

Dear Parents

This has been a fantastic fortnight for the school and there is so much to celebrate.

A PERSONAL STATEMENT

Parents/Carers will have heard that I will be leaving Honeywell at the end of the Autumn term 2019.

I have been overwhelmed by the number of parents and pupils who have chatted to me or written to wish me all the best for the future. This has been a very hard decision to have made as Honeywell has been such an important part of my life for the past 20+ years and I have so very many happy memories. However, I feel the time is right to move on and to pass the baton on to someone else.

I will be writing in more detail about my departure but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you as you have been so supportive.

STAFF NEWS

This week we said another farewell in the Honeywell Office. Lynn Hondor - Cole has worked as Honeywell's Business Manager for the last 10 years and is moving to Suffolk to be closer to her family. We wish her well in her retirement and thank her for her many years of loyal service. Our new Business Manager, Mary Shorland, will start next week. She has many years of school experience and we extend a warm welcome to her.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART

It is lovely to report that three Honeywell children had their Art work chosen for both private and public viewings at the Royal College of Art

The artists were:

- Elizabeth S (Yr 3)
- Ruby G (Yr 4)
- Aryan V (Yr 6)

The school is immensely proud of these three artists and I do hope parents will pop into the Royal College of Art to see their works.

THE POLICE ART COMPETITION

Kia and Emily (both from 6H) have jointly won the Metropolitan Police Poster Competition. The posters will be on display shortly and these two skilled artists have won their class a trip to the New Scotland Yard Stables to see the police horses, who take part in royal ceremonies and police duties.

A special mention also to Flora and Mia (6H), who were the runners up and to Maddox (6H) who was third.

SUMMER DRESS CODE – a reminder

The summer term has started, although as I write this newsletter the playground is being attacked by a vicious hailstorm. Therefore, I thought I would remind you of the precautions to take when the weather (eventually) gets hot.

When the sun is shining please ensure that your child comes to school with

- A clearly marked water bottle
- A layer of sun screen (and a named bottle if further applications are required)
- Covered shoulders
- Sensible sandals, no flip flops or crocs
- A hat

The children are outside for periods of time throughout the school day so it is important that they are protected from the sun. We do monitor the children throughout the day and encourage them to stay out of the sun for extended periods of time and remind them to keep hydrated.

SATS

The SATs tests for the Yr 6 pupils and the end of year tests for other children begin on Monday 13th May. For the Yr 6 pupils these conclude at the end of the week but for the younger boys and girls they will continue into the following weeks. All the staff and pupils have worked really hard and we want our children to do their best. Therefore, please can I ask you to;

- Ensure children go to bed early and get a good night's rest
- Eat a healthy and filling breakfast

- Are at school on time
- Are not too stressed.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK 20th MAY

Honeywell has become environmentally much more aware and concerned and the schools have a policy of encouraging active travel all year round. We know that the majority of pupils walk, scoot or cycle to school and we wish to acknowledge this and develop it further.

Each year we join in with the National Walk to School Week, which takes place during the week beginning 20th May. We encourage everybody to walk to school if they can, if driving is essential we ask that you park the car slightly further away and walk the last part of the journey. The fewer cars that drive to school, the less congestion and pollution there is around the school, making it safer and more pleasant for everyone.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost clothes will be put out in the junior playground EVERY Friday from 3.15 -4.00.

This will continue throughout the Summer term.

FC BATTERSEA

A new 'grass roots' football club, FC Battersea, is holding its first trials on Saturday June 29th in Battersea Park between 11.30am and 1pm. The Club is initially seeking talented U12 boys who are passionate about playing football to form its first squad.

Parents of children, currently in Yr 6 can find further information, by contacting Mr De Maria at: jadm@fcbattersea.com or visiting the new FC Battersea website:

www.fcbattersea.com

PTFA NEWS

I would urge parents/cares to seriously consider whether they could offer some time to help the PTFA. The PTFA offers so much to the schools, not only raising funds but planning and delivering many events that enrich the lives of the pupils.

If you are able to devote some of your time, the PTFA is looking for;

- A treasurer
- A Chairperson

Please contact the PTFA for further details about these two roles.

Upcoming PTFA events include:

QUIZ NIGHT - FRI 17TH MAY - 7PM

Prepare yourselves for **Honeywell's Horrible Histories Quiz at 7.00pm** on Friday 17th May. The theme is Horrible Histories but the questions will range from sport to literature via Brexit and the Sidebar of Shame. (Sold out).

Doors will open at 7pm for a prompt quiz start at 7.30pm. Please bring any food, cutlery, crockery and soft drinks that you require. There will be a cash bar with beer, wine, prosecco and G&T's. Tap water will be provided. There will be a prize for the best-dressed contestant!

SPRING BAKE SALE - THUR 23RD MAY - 3.15PM

Join 4B in baking. Drop off in the morning - Music Room. Savoury and reduced sugar cakes and treats especially welcome.

Bake Sale in front of school gates at 3.15pm.

THANK YOU

To everyone who has supported Buengo and Empties Please. These initiatives will run on an ongoing basis so please remember to use these resources to raise funds for the PTFA where possible - and to help with reusing your unwanted belongings. There is an ink cartridge collection box in the School office.

Thank you also to Jane Woolley for running the Yoga night this week. Everyone I spoke to have a highly enjoyable evening.

Please check the PTFA website for further details:

www.honeywellptfa.org.uk

SUCCESS STORIES

Music

Rudy M (6W) gained a distinction in his Grade 1 Clarinet exam. He scored 137 marks which is a superb achievement.

Zoe's T (5R) gained a MERIT in her Grade 1 singing exam last term, which was another fabulous accomplishment.

Gymnastics

Olivia (5B) came 1st place in her ability category group (Level 3), winning two trophies for having the top score in both Floor and Vault in her individual category in the recent Annual British Gymnastics competition. A real triumph!

Hockey

Firstly, an apology, as I forgot to mention our amazing hockey team who finished third, yes third in the

Wandsworth Youth Games. The Honeywell stars were representing Wandsworth in the competition against teams from other London Local Authorities. The team played superbly and were unlucky not to progress in to the final. Suffice to say the coaches were incredibly proud of the boys and girls who were a credit to the school.

Football - Crystal Palace FC

Theo T (5JW) was selected to play for the Crystal Palace

U11 academy in an international tournament in Germany. Not only was Theo out of year - most of the players were Yr 6 – he scored 7 goals, including a hat trick and his team made it through to the semi-finals.

Well done Theo, this was a fantastic accomplishment.

Netball

The Yr 3 netballers played in a friendly tournament at Streatham & Clapham High School last week. As Chris, our coach reports

“It was a really exciting competition, with Honeywell playing 3 teams from Streatham - the SCHS Panthers, Tigers and Lions. The first match built the Honeywell squad’s confidence with a win. The toughest match saw them draw 1-1 but with some excellent defence to hold Honeywell's opponents back. Moving into the final match knowing Honeywell needed a big goal difference and our squad delivered, winning the final match 6-1.

Overall, we finished joint first with the SCHS lions with an equal number of wins and the exact same goal difference for each team.

Awesome effort by them all - well done to them. “

Last week, we took 15 girls very eager to play netball to Streatham & Clapham Prep School (SCPS)... this is the first time SCPS have organised a Summer tournament like this, and as we try to maintain some training through the Summer term, it suits us very well to participate.

With a few of our Year 4 netballers away at the Oval cricket day out, we had drafted in some Year 3s who confidently stepped up to play for the Yellow team in this Year 4 tournament, and we are very grateful to them for doing so. The additional year of training between Year 3 and 4 really makes a difference, not only in terms of game knowledge and match play experience, but there is a significant difference in physical stature when we play up a year group.

Although the school teams did not win the tournament, they played with dedication and no little skill. All the players enjoyed the experience and I am, once again very grateful to the coaches – Susie, Chris and Sarah



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

As you know the school is committed to the Rights Respecting School agenda and we would like parents to follow this up at home.

If you have time please discuss with your children the following RRS Article we would be grateful.

Article 13 (freedom of expression)

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

PARENTING

The schools have been in contact with the Parent Practice and have arranged for a presentation on “Parenting Skills” to take place on Tuesday 25th June, in the Middle Hall.

This is an important topic to consider and the schools hope that as many parents as possible can come along. This is to be a free event although there will be a bar at the event. Drinks will be available from 6.45 and the talk will run from 7.00- 8.00. Both Headteachers hope that you will be able to attend.

More details to follow.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May		
Sat	11	Schools swimming gala 5.30 – 8.30. Putney baths
Mon	13	SATs week
Fri	17	PTFA Quiz night
Mon	20	Yr 6 residential visit to the Isle of Wight
Tue	21	Governors meeting at 6.30
Thur	23	PTFA cake sale
Mon	27	HALF TERM
June		
Mon	3	School closed for staff INSET
Tue	4	Children return to school

There will be additional dates for your diary and I will pass these on in my next newsletters.

DJR
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