



### Dates for the Diary

#### Autumn Term

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 11:00 - Remembrance**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent/Carer Open Evening

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need – “Break the Rules” & donate £1

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner and Jolly Jumper Day

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Last day of Autumn Term

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – First day back for children 8:30am

### Attendance Matters

Congratulations to:

**RR** in EYFS with **98.77%**,

**1L** in Key Stage 1 with **96.88%** and

**6AM** in Key Stage 2 with **99.52%**

Class	Attendance
Class 6AM	99.52
Class RR	98.77
Class 4G	98.71
Class 6D	98.08
Class 3R	97.86
Class 1L	96.88
Class RB	96.88
Class 2W	96.58
Class 4T	96.41
Class 2K	95.98
Class 3G	95.69
Class 6E	95.54
Class 5N	94.71
Class 5H	94.55
Class 2D	94.44
Class 1H	94.40
Class RH	93.48
Class 5A	93.07
Class 1KS	92.56
Class FT Nursery	92.05
Class PM NURSERY	91.67
Class 4N	89.35
Class 3Z	89.17
Class AM NURSERY	86.30



Dear Parent/Carer,

Remember to wear your odd socks on Monday to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd socks symbolise that it is alright to be different, and that we should celebrate our uniqueness.

Hunters Hall Primary recognises that, together with parents/guardians, who are the first educators, we aim to create an environment where children can develop physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially and morally. Together we hope to lead our children towards understanding, tolerance, justice and sensitivity to the needs of others.

Bullying may be defined as **repetitive** “behaviour by one or more people which produces damaging or hurtful effects, physically or emotionally to any individual”. An incident of bullying/racism includes any form of harassment which contravenes the borough’s equal opportunities policy/equality plan.

Hurtful remarks can be made innocently but can still be hurtful to the recipient and so should be taken seriously.

Bullying is behaviour by an individual or group, **repeated** over time, that **intentionally** hurts another individual or group either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms (for instance, online-bullying via text messages, social media or gaming, which can include the use of images and video) and is often motivated by **prejudice** against particular groups, for example on grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, special educational needs or disabilities, or because a child is adopted, in care or has caring responsibilities. It might be motivated by actual differences between children, or perceived differences.

All bullying is **unacceptable**, regardless of how it is delivered or what excuses are given to justify it. Our school recognises the detrimental effect on pupils and adults who may be subjected to bullying.

All victims of bullying will be treated in a supportive manner, rather than being regarded as a burden to staff and peer groups. Our school is committed to combating all bullying behaviour be it amongst children or adults. Education is key and we do everything possible to educate the perpetrator.

As the school’s lead for Race & Social Justice, I stand firmly on the subject of actual bullying. This coming Anti-Bullying Week let us come together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can and will make a difference and take a strong stand against bullying.

Please think about and discuss the above as a family this weekend.

Michael Kaitell  
Headteacher

Thank You!



Thank you for the kind toy & puzzle donations we have received. They are very much appreciated.



WANTED






**WANTED**

If you use Tomy Tones at home with your child and have any characters that are no longer required, please can they be sent into school.

Thank you

Team Points

Odd Socks Day - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023

TEAM POINTS		
	<b>Tigers</b>	<b>594</b>
	<b>Bears</b>	<b>888</b>
	<b>Wolves</b>	<b>635</b>
	<b>Sharks</b>	<b>741</b>
	<b>Komodo Dragon</b>	<b>924</b>

To launch our annual Anti-bullying week, we are inviting everyone to wear odd socks to school on Monday, alongside their normal school uniform. Odd socks signify that is ok to be different, and we should embrace our individuality. There will be lots of exciting activities taking place throughout the week, highlighting the importance of speaking out about bullying.



## Gold Award Debit Card Recipients

Each week we publish any recipients of the new Gold Award Debit Card.

### Gold Award Recipients

Name	Class
Sayhan Askarzadah	3G
Caytlyn Burns-Taylor	4N

## School Uniform

School uniform can be purchased every other Monday from 3:00-4:00pm in the dining hall. **Dates up to Christmas are: 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup> Dec & 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

In a hope to reduce the cost of school uniform, from September, you will have the option to purchase iron-on badges for plain white polo shirts and plain red jumpers. Badges will cost £1.20 and should make uniform more affordable.

Uniform can also be purchased online:

[www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/](http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/hunters-hall-primary/)

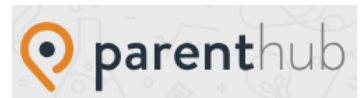
Or Telephone: 01992 763679 / Email: [info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk](mailto:info@schooluniformdirect.org.uk)



## Parent Hub

We would like all parents/carers to join us on Parent Hub.

Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Add a School" and enter:

**@HuntersHallIPS**

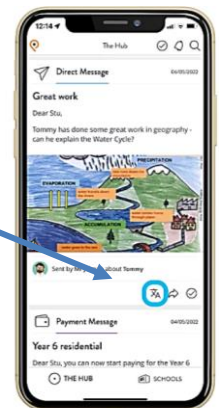
### How to translate messages in the Parent Hub app (guidance for schools)

In the app, parents just tap the 'translate' button in the bottom right of a message.

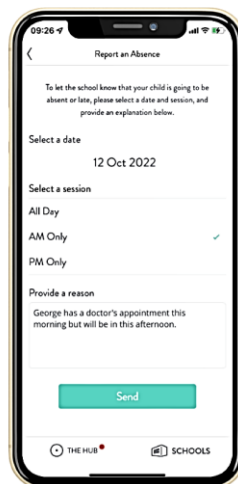
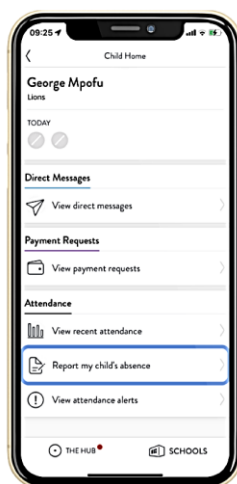
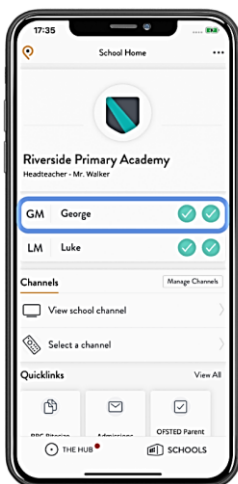
This applies to old messages, as well as new ones.

To find out more, click the link below for a useful guide.

<https://support.parenthub.co.uk/hc/en-us/articles/6172951020689-How-to-translate-messages-in-the-Parent-Hub-app>



## Reporting absence



## Uniform Reminder & PE Days 2023-2024

During the course of this academic year, we are phasing out some of our school uniform in an effort to make it more affordable for our parent body.

Our school uniform provider now sells school badges for £1.20 so that you are able to purchase plain white polo shirts/ plain red jumpers/cardigans and iron on the badge. (Our current provider will continue to sell their stock of red and grey uniform items and staff has been informed that it is a gradual phase out)

We have reduced the number of days that children require their school uniform by allowing them to wear their PE kit on two days of the week. (You will be notified if there is a special day such as school photographs so that you can ensure that children are dressed appropriately.)

### School Uniform

White Polo Shirt (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Red jumper/ Cardigan (with logo/ iron-on badge)

Grey school trousers/ skirt/ shorts

Summer Dress

Plain black shoes/ trainers



### PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt

Red shorts

Red/ Grey jogging bottoms

Red fleece

Black plimsolls



### PE Days 2023-2024

#### PE Days

Year Group	PE Day 1	PE Day 2
<b>Reception</b>		<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

Swimming is part of the national curriculum. Children in Year 4 and 6 are offered swimming lessons. From time to time, other selected pupils are given the opportunity.

Children must have a suitable swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat.

This year, we will be operating a mobile swimming pool on the school site during June and July. |



All after school clubs have now started and will finish week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December. Payment of £5 per club is to be made via ParentPay **BEFORE** the session starts.

*Thank you.*

### Who's Who? Mrs Lee

#### **Why do you work at Hunters Hall?**

It's easily the most enjoyable job I have had! (also the most tiring!!) The children make it fun and seeing them progress is a joy. I have so many friends at HHP that even though I have moved but I still make the 50 mile a day round trip 4 days a week.

#### **What's your role?**

Teaching Assistant.

#### **Favourite things...**

I like walking with my husband either around London or along the waterfront near my home in Canvey Island with my Cockerpool dog Buster. I do like reading and one of my favourite books was The Thorn Birds and more recently The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. Shopping with my mum and sisters, stopping for coffee is something I enjoy very much.

My husband and I have been lucky enough to go on lots of cruise holidays around the Mediterranean. We love that you wake up in a different city every day and can sample the local cuisine.

#### **Own School Memories**

I have great memories of school especially my primary school in Plaistow E13. Miss Bebbington was my favourite teacher and she was also a gymnastic teacher. It was there I achieved my BGA awards for gymnastics. Please don't ask me to do a cart wheel now!!

#### **Hopes & Dreams**

For all my family and friends to be happy and healthy. My nan always said "your health is your wealth" and I have never forgotten that.

#### **How long have you been at Hunters Hall?**

Around 20 years!! I haven't progressed to the juniors yet!! I have worked in Reception and now Year 1 and never stop learning. Every day presents different challenges which I love.

#### **Achievements to date (in order)**

Being married for 35 years!

Having two wonderful sons. They are my biggest achievements.

Also before joining HHP my husband and I had three catering outlets one in Lakeside Shopping Centre when it first opened and the other in Eastgate Shopping Centre in Basildon. The last one was in Southampton Row, WC1. We employed staff and worked very hard. Looking back, I think we achieved and learnt so much over these years.

Retirement is on the horizon for me now but I hope to carry on for a few more years!



# BREAK THE RULES DAY!

THESE ARE THE RULES YOU CAN  
BREAK!

1. Wear school uniform (Including shoes)
2. Healthy break time snacks only
3. No squash/juice in water bottles
4. No crazy hairstyles
5. No soft toys at schools
6. No make-up/temporary
7. No nail polish

CHILDREN IN NEED  
DAY!

£1 DONATION

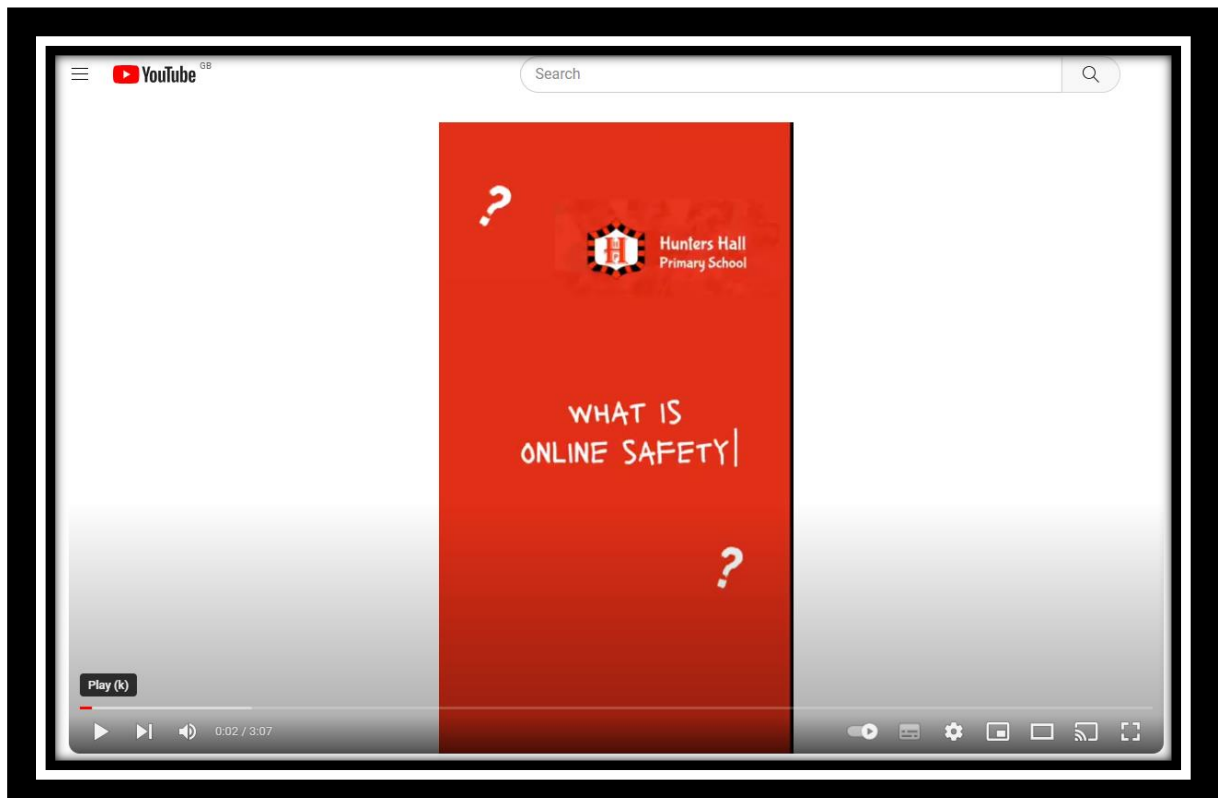
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Stop Racism Poster



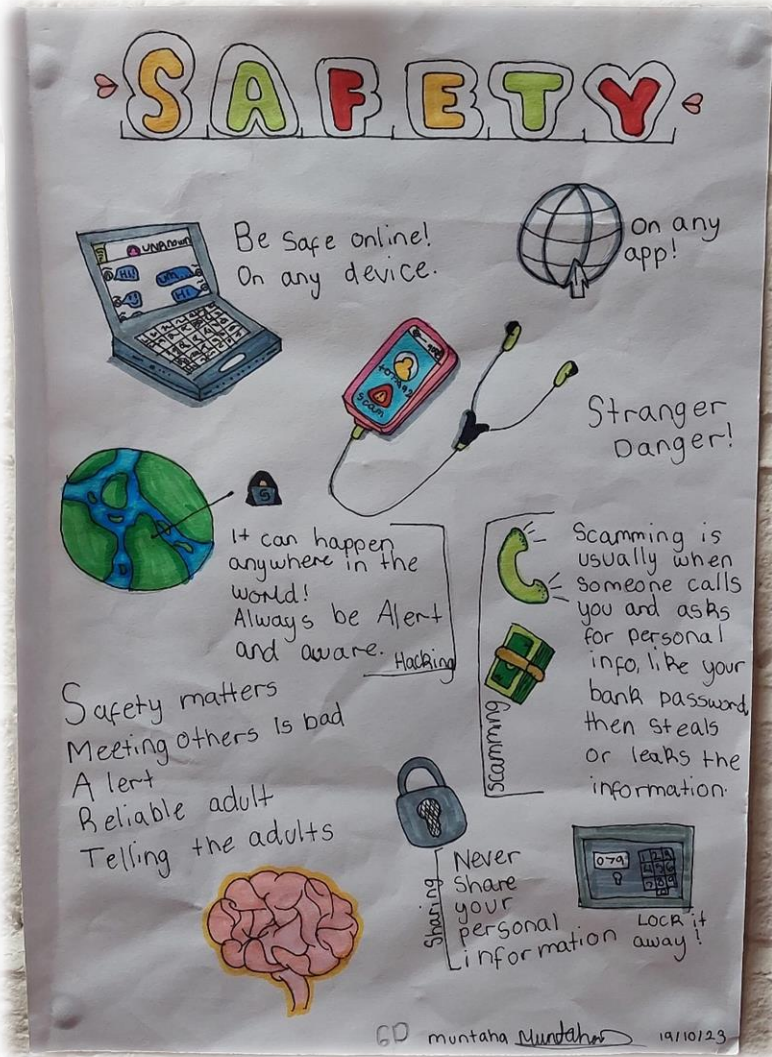
by Nathan (3R)

## Winning Online Safety Video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYZ97sX3AV8>

Preston (5A)



Muntaha (6D)



Yusra (3R)

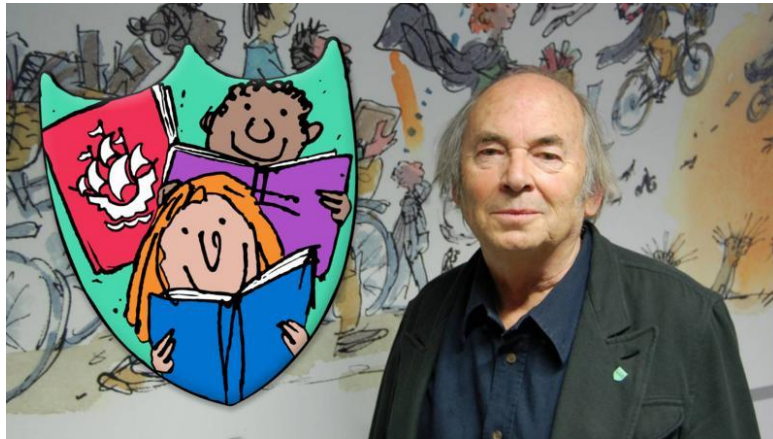


Year 1 Carnival in celebration of Black History Month





## Reading for Pleasure Matters at Hunters Hall



Do you enjoy reading? Do you enjoy watching TV? Then why not apply for a Blue Peter Reading Badge.

Blue Peter's new book badge is designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda!

### To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Apply for your Book badge online: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>
- Ask your parent for permission to apply and ask them to read the terms and conditions.
- Tell Quentin Blake about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let him know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: **Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.**



## Tomato Spaghetti and Parmesan

Following on from the last post on Snippets.


Jamie Oliver's £1 wonders - With the cost of food and energy on the rise, Jamie's £1 Wonders features delicious recipes that won't blow the budget - all costing less than £1 a portion.

Try it out and let us know how you found it by [emailing the school office for the attention of Miss Ryan & Mrs Keane](mailto:miss.ryan@schooloffice.com)

<https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/pasta-recipes/classic-tomato-spaghetti-and-parmesan/>




## Warmer Clothing Reminder



As winter approaches the days are getting darker, wetter and colder, it's time for the winter coats, hats, scarves and gloves to be worn.

We have had a selection of children's coats, hats, scarves and gloves donated to us. We recognise this is an expensive time of year and our children are all still growing.

If you need winter items for your child/children, please contact **Mr Bellevue** who will be happy to support you to access the donations.





## Music Ambassadors

This week we launched our Music Ambassadors within school. Children in Year 3-6 were invited to apply a few weeks ago. I received 71 application forms on which pupils shared their passion for music, listed clubs and musical talents they have and ideas for fundraising to improve our music provision and other ideas to enhance and promote music throughout the school.

Some of the jobs they will be asked to do when being a Music Ambassador are:

- Setting the chairs out for teachers and leading singing in Friday Celebration Assembly.
- Keeping a check on the glockenspiel trollies and musical instruments – making sure they have been put back properly.
- Keeping an eye on music displays around school and thinking of ways to improve them.
- Leading singing activities in the playground for Years 1 & 2.
- Fundraising for musical instruments.



I was so impressed with the applications that I have decided to split all the applicants into teams. They will each have half a term to carry out their Music Ambassador duties. I look forward to working with them to continue to promote music within our school.

Here are the **Music Ambassadors for 2023/24** – Congratulations to them all!

Team 1 Autumn 2		Team 2 Spring 1		Team 3 Spring 2		Team 4 Summer 1		Team 5 Summer 2	
Mary	3G	Jomi	3G	Brooke	3R	Jayden	4T	Sophia C	4N
Tomas	3G	Sophia P	3G	Sophia B	3G	Neriah	4T	Isabella	4T
Billy	4G	Isiwat	4N	Shaheda	3G	Faridat	4T	Marta	4T
Emilia	4G	Mara	4N	Juliana	4G	Meda	4G	Fisayo	4N
Peter	4T	Alex	4T	Maddison	4T	Frankie	4T	Domantas	4T
Darin	4G	Ehsan	4T	Sidney	4T	Nollie	5H	Carla	4G
Hanna	5A	Skye	4T	Muhammad	4T	Christabel	5A	Freya	4G
Mariana	5A	Rebby	5H	Gabriele	5H	Damilola	5A	Sara	5H
David	5A	Heaven	5H	Olivia Kos	5H	Chloe	5H	Lexi	5H
Joel	5A	Jaizelle	5A	Jovi	5H	Darla	5H	Alexandra	5N
Jaireh	6AM	Ellie	5N	Krystle	5H	Shekina	5H	Rory	5A
Ellie W	6D	Maya	5N	Mailik	5H	Elsie	6D	Abbie	5A
Sophia	6D	Kevin	6AM	Giulia	6D	Jake	6E	Amelia	5N
Bobby	6D	Jada	6E	Mckenzie	6E	Antonia	6D	Jannatul	6D
								Aysha	6D



# Be a Secret Santa

## Christmas Present Appeal

You can help our appeal by donating a new gift to the school which will be presented to a child less fortunate.

For further information, speak to Miss Gosby (Parent Governor)

### Open Evening Food Tasting



## HUNTERS HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOD TASTING

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

#### MAINS

Beef Burrito  
Halal Beef Burrito  
Macaroni Cheese  
Chicken Tikka  
Halal Chicken Tikka  
Vegetable Tikka

#### DESSERT

Chocolate Sponge

### Toy Donations



## Second Hand Toy Donation

If you have any unwanted toys in good condition, please donate to the school.

Items such as...



Wooden Puzzles



Fidget toys



Sensory baby & toddler toys

Football Team 7-0 against Roding (Hewett)



Thrive Lego

Four children have shared their Lego models and what they represent.





# Mental Health Support Team



## Who are we?

We are four Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP), offering early intervention for young people with mild to moderate difficulties. Our team work closely with young people, parents, and school staff to think together about ways to improve mental wellbeing within your school environment

## Who do we work with?

Parents or Carers of pupils from reception to year 6 with mild-moderate levels of:

- **Anxiety** (e.g. fears, phobias, feeling panicky)
- **Challenging behaviour** (e.g. struggling to follow rules, temper tantrums, difficulty following requests)

Whole classes or year groups (delivering assemblies and workshops)



## Aims of our Team

- Provide early psychological support
- Support the school's whole-school approach to wellbeing
- Signposting to specialist service

For more information please speak to your mental health lead or get in touch [MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:MHST.BD@nelft.nhs.uk)





# BREAKFAST CLUB



Our breakfast club is open term time only Monday to Friday, 7:45 to 8:30am.

No booking is required, you can turn up on the day and pay.

The charge is **£3** per day, you are required to accompany your child into our breakfast club and stay with them until they have been marked in on our daily register.

You are required to have the correct money for payment.

Please note that payments in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable therefore if you choose to pay in advance and your child does not attend you lose that money.



# WANTED

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM

### DONATIONS NEEDED

A big thank you to everyone who has previously donated. We always need more good quality second hand uniform items. Has your child grown out of theirs? Please donate to the school and come along to one of our sales for bargain replacements!

Winter coats and shoes also welcome.

Please bring any donations in a bag to the school office.



*Thank you*



### DHP Scheme

**Are you struggling to afford your rent payments?**



**Do you have rent arrears?**

**Do you need help with a deposit?**

Help is available through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/discretionary-housing-payments-dhp>

To find out more and apply online

You must be in receipt of Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs to qualify for a DHP



**Barking & Dagenham**

### Household Support Fund

**Are you struggling with the rising cost of living?**



**Do you have utility debts?**

Help is available to support the rising cost of living for energy & utility costs, food and other emergency need through the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Hardship schemes

Visit <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/discretionary-hardship-support/hardship-payment-schemes/household-support-fund>

to find out more and apply online



**Barking & Dagenham**



# MINI ROCKERS

**FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 2**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. No experience or instrument required.



# ROCK HEROES

**FOR YEARS 3 AND 4**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 3 and 4. No experience or instrument required.



# ROCK ICONS

**FOR YEARS 5 AND 6**

Fun and inclusive in-school rock and pop band lessons, for Years 5 and 6. No experience or instrument required.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents>

- ✓ **Learn to play in a band**  
Learning an instrument should be fun. Your child can choose from the electric guitar, keyboard, drums or vocals and enjoy playing in a happy, supportive environment with their friends.
- ✓ **Lead by real musicians**  
Your child's music teacher should also be their role model. Which is why all Rocksteady Band Leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of playing music.
- ✓ **In school time**  
Lessons are 30 minutes long and take place in school time with all instruments provided, making it hassle-free for parents.
- ✓ **From first notes to favourite songs**  
The Rocksteady Programme is for all children aged 4-11 and is proven to progress musicianship, confidence and teamwork skills with no prior experience necessary.
- ✓ **With regular live performances**  
Playing on stage is a huge confidence booster. With termly concerts at school assemblies, your child will be able to show off their progress to friends, teachers and parents with the rest of their band.
- ✓ **And happily affordable**  
Rocksteady is one of the most hassle-free ways to learn an instrument on a rolling subscription that you can cancel at any time. It's risk free too – cancel in the first month and you'll get a full refund.

**Call 0330 113 0330**