



*We are an inspiring learning community with high expectations, where all feel safe and happy and everybody has the opportunity to unlock and realise their potential*

19/10/18	Last day of half term
22/10/18	Half Term Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October (5 days)
29/10/18	Children return to school
08/11/18	School photographer in to take individual and sibling photographs
15/11/18	Flu vaccinations for children in Reception to year 5
12/11/18-16.11.18	Children in Need (see below for more details)
21.11.18	Year 4 visit to The Natural History Museum
26.11.18	INSET (3) (NO SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN)
21.12.18	Last day of term
24.12.18-04.01.19	Christmas break

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Families, Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents and PTA Committee for letting me know that there are some concerns regarding the decision to close the playground at 3:45 pm when we return to school after half term. In order to be transparent, I have detailed below some aspects of the risk assessment that was conducted following the safeguarding audit last term, so that there is wider understanding amongst the whole school community about how and why the decision was taken.

At present, The William Hogarth School is the only school in Chiswick that currently operates an open playground at the end of the school day. Commentary during the safeguarding audit last term indicated that it would be prudent to ask why this might be the case at our school, when other schools' risk assessments indicate that this is no longer appropriate. We have taken several factors into account when risk assessing whether it remains appropriate to continue with our open playground, including:

1. Insurance
2. Liability
3. Safeguarding
4. Staff safety

Unfortunately, despite repeated reminders, **some** parents and carers are still not supervising their children while using the open playground. I know this does not apply to all users, but it is the 'some' that are elevating the risks for 'all'. Staff are more and more often finding themselves having to intervene in playground supervision after school when they need to be free to get on with the task of planning and assessing learning.

Some incidents include children:

- Climbing over the fence / gate to access the Science and Nature Garden
- Climbing to the top of the ball park fencing
- Throwing bricks at the musical instruments
- Climbing on / jumping across / standing on the table tennis tables
- Cycling & scooting around the playground
- Throwing stones at the windows
- Lifting manhole covers
- Taking videos / pictures on mobile phones of staff trying to get on with their work.

I am sure we would all agree that this is absolutely unacceptable and from the perspective of insurance, liability and safeguarding, the risk is raised to a disproportionate level for the open playground to continue. If a child has a serious accident, eg. Slipping from a table tennis table and breaking a bone, the school remains liable and is open to being sued. If a child left the site unsupervised during this period, serious safeguarding questions would be raised about the school which could potentially leave it vulnerable to closure. If an unknown adult entered the site, this could create a significant safeguarding risk to all.

I also have a responsibility to ensure that all staff feel secure and safe whilst they are working at our school. Again, although this applies to some parents only, we have had a few significant incursions by parents during the open playground sessions and club pick-up. On occasion, this has resulted in members of staff who are simply working in their classrooms or offices experiencing very unpleasant verbal assaults. I consider it too high a risk to continue to put our staff in such a vulnerable position, in addition to the fact that staff may consider that I was failing to carry out my duty of care towards them effectively.

It was not a decision that was taken lightly as we all enjoy the warmth of community building that comes during these sessions. I hope the children continue to spend time playing outside - we are within very close proximity to some marvellous parks. Some are less than 5-10 minutes walk away:

- Chiswick House Gardens, and
- Homefield Recreation Park.

Additionally, once the Chiswick Oasis opens next door, we will have an open space accessible to the whole community virtually on-site. I do hope as many of you as possible have been able to support this initiative.

In terms of picking up children from clubs after school, the Devonshire Road entrance is part of the school site – the strategic plan is for the main office to be located here eventually to improve safeguarding. Collecting the children from here means that they will be able to remain inside in the warm and there is a covered area for parents to gather under whilst waiting for their children to be dismissed.

I hope this goes some way to addressing your worries by providing more detail about the reasoning behind the decision. Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please do make an appointment to see me at the school office.

I wish you all a fantastic half term.

Miss Stockley

### Top Table – Wednesday

Every Wednesday children are chosen to sit on the Top Table at lunchtime to congratulate them and celebrate their achievements.

After half term we would like to congratulate and celebrate these children:

#### Top Table – Wednesday (1<sup>st</sup> November)

<b>Class name</b>	<b>Child's name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Kandinsky</b>	Jahzara	For being so kind hearted and making me smile every day.
<b>Mondrian</b>	Hidayah	For her excellent independent writing to a character from our story.
<b>Matisse</b>	Milly	For being enthusiastic about her learning and trying hard in all lessons.
<b>Monet</b>	Yulia	For showing extreme passion and enthusiasm for reading. Well done Yulia, you are making great progress.
<b>Picasso</b>	Ismaeel	For doing amazing English work! He came up with a fantastic list of adverbs, noun phrases and verbs to describe a fairy tale setting. He used word mats and a thesaurus to improve his words. Well done!
<b>Van Gogh</b>	Kuba	For noticing and feeding back when one of his friends was putting their targets into action.
<b>Blake</b>	Alessandro	For a first class attitude to improving his work and for being a very reflective learner.



## Black History Month – Half Term Project



Frank Bowling

For Black History Month we would like to celebrate and recognise the extraordinary contribution that black British artists have had on the art world.



Chris Ofili



Lubaina Himid

During the half term we would like you to produce a piece of art work on an A4 piece of paper in the style of a black British artist who has influenced the art world in some way. On the back of your piece we would like you to find out at least 4 facts about the artist that demonstrates their contributions to the art world and explaining who they are.

You may wish to produce something by Chris Ofili, Frank Bowling, Keith Piper or someone else. You can find some ideas at:  
<https://artuk.org/discover/stories/ten-black-british-artists-to-celebrate>.

You can use materials like chalk, pastels, paint or colouring pencils – no felt tips please.

Art work will be collected in during the first week back and will be celebrated during assembly on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The best pieces from each class will be put on display for the whole school community to enjoy.



Tam Joseph



Keith Piper

### After school clubs/gates – After half term.

After half term all children who attend after school clubs will need to be collected from the Children's Centre carpark, which is on Devonshire Street. The tutor will walk the children to the door and dismiss them from there. Please ensure you are there to collect your child on time.

As we are approaching the winter months and the evenings are getting darker earlier, we will be locking the school gates at 3.45pm, starting after half term. Please ensure you are off site by this time.

### Coats

Please make sure that you send your child to school with a coat as the weather has now changed and they will need to wear it at break times.



### Children In Need 2018

Children in Need is 12th - 16th November and we have a number of events planned to support this great cause which helps children across the UK.

**Wednesday 14th November** - after school **cake sale**. Please bake / donate and also buy cakes to raise money for Children In Need. (cake donations can be brought in from Tuesday 13th)

**Friday 16th November** - wear your own clothes and donate £1 (donations to class teacher)

**Monday 12- Friday 16th November** - donate your small change to **make a 'Coin Pudsey'**. Pudsey's head will be recreated using all the small change donated by the community throughout the week. (donations of coins need to be made to your child's class teacher or the school office)

**ARE YOU A CONFIDENT PARENT?**  
TV PRODUCTION COMPANY MONKEY KINGDOM ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 & 13 FOR A BRAND NEW PARENTING EXPERIMENT!

ARE YOU CONFIDENT IN YOUR PARENTING ABILITY?  
DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR PARENTING STYLE?

ARE YOU PROUD OF YOUR PARENTING?  
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE YOUR APPROACH WITH OTHERS?

WHETHER YOU'RE A COUPLE OR A SINGLE PARENT, WE WANT YOU TO GET IN TOUCH AND TELL US WHAT MAKES YOUR PARENTING STYLE SO GREAT!

**CONTACT**  
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**FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA**  
DUKES MEADOWS  
SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

GATES OPEN- 4:30  
6pm- children's firework display  
7:45pm - Main display

All tickets gain entry to both displays

- Food and drink stalls
- Live entertainment from THE BOSS UK (Springsteen tribute band)- taking place in the function room (tickets sold separately)
- Family entertainment

Dan Mason Drive, Chiswick, W4 2SH  
Tickets available at: [www.seetickets.com](http://www.seetickets.com)

Tickets on the night will be subject to higher prices



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# Starting School in Hounslow

Reception class and transferring to  
Junior school September 2019

If your child was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you will need to apply for a reception class place for September 2019.

**Apply online by 15 January 2019**

Parent Information Day **21 November 2018** from 10am - 2pm  
Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow TW3 4DN.

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