

Dear Parents/Carers,

The half term holiday awaits so fingers very firmly crossed for some pleasant weather.

BUILDING WORKS

The building works had been progressing very smoothly but regrettably a glitch has been discovered and this means that the project will need to be extended for a couple of extra weeks. Pleasingly, some of the scaffolding will be removed at half term, which will give us a little bit of extra playground to use. However, 6H and the Computing suite will still be out of action until the end of the project which is now scheduled to be Saturday, 17th November. Everything should then be back to normal on Monday, 19th November but if there are any further developments, I will of course, keep you informed.

YR. 6 PARENTS/CARERS

Just to remind you that the closing date for applications to state secondary schools is Wednesday, 31st October. Parents of the Yr 6 children should have received their child's Yr 6 Wandsworth test results and a covering letter from the LA. This was posted directly to the parents' address on Wednesday, 1st class.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many, many thanks to the parents/carers who sent in such an amazing array of produce for our Harvest festival assembly. My sincere thanks also to Rev Tiff Ewins for leading our assembly and to the School Council for their contributions: it was an excellent Harvest Festival!

WISE PAY

Parents /carers can pay for lunches, clubs, trips AND book their parents evening appointment using the Wise Pay facility.

To set up your Wise Pay account please visit the schools' website:

www.honeywellschools.org

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all those parents who attended the recent parents' evening. If you were unable to make the consultation evening, but would like to see your child's class teacher please contact them via email to book an appointment after half term.

OPEN MORNINGS

The school will be holding Open Mornings on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November. This is an opportunity for prospective parents to tour the school. We need parents as tour guides for both mornings as well as parents who are happy to help serve tea and coffee. Please let the PTFA chairs know if you can help out on either of the days. Thank you.

TRAINING TEACHERS

If there are any parents/carers who are thinking of changing career and wishing to train to become a teacher please contact me. The school is linked closely to the Wandsworth SCITT who has an excellent record in training teachers and finding local placements.

See the Wandsworth SCITT website for more information: <https://www.scitt.co.uk/home/>

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA meeting last week was very positive and I am grateful to the many parents who turned up and informed us of an impressive list of events.

The Christmas shopping evening takes place on the 15th November 7.30-9.30pm. Tickets are £5 each, which includes a drink, and will be on sale in the playgrounds straight after half term.

Christmas Trees will also be on sale again this year. Trees need to be pre-ordered and can be collected from school on Saturday 8th December.

A list of the forthcoming PTFA events can be found in the link below.

<http://www.honeywellptfa.org.uk/>

I do hope that you will be able to support these excellent PTFA activities.

INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Those parents who are considering a private school education for their children may be interested in the "Independent Schools Show" at Battersea Park on the 10th & 11th of November. Further information about this event can be found on the Secondary Transfer Desk near the main entrance to the schools.

SUCCESS STORIES

There are many successes to celebrate this week.

Football

First up are the Yr 6 football teams who took part in the Dolphin Trophy last week.

Both teams progressed out of their group stage and into the semi-finals by playing some free flowing and skilful football. Sadly, the B team did not reach the final but the A team did where they met Belleville. A thrilling match ensued with Honeywell eventually winning on penalties. The very grand trophy that the school received shows that we had never won this competition before which makes this achievement all the more impressive!

Netball

Our netball team matched the footballers, with Yr 6 team winning 27-0 against Trinity St Mary's School last week and then winning 28-0 against Christchurch School two days ago.

These are fantastic results and reflect not only the skill and progress that the team has made but also the level of commitment and expertise our coaches have shown. I am extremely grateful.

Last Saturday, our Yr 4 A and B teams competed in the Newton Prep Tournament and finished 4th (Bronze medal winners) and 10th respectively.

I cannot do justice to the players superb attitude, skill and great determination in this brief section but suffice to say the school was immensely proud of all our players - for a detailed review please read Chris's account via the school's Sports email address:

sport@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk



Cricket

Eight of Honeywell's cricketers took part in the one day Maurice Fulcher Tournament at The Oval this week.

This was very tough competition and we found ourselves in a challenging group along with Sacred Heart and Hillbrook. All the teams won 2 games each and so run rate was used to calculate who should progress to semi-finals; disappointingly we just missed out! Chris, our coach wrote:

"Our team should take comfort from the fact that they showed they know how to play the game, and enjoyed a great day out playing cricket at the home of the Surrey Team (current holders of the County Championships), so an incredible experience even with the final result!"

Lacrosse

Twelve Yr 5 Pop Lacrosse players took part in a local school's derby at Spencer Club on Thursday.

We faced All Farthing first, who scored 4 goals in quick succession, the Honeywell players quickly re-grouped to pull back 3 goals, ending the game with a (very close) win to Allfarthing (4-3).

Honeywell then played Furzedown and comfortably won 5-1. We played quick, incisive lacrosse took our chances ruthlessly.

Honeywell therefore took first place on goal difference (8 goals overall vs Allfarthing's 6). You could tell from our team's smiles and jubilation that they were delighted with their result, and had put into practice Pop Lacrosse skills learnt from Pete's expert coaching.



Stop Press

Four of our Year 6 students have been selected to compete for Wandsworth in the London Youth Games Cross Country race. The competition will take place on Saturday 17th November 2018 at Parliament Hill Fields, Hampstead Heath.

The runners are:

Kaia S, Ben T, Noah M-P and Daniel J

A fantastic achievement. Well done!

Gymnastics

Zoe T competed in the London Artistic Level 5 Gymnastics Competition and was 6th overall. Zoe gained a silver medal for vault which was a great accomplishment.

SPORT NEWS

If there are any parents who wish their children to undertake sporting activities over the half term, several of the local clubs who have links with the school are offering various coaching sessions.

- Girl's Football from AFC Wimbledon who run a number of our after school clubs

Holidaycourse@afcwimbledonfoundation.org.uk

- Netball from Spencer NC, who help with the teaching of cricket.

membership@spencerclub.org

- Hockey from Spencer HC, who help with the teaching of cricket.

http://hockey.spencerclub.org/juniors/holiday_courses/

- Hockey from Wayfarers HC
<https://www.londonwayfarers.com/members-info/junior-hockey-camps/>

GOVERNOR NEWSLETTER

You should have received a copy of the governor news letter this week detailing the school's achievements over the past year. It was a very successful year on many levels. A huge thank you to the governors for their contributions, particularly Anthea Hearn for editing and Sarah Rutherford for collating it all.

NITS, NITS, NITS

A reminder that we are hosting a talk about nits and how best to get rid of them. Ex- parent Charlotte Brinkley will be hosting an information session on these unwanted visitors on Friday 2nd November after drop off. Come and find out about the most effective ways of keeping them under control. All are welcome, but please email the office so we have an idea of numbers. As yet nobody has signed up and we will cancel if there are insufficient numbers.

office@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The cards are now completed, collated and sent to the printers. After half term ordering information will be sent home with your child, the letters will be personalised with your child's-specific log-in and ordering code. Any ordered items will be delivered in late November.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

There will be an informal coffee morning for the parents of SEND children across the Infant and Junior Schools. We warmly welcome you to attend Wednesday November 7th 9.15am-10.15am in the staffroom.

NEW MENU

After half term the kitchen starts the winter menu. The new menu is now up on the school website. We have tried to ensure a good mix of new recipes and things we know the children like.

There will be a Halloween themed menu on Wednesday 31st October, if your child does not usually have school lunch and would like to have a hotdog and Halloween cake please bring £2.70 in an envelope with your child's name to the school office. We do allow children to opt in for theme days if they do not usually have a school lunch, but do not allow children to mix between packed lunch and school dinners in a week as it makes it very difficult for the kitchen to plan the number of meals. If you would like to swap

from school lunches to packed lunch or vice versa please let the school office know in writing.

MS WILLS

After 8 fabulous years, Ms Wills has left Honeywell to return to her homeland, New Zealand. Yesterday, at a special assembly, we said goodbye in the typical heartfelt Honeywell way. The 6H boys performed a haka. The 6H girls produced a splendid dance routine, there was a video tribute involving very many children across the school and there was a rousing version of Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling!" brilliantly re-written by Ms Hunt and sung (with gusto) by all (staff and pupils).

I am sure I echo all the school's community when I wish "Hayley" every success and happiness in her new life in New Zealand.

I know we will continue to stay in touch.

DJR
19-10-18

