



# Welcome

**We are looking forward to welcoming  
you and your children to  
Hanham Abbots Junior School  
in September 2017**



**Working together to  
support your child as they  
move on to Key Stage 2**

# Key Staff at Hanham Abbots



Mr Mike Weenink  
Junior Head



Mrs Helen Milliner  
Y3 Learning Leader



Mrs Tara Price  
Family Link Worker



Mrs Helen Lees  
Assistant Head Teacher/Inclusion Manager

## **September 2017 Classes**

**We will be announcing the teachers for the new year 3 classes in the first week of term 6 (after the spring bank holiday week).**

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June:**

**The Y3 teachers will spend the morning with their new classes in Samuel Whites.**

## **Class Arrangements:**

The policy of the Hanham Primary Federation is to review class structure and balance annually. When children transfer from Y2 to Y3, there is no longer a policy of mixing the classes every year. Staff will decide, year on year, if the education of the whole year group would benefit from remaining in their Y2 class groups or restructuring.

**Children currently in Y2 will transfer in their current classes to Y3 in September 2017.**

# Transition Newsletter 1

10th March 2017

[www.hanhamabbotsjunior.co.uk](http://www.hanhamabbotsjunior.co.uk)

## HANHAM ABBOTS JUNIOR SCHOOL



### Transition newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for choosing Hanham Abbots Junior School and for continuing your child's primary education within the Hanham Primary Federation.

This newsletter is the start of a partnership between HAJ School and parents to enable your child to continue to learn, grow and develop in a safe and happy environment. We look forward to working with you and your child over the next four years.

I would like to introduce you to some key staff who will play a big part in your child's happy transition to HAJ.

Mr Mike Weenink is the Head of the Junior School. He is responsible for the day to day running of the Junior School and managing the staff who work there.



Mrs Helen Milliner is the Year 3 Learning Leader. She leads the team of staff who will teach and support your child in their first year at HAJ.



Mrs Helen Lees is the Inclusion Manager and Assistant Head. As inclusion manager, she leads the School Inclusion Team which supports children who may need extra help with their learning.



Mrs Tara Price is our Parent Mentor and also our Play Coordinator. She is always on hand to make sure your concerns are heard and acted upon.



Dates for your diary.....

**Meet the Junior staff session:**  
Tuesday 4th April 9:20 - 10:00 am  
Mr Weenink and Mrs Milliner will run an initial session in Samuel Whites hall for Y2 parents, to explain the transition process, and answer any questions that parents may have.

**Welcome Coffee Mornings/Afternoons:**  
Thursday 18th May 2017: 9.15 - 10am  
Monday 22nd May 2017: 2.30 - 3.10 pm  
You are invited to a Welcome Coffee Morning/Afternoon. We will hold two identical sessions at

different times of the day, to allow as many as possible to come along. The visits will give you a chance to:

- Meet key members of staff
- See Y3 in action
- Hear about the Y3 curriculum
- Find out about the rest of the transition process

**Y2 Parents Induction Evening:**  
Thursday 29th June 2015: 7.00 - 8.30pm  
We ask all parents to join us on this important evening to share information you and your child will need for September 2017.

**Transition Day - date to be confirmed:**  
All September starters will spend the day with their new teachers at Hanham Abbots.

- Other transition events in Term 6:**
- Y3 teachers visit Y2 classes for a morning
  - Y2 children visit their new classrooms (before the Transition day)
  - Each class have their lunches in HAJ hall (two visits - one before and one after transition day)
  - Y2 children meet their Y5 book buddy

We look forward to meeting you and your child as we prepare to work together in the future.

Mike Coyne  
Primary Headteacher  
Hanham Primary Federation



## **Transition Support...**

- Transition Newsletters
- HAJ Newsletters sent to all Y2 parents in term 6
- Learning information shared between teachers
- Y3 Teacher visits to Y2 classes
- Joint events (Y2 and Y3 at the Junior School)
- Lunchtime visits to the Juniors
- Informal visits (additional visits for any anxious children)
- Information from parents ( a questionnaire)
- Book Buddies (Y2 and Y5) ready for Y3/6 partnerships next year.

## **Important Transition Dates:**

### **Y2 Parents Induction Evening**

7:00 - 8.00 pm on Thursday 29th June 2017 in HAJ hall.

### **Federation Transition Day:**

Date to be confirmed – usually early July  
(when the Y2 children will spend the whole day in their new Y3 classes, with their new teachers).



# HAJ Curriculum 2017 - 18



**Autumn term topics:**  
Toy Stories and Magnets  
Sticks and Stones



**Spring term topics:**  
Amazing Egyptians  
Our Bodies



**Summer term topics:**  
Plants  
Healthy Eating



# SCHOOL UNIFORM:





# PE AND GAMES KITS:

## INDOOR PE KITS FOR GIRLS & BOYS

- White Tee Shirt
- Black shorts
- Pair of plimsolls (daps) for use indoors

## OUTDOOR GAMES KITS FOR GIRLS AND BOYS

- Plain sweatshirt or jacket
- Plain tracksuit trousers
- Spare socks (in case feet get wet, or for girls when they wear tights to school)
- Separate trainers for outdoor use
- A plastic bag to put muddy shoes into

**SALLY BRITTON**  
**CHAIR OF THE SAMUEL**  
**WHITES PARENT FORUM**

## **Finding Information:**

[www.hanhamabbotsjunior.org.uk](http://www.hanhamabbotsjunior.org.uk)

## **Information / Starting School**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**