



## February 2019

### Dates For Your Diary

#### **7<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 4 are attending a concert of music by Beethoven at the Blackheath Halls. With the money raised by our classes at the Christmas fete, the children will take part in workshops on this day entitled, Green Up Your Act, which provides activities with an environmental theme.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> February**

Reception will be visiting London using various modes of transport, including the Thames Clipper, to support their topic of "Are we in London yet?"

#### **11<sup>th</sup> February**

The Jump Rope for Heart event will be happening this week. This event raises money for the British Heart Foundation. Sponsorship forms will be sent home soon.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 5 will be taking part in the National Schools Programme launched by the Royal Institute of British Architects. 5N will travel to London to take part in workshops and find out more information. This will lead to the children working with the RIBA Ambassadors on an exciting project here at Haimo next half term.

Some of our Equality & Diversity Ambassadors will be attending a training conference with the Metro charity in Woolwich.

#### **15<sup>th</sup> February**

The PTA are holding a Valentine's disco from 3.30-4.30pm for years 2 to 6. Tickets are available in the school office.

#### **26<sup>th</sup> February**

Today, 5J will be visiting RIBA to take part in workshops..

#### **28<sup>th</sup> February**

Years 4 and 6 will take part in a tag rugby tournament at Colfes.

### Road Closure

The installation of the bollards at either end of Haimo Road has improved road safety for the children and we are very pleased with the results. We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation, especially our local residents. We have had many positive comments from parents and carers, which is very encouraging. Although it is safe for the children to walk along Haimo Road whilst the bollards are raised, if you have a child in Reception class, please could you ensure that you still take and pick up your child from the Reception gate rather than the children arriving or leaving alone. To ease congestion at the end of the school day we open the middle gates so that parents can access the playground to pick up their children. We have noticed that younger children are playing near parked cars. This could cause injury to the child and damage to vehicles; therefore please could we ask that, if you use the car park entrance, children remain with you. We thank you for your support.

### **Text Messaging**

We are now trialling a text messaging system. This will inform parents of any last minute information we may have, for example, if children are arriving back from a school trip later than expected. If you opted not to receive text messaging on your multi-consent form but would now like to opt in, please contact the school office for more information.

### **Mobile Phones**

Please may we remind you that if your child brings a mobile phone to school it must be left with the School Office Team first thing in the morning and be picked up at the end of the school day. Thank you for your support.

### **Free School Meals for Children**

As you are aware a Government initiative provides free school meals to all children until the end of year 2. If you are in receipt of certain benefits it is still a requirement for you to complete a Pupil Benefits form, available at the school office, as you could also be eligible for clothing and school journey grants. If you do not complete this form you may be missing out on additional funding. Please come to see the School Office Team for assistance.

### **Haimo PTA**

“We have organised our first Valentine’s Day themed disco this year. We hope that the children will love it as much as our hugely popular Halloween discos! It will be held on Friday 15th February at 3.30pm. Tickets are £3 each but are limited, so if your child would like to attend please return your permission slip and money to the school office as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing lots of the children there; it’s going to be a fun afternoon!”

### **Notification Of Absence**

We would like to remind you that, as stated in our attendance policy, **“All parents/carers are asked to contact the school by 9am if their child is absent. If no notification is received about a child’s absence, then a member of the School’s Administration Team will phone the child’s parents/carers to establish the reason for the absence.”**

### **World Book Day**

For your information, World Book Day will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. As usual, there will be events happening around the school celebrating our love of reading. The children will be able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and each child will receive a token towards the purchase of a book.

### **Change Of Address Or Telephone Number**

It is important for us to have up to date information of parents/carers on our database should there be an emergency with your child. Please could you inform us immediately if you change phone number or address. Thank you

### **Greenwich Food Bank**

Your donations for our Harvest Festival this year were sent to the Greenwich Food Bank who support families in need. You donated an incredible 417.9kg of food, which provides 440 meals. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **The Bug Man**

You will be aware that Year 3 were due to have a visit from the Bug Man to support their science topic. Unfortunately, he is unable to attend so we are sourcing another provider and will let you know the rearranged date as soon as possible.

### **Social Media**

With the huge number of social media sites available it can be difficult keeping track of what your children can use and when. As a reminder, below is a list of social media platforms and the age when children are legally able to have an account with them.

Instagram – age 13

Facebook – age 13

WhatsApp – age 16

Snapchat – age 13

### **School Meal Options**

If you pay for your child's meals, may we remind you that dinner money of £11 must be paid on **Monday morning** for the coming week. If payment is not made, your child may not receive a meal. Also, any meal option chosen at the beginning of the half term must remain until the following half term.

### **Year 5 Trip To The Museum Of London**

In January, Year 5 had a fun and informative day learning about the Romans.



Ms Januario and Mr Neighbour were very proud of the children and received many compliments from the public about their wonderful behaviour whilst they were out. Ms Januario said, "Many people commented on how respectful and polite the children were." Well done Year 5 for representing Haimo so beautifully.

### **And Finally...**

School closes for half term on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** and the children return to school on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**. We hope you have a restful week.

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