  
Rebecca Denley



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## Diary Dates:

**PLEASE NOTE:** Updates and amendments will be in red.

Date	Time	Event
17/10/17	-	INSET Day
19/10/17	All day	Dance-a-thon fundraiser day
01/12/17	tbc	Christmas Bingo (tbc)
15/12/17	tbc	Christmas Fayre
08/12/17	09.00	FOHSA Shopping Mall
21/12/17	Lunch	FOHSA Christmas party

## Inset Days

20 October 2017

9 February 2018

23 July 2018

24 July 2018

## Clubs:

Mon	08.00 – 08.50	Hula Hoop - All year groups
	09:00 – 10:00	Fitness for all - Parents/carers fitness class – no need to register just turn up.
	12:15 – 12:45	Running Club All year groups
	3:30 – 4:30	Netball - Year 3-6
	3:30 – 4:30	Study Club - Years 2-6
	3:30 – 4:30	KS1 Choir - Years R-2
Tues	8:00 – 8:50	Streetdance - All year groups
	3:30 – 4:45	Let's Get Cooking - Class 5
	3:30 – 4:00	Let's get baking - Years R – 2
	3:30 – 4:30	Upcycling - Years 3-4
	3:30 – 4:30	Football - Years 4-6
Wed	8:00 – 8:50	Fun Fitness for Kids - All year groups
	1:00 – 1:30	Photography - Years 5-6
	3:30 – 5:00	Serious Chess coaching - All year groups
	3:30 – 4:30	Musical Theatre - Years 3-6
	3:30 – 4:30	Rugby - Years 4-6
Thurs	8.00– 8:50	Badminton - Years 3-5
	3:30 – 4:30	Book club - Years R-2
	3.30–4.30	Choir - Years 3-6
	3:30 – 4:30	Art Club - Years 4-5
	3:30 – 4:30	French - Years 4-6
Fri	12:15 – 1:10	Chess - All year groups
	3:30 – 4:30	Multiskills - Years 1-3
	3:30 – 5:15	Film club all year groups

- Please remember to let the member of staff know if you cannot attend the club on a particular session
- If your child is attending Woodpecker Club after the activity session, then the member of staff will direct them to the club.
- 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.
- 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 *'winners never quit and quitters never win'*!

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