



Head's Headlines

Well we are now into our second full week of the new term and the sun has done its best to ensure we are all sweltering! We hope that you and the children enjoyed the summer break and managed to get out for days together.

We all hope that the Children have returned to school ready to work hard. We hope that you will want to continue to work closely with us to ensure the very best opportunity for your children to achieve their expected Age Related levels. at the end of this school year.

As I have always said 'school is like a triangle with three sides and three corners or vertices.' One side is the children, one side is the parents and carers & the third side is school, (the teachers, teaching assistants, dinner ladies office staff etc.) and everyone needs to talk to each other so that information can be passed on to ensure the best learning opportunities for everyone. Please feel free to talk to the teachers at the beginning or end of school but, remember, teaching and learning begins at 9am sharp and finishes no earlier than 3.30pm. It is easy to pass a short message to a teacher before and after school but if you need longer please make an appointment through the office. Use our school texting system, phone up or email us on:

office@howard.croydon.sch.uk

Remember our web site::
www.howard.croydon.sch.uk



Howard Primary achieves its Bronze Travel plan award.

Watch this space to help us achieve our silver or gold award!

Next we will be looking at how our children travel to school

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Welcome to new staff:

I hope that you will join me in welcoming our new members of staff:

We have four new teachers, Miss Turpie who is teaching our new Year 4 Southwark Bridge Class, Miss Fallon who is teaching in Yr 3 Waterloo Bridge Class and Miss Stroud who is teaching in Yr2 Hungerford Bridge Class. In addition, Mrs Adams has joined us two days a week as a release and intervention teacher. I would also like to welcome Miss Jones, who has joined us as a teaching assistant in Year 5 London Bridge Class. All these additional staff members come with experience and I believe they can only enhance our teaching and support team.

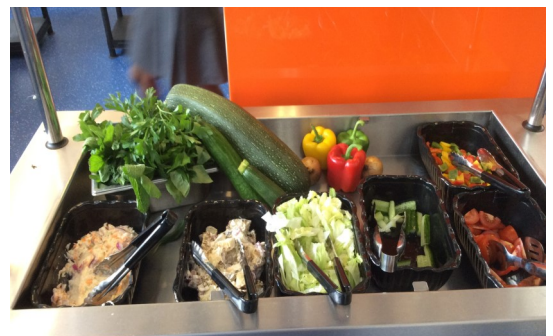
Welcome to new parents and pupils:

At the end of July we had to say a sad farewell to our 30 Yr 6 pupils as they moved on to their secondary school. They were joined by a number of other pupils who moved school having moved away from our local community. It is always sad when we say goodbye to members of the Howard School family but already over half of last year's Year 6 have been back to share their new school experiences.

However, children leaving means new members of our family arriving and we would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us and we hope your experience at Howard will be a memorable one. Please make our new parents and children welcome.



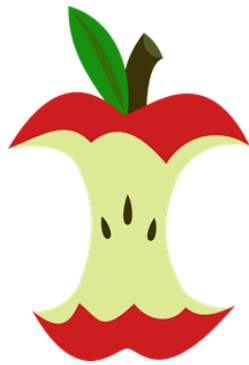
What's for lunch today?



Our senior staff:

Every member of our school staff, and there are now over fifty of them, is an important key to your children's well being and learning opportunities. However, many of you will only come into contact with your child's immediate class teacher or teaching assistant. In addition you will probably regularly see me either at the start or end of the day. However as well as me there are two other senior members of our staff, Miss De Saulles, our Deputy Head Teacher, and Miss Handley, our Assistant Head Teacher. In addition we have four Middle Managers who help ensure the smooth running of our school. Mrs Pollington is our SENCO, Mr Govingdon supports our EAL pupils, Miss Pillay is our Early Years Leader and Miss Brown is our Literacy Leader. Each of our four middle managers plus Miss Handley have a duty day in school and it is their role to manage the school and liaise with parents if Miss De Saulles and I are not available.

Howard Core Values



Consideration
Courtesy
Co-operation
Commitment
Care

This half term we are really focusing on everyone understanding, remembering and using our 5C Core Value words both at school and at home. So please help us by showing your children that we all see these as important ways to behave towards each other.

Attendance, lateness and holiday requests

Attendance at school is very important. Every missed day is a missed learning opportunity. Try to make sure :

- ♦ the children are at school every day, on time and ready to learn.
- ♦ ALL the children must be in class ready to start at 9am. Every minute counts!
- ♦ School finishes at 3.30pm. Be ready to collect them by 3.35pm
- ♦ School cannot authorise in term holidays

Support your children to build good time keeping habits—they are a life skill.

What's happened at Howard during the holidays:

While the children were on their summer break the school did not sleep and, although not as busy and chaotic as the previous summer, there were still plenty of things going on. Contrary to the belief of some - the staff spent large amounts of time in school planning, preparing and meeting so that the start of the 2016-17 school year started smoothly.

In addition we had the builders in supposedly completing the new blocks snagging list, they didn't succeed and there is still lots for them to complete!

Weighill builders were on site starting the new outdoor toilet block, as well as many minor building jobs. Mr Downing worked on stripping and resealing the hall floor, something that has never been done in my 30 years at Howard! As well as painting and decorating the old music room ready for Southwark Bridge class to move in. Pabulum, our meal providers, worked with us to make the lunch servery brighter and more informative.

Friends of Howard

FOH only exists to try and raise funds to help buy resources to enhance the children's learning opportunities. Last term they bought outdoor music boards. Please try and support them this year as 'Many hands make light work.'

Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December

Can you help?

Communicating with Parents & Carers

At Howard we are always looking for better ways to communicate with and assist parents to understand how they can help their children at home.

We are running Parent & Child workshops throughout this term (**see diary dates over**) so don't be nervous and sign up for them. **NOW!**

Howard Primary

Key Autumn & Spring

2016-17 Dates for your diary

Inset days- Monday 31st October,

Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July.

September

19th – Reception start full time

21st – Paralympian Ryan Raghoo visits school

23rd – 9a.m : Yr1 & Yr2 Maths workshop for parents & pupils.

24th – 4pm Friends of Howard (FOH) Talent contest

26th – Introductory meeting for 2016 reception parents 9a.m & 2.30 p.m

27th –Academy meeting @ Howard

28th – Year 6 visit to Museum of London Docklands Museum

29th – Whole School photo

30th – 9a.m: Yr3 transition Maths & English parent & pupil workshop

October

5th – Reception parents' phonics workshop 9-10a.m & 2.30-3.30 p.m

7th – am : Harvest Assemblies (KS1 & KS2 separately, times to be agreed)

14th – Yr1 & Yr2 (who didn't pass) phonics parents meeting

20th – **Parents' Evening (4.30pm onwards)**

21st – Year 6 visits St Paul's

Half term starts at 3.30 p.m

31st – **INSET DAY**

November

2nd – **Parents' evening (4.30pm onwards)**

10th – 9a.m: Yrs 4,5 & 6 parent & pupil maths workshop

11th – Yr2 Phonics & SPAG parents meeting

21st – Year 6 @ Whitgift School for the week.

December

3rd – FOH Christmas Fair

13th/14th – Years 1 & 3 to Panto @ Waddon Leisure Centre

16th – Christmas Jumper Day/ Christmas Lunch

20th – Christmas Parties (afternoon)

21st – School closes at 3.30 p.m

Christmas Performances

15th – Reception : 10 a.m @ school

Year 2 : 2 .15p.m @ school

19th – Yr1 & Yr3 : morning @ school

Years 4, 5 & 6:

2.15p.m @ St Andrews Church

Spring Term

January

3rd – School opens for pupils and staff

February

7th – **Parents' evening**

13th to 17th – **Half Term**

22nd – **Parents' evening**

March

2nd – World Book Day – pupils and staff dress as book characters

17th – Red Nose Day – each class to come up with a challenge to raise at least £30

Monday May 8th—Friday 12th May
Year 6 National SATs Week

More dates to follow as they are arranged.

