



With the latest lockdown measures restricting our daily routine for the best part of November, many of us may feel a little disheartened. Here is some positive news of the most recent events and successes from within the school across the last month.



Sounds of Steel

Autumn 2 term offers a very exciting opportunity to Year 5 Quartz Class; the children have been learning a new musical instrument since the start of November. Mr Hardy, previously known for teaching Year 3 Ukelele classes, will now also be teaching weekly Steel Pan classes. It has been a very long time since these steel pans sang their beautiful song within the school, and this term they were brought back to life by these very special first lessons. Applying their existing understanding of melody, harmony and rhythm will assist the children to develop their skills on the steel pans. We are confident that with hard work and **perseverance** The Devonshire Hill Steel Pan Band will be ready to perform very soon!



Important Dates:

Event Dates TBC

Classroom Decorating

Christmas Tree

National Elf Service (virtual) -
Nursery & Reception

Thursday 3rd December
Apollo Music Project - Y6

Mon 7th - Fri 11th December
Bike Ability - Selected Y5 & Y6

Friday 11th December
Christmas Jumper Day - £2
Christmas Lunch - £2.30

Friday 18th December
End of Term Class Party

Mon 21st Dec - Fri 1st Jan
Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January
Inset Day - School Closed

Tuesday 5th January
Spring 2 Term Begins

Library - Ready Readers

Now that the new KS2 Library is officially open we are raring to read more than ever. There is a quiet buzz of excitement among the bookshelves as children choose a book to loan and read at home. We would love to see some pictures of you enjoying your book at home, please send them into the home learning email for us to share with the school community. If anyone has read a great book that they would like to recommend please get in touch with Ms Hayley who will be happy to assist with displaying your recommended reads for everyone to see in the library or perhaps even in the next newsletter!

**READ
15mins
Every Day**

On behalf of all the children in KS2 we would like to say a huge thankyou to Zaynah in Year 6 for her **generous** donation of books to the KS2 library. If you too have books that you no longer need at home we welcome your donations to the Main Office.

Please remember that all loaned books remain school property and that you have a **responsibility** to keep them well looked after until their safe return to the library. Any damaged or missing books will need to be reimbursed.

Forest School

Year 3 have now started their forest school adventures for the first time this academic year. Each week a small group of children will be visiting the wonderful March Wood. It is here that they will develop their outdoor experience and learn new outdoor skills. Activities so far have involved exploring the willow mazes, crafting willow woven wands, collecting natural materials and making mud patches. There is something for all explorers to engage in at March Wood and we can't wait to see what's next.



Festive Jumper Fundraiser

The annual tradition of fundraising for 'Save the Children' is needed this year more than ever before. Pupils, (and staff) are invited to wear their most festive/winter jumper to school instead of their usual school jumper for a donation of £2.

**Friday 11th
December**



Please wear your school uniform with your festive/winter jumpers - no costumes please.



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Warm Clothing

As the weather is getting increasingly colder, please ensure that your child is coming to school with suitable clothing for the school



- ✓ School jumper
- ✓ Warm waterproof coat
- ✓ Woolly hats, gloves/mittens
- ✓ Tights must be worn with skirts
- ✓ Change of footwear for the field
- ✗ Scarves are **not permitted in school**
- ✗ Boots are **not permitted in school**

CGP Books - Year 2 & Year 6

The school still has a number of CGP books in stock and available to purchase. These books are specifically designed to engage and support pupils with the revision of curriculum standards in both English and maths. Now more than ever home learning is key to help give our children that extra boost and prepare them for their upcoming exams. What's more the school are selling these books at unbeatable prices.



Year 2 CGP Bundle - £12

Year 6 CGP Bundle - £15

Purchase your bundle today via the Parent Mail app, tap 'Payments > Shop' and your order will be sent home in your child's book bag.

What is a gift?

Our weekly virtual coffee mornings are in full swing but we would love to see more parents attend. We encourage our families to be as involved as possible with the school community and coffee morning is a great platform to share **YOUR IDEAS** and **YOUR THOUGHTS**. There may be a variety of reasons preventing you from joining us; perhaps you are screen shy or unsure about technology; maybe you are concerned about what you might contribute; perhaps you feel you have lots to offer but need some gentle reassurance. Remember everyone is invited and we are here to support your involvement, please do get in touch with Marie to avoid missing out.

every **Friday**
10am - 11am



Over the month of December we have a running theme 'what is a gift'. Please contact the school office and provide them with your preferred email address so that we can add you to our invitation list. We look forward to seeing you there!



Felix Feeds Families

The Felix project is back! Each Wednesday our enthusiastic Year 6 volunteers are **generously** offering their support to our local community by creating good quality food parcels. This valuable project not only provides good quality food parcels for the friends and families of Devonshire Hill but it also reduces a huge amount of food from ending up in landfill each week. In previous weeks the volunteers have created anything up to 120 food parcels which are then distributed to our families by year group in turn throughout the academic year. If you or someone you know would benefit from receiving a food parcel each week then please contact the school office to discuss how we can support you. Equally if you do not wish to receive a food parcel then you are welcome to give your food parcel to someone else, or you can contact the school office to 'opt out' of receiving food parcels. We would love to hear what wonderful creations you have made using the ingredients from your food parcel then please do send in some photographs to the school email address for us to share and inspire others.

Amazon Wish List

The children in Year 3 - 6 have carefully created a 'reading wish list' which has been added to the school's Amazon account. We are asking families to consider choosing a book from their child's class wish list to donate for the new library. We will be sending out a link via parent mail which allows access to the wish list. Simply click the link and sign into your Amazon account to view and make purchase.



Admission Arrangements 2022/23

Haringey are asking for the local community to offer their input with regards to the proposed admission arrangements for entry in 2022. Tell them what you think by completing their [online questionnaire](#).

You can also provide your views via email:
schooladmissions@haringey.gov.uk

All comments must be received by the **5 January 2021**

