

HAMBRIDGE PRIMARY NEWS



A note from the headteacher

Firstly let me thank you for the many Christmas cards and gifts I received at the end of last term. I was overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

The first two weeks of the new term have flown by and Christmas now feels like it was months ago. The children have settled well into the new term and are already enjoying their new topics and areas of study.

This term we have relaunched Accelerated Reader. Accelerated Reader is a computer based tool that we can use inside and outside of school to really motivate the children to read. Reading is an essential part of a child's development and by using Accelerated Reader we aim to ignite a passion for reading that will lead to 'lifelong' readers. For more information about Accelerated Reader please click the link or cut and paste it into your search bar. <https://www.renaissance.com/2016/09/09/parents-guide-renaissance-accelerated-reader-360/>

The children in the Junior part of the school might have come home speaking a little bit of Spanish. As part of the national Curriculum every school across the country has to teach children from Year 3 to Year 6, a modern foreign language. Having spent the last 2.5 years living in Spain it seemed natural that we would choose Spanish. It is the 3rd most spoken language in the world and could be useful for future holidays or employment. The children seem to be enjoying what they have learnt so far and we have great fun in the lessons together. Over the last two weeks they have been learning all about; where is Spain and what countries speak Spanish, basic greeting and the alphabet. It would be good if they could practice what they have been learning in school at home. Here is a link to a catchy song, that I am sure you will love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MJbHmgaeDM>

Sharon Chapman
Head of School

Safeguarding—Internet safety

This week in school we have been talking to the children about internet safety. From the lessons they have received it has become even more clear that some children are uncertain about how to

make sure they are safe online. They spoke about peer pressure to be on certain apps and the desire to leave these apps as, 'public' so that they could become famous. Sadly, through conversations and disclosures by children we also discovered that some children had been in contact with strangers and some children had been threatened or told to do things that are harmful. We have spoken with the parents of these children and offered support and advice.

Top Tips

Check the age requirement for the apps your children have.

Check the settings are set to private.

Check the browsing history .

Ensure your child only uses a device in the same room as you.

Talk with your child about staying safe and what to do if something pops up, or goes wrong.

Further advice and support can be found on the NSPCC website - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety> or thinkuknow.co.uk/parents, childnet.com, saferinternet.org.uk, parentinfo.org , internetmatters.org.

FOHSA

The next film club will be 31 January and the first mufti day will be 7 February which is also the day of the Valentines Disco. There will be a murder mystery event at Barrington Village Hall on 6 March, please see members of FOHSA for more information or to buy tickets.

Booksale

Apologies but due to unforeseen circumstances we are having to postpone the booksale due to take place after school next Friday 24 January. A new date will be announced for this shortly.

Sport

A reminder that there is a Hockey taster session at Huish Leisure tonight from 4-5:30pm, letters went home for those that were interested.

We have got a Badminton day, a Multiskills festival and a Motiv8 event all coming up shortly.

Parentpay

Please can everyone check their Parentpay account for outstanding payments as there seems to be a great many unpaid bills at the moment . As a guide any items of uniform showing will need paying as these only get added to your account when you have had some uniform and will disappear when you have paid it. If there is anything showing on your account that you don't understand then please ask at the office and we can look into it for you.

Violin

We have been asked by a parent if we do peripatetic violin lessons as they would like their child to learn this in school time. We can look for a violin teacher—but it might be tricky to find a teacher willing to come for just one student so if any other children think they would be interested in having 1:1 violin lessons in school (these usually cost around £8-£9 per 20 minute lesson) then please can you let the office know.

Clubs

Well done to anyone that has tried out something new from the clubs list this term. There are still spaces in Street Surfing, and hockey if anyone is interested.

Football

We have heard back from Yeovil Town Football club who have advised that they will not be running their after school club this term, so we will try to

get a football club sorted out for next term.

Yoga

There will be the opportunity to have a Yoga club after school in the Committee room on a Tuesday after school for Years 4-6, As there are already several clubs on a Tuesday we thought we would gauge the interest before committing to this. If anyone is interested please can they let the office know.

Golden Tickets –

Well done to the following pupils who have gone the extra mile:

Discovery Class

Louie	Austin	Arabella
James	Eddy	Noah

Pippin Class

Bethany	Harrison
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Kingston

Harry	Freyah	Rufus
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Bramley

Maisie	Riley	Santi
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Liberty

Annabel	Jack	Rufus
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House Points

Current House point standings:

	This week	Running Total
Red	127	1472
Blue	76	1466
Green	85	1326
Yellow	114	1531

Dates for your diary:

24.01.20	Y3/4 Badminton
28.01.20	Year R&6 Heights & Weights
03.02.20	Bramley Class Assembly
07.02.20	Y3/4 Multiskills
10.02.20	Liberty Class Assembly
15.02.20	INSET Day
17-21.02.20	Half Term
16.03.20	Pippen Class Assembly
23.03.20	Kingston Class Assembly
30.03.20	Discovery Class Assembly

New since last newsletter



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): Sharon Chapman
- Deputy DSL (Hambridge School): Anne-Marie Travers
- Little Levels Pre-School DSL: Rebecca Yeadon
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Governor: Laurie Burn