



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

What's happening this term?

- 12.09.17** Year 4 visit to Sky Studios 8.30am returning at 1.15pm
- 13.09.17** Michael Rosen Event
- 18.09.17** Years 1 and 2 Meet the teacher 3.45pm
- 19.09.17** Years 3 and 4 Meet the teacher 3.45pm
- 20.09.17** Years 5 and 6 Meet the teacher 3.45pm
- 20.09.17** Beat the Street begins
- 21.09.17** Reception Meet the teacher 3.45pm
- 25.09.17** After school clubs start
- 27.09.17** EAL Coffee morning 9.00am
- 28.09.17** KS1 Harvest Assembly
- 29.09.17** KS2 Harvest Assembly

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October Half term

- 30.10.17** Inset day (no school for children)
- 31.10.17** Children return to school
- October** Black History Month
- 03.10.17** Nursery Meet the teacher 11.45am
- 10.10.17** Year 6 Residential parent meeting
- 10.10.17** Year 3 visit to The British Museum
- 20.10.17** Black History Assembly
- 09.11.17** School photographs
- 28.11.17** Year 3 Lowry visit to St Nicholas Church (am)
- 29.11.17** Year 3 Blake visit to St Nicholas Church (pm)
- 11.12.17** Christmas Jumper Day
- 12.12.17** Flu vaccinations
- 20.12.17** Class Christmas parties
- 20.12.17** Last day of term 2pm

Welcome back to all our Parents, Carers and Children!

It hardly seems possible that we have already reached the end of the first week back at school after a long summer break. The 2017-18 School Year has well and truly started and I hope you are all ready for the fun year of learning that lies ahead.

I would like to say a very big thank you to our Parent Support Advisor, Maggie, and all the dedicated parents who volunteered their time at the end of the summer holidays to remove the decking that was no longer safe for the children to use. Even though there is still work to be done to make the area suitable for the children to play on, it has already made an enormous difference to the playground and my first thoughts on arriving in school on Monday morning were “Wow! We can achieve a lot with this sort of community spirit and action.”

This week, the children have been electing Student Council Representatives for their classes. Badges are on order and we will hold our first Council meeting next week to begin work on finding out how the children would like to develop the outside space over the coming year. We will start with the ‘decking area’ and move forward from there. There will be a fortnightly Student Council message in the Newsletter to keep you updated on their decisions and progress.

We are fortunate that the Local Authority has agreed to fund and project manage substantial repairs to various roofs across the school buildings. The work is due to begin on Monday and is scheduled to last 12 weeks in all. However, please bear with us, as the nature of the materials being used means that the work is somewhat weather dependent. Although the scaffolding has taken up a fair bit of playground space, this seems a small price to pay for such essential building works to be carried out at no cost to the school. There will be a regular Building Update in the newsletter to keep you informed on how work is progressing.

One of my personal highlights this week was having lunch with the Year 2 children on Wednesday. They proved to be delightful dinner companions with excellent manners and a lively flow of conversation. As well as showing me where to put my dirty dishes, they had plenty of advice on which school meal options I should pick in the future.

I will sign off by extending a huge thank you to Cathy and Andy who have worked so tirelessly to ensure a smooth transition process since my appointment. As well as providing numerous opportunities for me to become involved with the whole school community throughout last year, they both graciously gave up their time during the holidays to pass on essential information and ease the process of taking the reins from Cathy’s safe pair of hands. It really has made for a fantastic start to the school year and I am excited to see what we can achieve together over the next twelve months.

Avril Stockley

A very warm welcome to our new families, and an equally warm welcome back to those returning!

We’re at the start of an exciting new chapter in the story of The William Hogarth School, with our new head teacher, Ms Stockley, firmly installed and raring to go. Ms Stockley and Mrs Driscoll spent many days together over the summer holidays sharing knowledge and ideas, and I’m confident that Ms Stockley is as well prepared as it’s possible to be. I’m sure the whole school community will make her feel thoroughly welcomed and appreciated.

Change is always unsettling, but as a Governing Body we’re in no doubt that Ms Stockley is the right person to lead the school forward, bringing a fresh perspective on the way we do things, while respecting the values and ethos that make The William Hogarth School such a special community. Together we can make sure the school goes from strength to strength.

Andy Rooney

Governor

New teachers

We would like to welcome Ms Hall who will be the Reception 2 Teacher this year and to Mr McCombe who will be teaching in Year 5 Hepworth.

Aktiva

As we are having work done on the roof, Breakfast Club and Aktiva will be based in the Art room this half term.

After school clubs

The interest sheet for afterschool clubs will be sent home with the children on Tuesday 12th September. Clubs are offered on a first come first served basis.

School lunches

A reminder that the cost of school meals has increased from £2.10 to £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). Lunch money must be kept up to date or in credit. If your account falls into debt you will be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt has been cleared.

After School

Children must be supervised at all times. Please can we remind parents that they must supervise their child/ren at all times. Nobody should enter the building unless picking up from an after school club. The school is closed at the end of the school day except for the playground which is open until 4.50p.m. There will be no access to the toilets if you are staying in the playground at the end of the day in order to ensure the school remains secure.

Great Rewards from the school garden

Over the last year many children within the school have contributed to developing the school gardens. When the children returned to school this week an array of garden produce was waiting for them to harvest. Tomatoes, runner beans, lettuce, mint, along with beautiful sunflowers, poppies and dahlias. Thank you to all the children for their devotion and hard work planting, watering and weeding. A special mention goes to the children who were in Year 5 and have moved into Year 6; George Sellis, Rachel Cook, Taylin Smith, Jazmine Lloyd.

