# News in brief...

# Head's commendations:

Fayaaz - Year 3 Rhuben - Year 4 Anand - Year 5 Ibraheem- Year 6

### A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your unwavering support which has helped to carry us through a difficult and testing time. Miss Brach will be forever in our hearts and we are now starting the process of healing by returning to a semblance of normality. We also thank you for your patience and



understanding as, naturally, there were some disruptions to the scheduled school calendar during these first two weeks of term, however we hope to now get back on track with our proposed Spring Term activities going forward.

We are delighted to announce that we have been fortunate enough to appoint two new Early Years instrumental specialist teachers, so from this term we will be offering individual music lessons for our Nursery and Reception pupils. It was great that so many of our parents joined us at our events this week to find out more and it was wonderful to see our children so inquisitive and keen to try a new instrument. We are encouraged by the numbers of children who have already signed up to individual music lessons. There are still places available, and interested parents can contact the school office for more details.

We also extend a warm welcome back Mrs Dhadda who has returned to school following a period of maternity leave. She will be working with us initially one day a week in a Key Stage 3 Phase Leader role.

We hope you have all received the letters about our special coffee morning next Thursday, and hope to see many of you there.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Please note:** Unfortunately, the Murder Mystery night scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. We will re-schedule it for later this academic year. Further details will be sent out in due course.

# Performer of the Week:

**Lewis – Y6** (awarded for learning his lyrics so well for his music lessons).



#### Food, glorious food!

The School website has now been updated with the Spring Term menus. This term offers a three-weekly rotational menu with seasonal dishes including revised jacket potato fillings and hearty stew, chilli and curry options:

https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/nutrition/



#### **Making Early Years Music**

The school hall came alive with the sounds of the piano, singing, flute, recorder, clarinet, violin, guitar and ukulele at this week's Early Year's music workshop. Children had the



fantastic opportunity to meet Miss Bultitude and Mrs Bulkeley, our Early Years



instrumental specialists, to find out more about the range of individual music lessons now available.

Lessons are priced at £120.00 for ten individual lessons

and take place on a weekly basis. Find out more by contacting the School Office or Miss Humpage, Head of Music, via email: esther.humpage@hydesville.com





#### **Senior School Open Event**

We have included a new addition in the Spring Term calendar – a Senior School Open Event and Information evening. Taking place on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 430pm – 630pm, the event is open to all Year 5 and 6 families, from Hydesville and other schools, and will give visitors the opportunity to find out more about our senior school, staff and facilities.



Save the date for now and more information will be sent out soon.

## **Notices/reminders:**

2017/18 term dates	The 2017/18 term dates are now updated on the school website: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/term-dates/">https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/term-dates/</a>
Prep School reading lists	The Spring Term suggested reading lists for pupils in years 3-6 are now available on the School website: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/reading-lists/">https://www.hydesville.com/reading-lists/</a>
Notification of adverse weather	In the unlikely event of a disruption to the operation of the school due to adverse weather, we will make every attempt to contact parents in the following ways:  • Parent email/text • School website • School Facebook/Twitter account Please ensure the School Office has your updated contact information
Year 9 & 10 injection forms	The deadline for returning consent forms is 18 <sup>th</sup> January.
Senior Girls sports	Please return consent forms for the Senior girls sports club by Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January.
Nursery parents	Nursery children are reminded to bring PE kits, Forest School clothes and wellies. Also a reminder to return funding forms and consent forms for the library visit and French club.

## Dates coming up week commencing 16th January:

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Monday	After school clubs: English: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors (Rehearsals for Alice in Wonderland Production) Football: Upper Prep Netball: Upper Prep
Tuesday	After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y11 Senior Girls' Sports.
Wednesday	West Midlands Fire Service visit: Nursery Theatre Trip 'Aladdin': Y3 - 6
Thursday	Sports nutritionist visit: Y7, 8 & 9 Table tennis tournament at Streetly School – selected Y9 & 10 boys Parents Evening: Y11 Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – Drama: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Senior (Rehearsals for Alice in Wonderland Production) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep German intervention: Y10 History Intervention: Y11 Senior Boys' Sports.
Friday	Trip to London Science Museum: Y7 & Y8 Karate: Reception - Y6

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