# HOBLETTS MANOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Inspiring proud, confident lifelong learners



#### Our Vision:

To inspire proud, confident lifelong learners to achieve success for all

#### Our mission:

Together create opportunity and challenge expectation to develop successful, resilient and aspirational children within an inclusive and supportive environment.

#### We aim to be:

An all-inclusive school where all members of the school community have equal access to learning opportunities and enjoy growing, learning and achieving together.

A caring school that welcomes everybody and recognises and celebrates British Values and diversity, tolerance and respect.

A school with high expectations committed to supporting and challenging each learner to be the best they can be.

A school that aims to inspire, through the delivery of an engaging and enriched curriculum.

A school where all learners believe in themselves and each other, yew challenge as an opportunity and learning as limitless

#### **OFSTED INSPECTION FINDINGS**

Pupils feel happy and safe at Hobletts Manor Junior School. They celebrate diversity and know that they are all special and unique. The school provides an inclusive environment in which pupils flourish. This includes those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Learning is valued and pupils work hard to meet teachers' high expectations. They learn about resilience and perseverance. They understand how important these qualities will be as they move through life.

There are many opportunities for pupils to thrive outside the classroom. Visits to the theatre, a Hindu temple and London Zoo are among the trips offered. Pupils can sing, dance, act, or plant a range of sports at extra-curricular clubs after school, or at lunchtime. The 'sunshine club' offers pupils the option of a calmer breaktime, away from the busy playground.

## **OUR SCHOOL DAY**

- ▶ 8.40 Teachers and Parent Partners Available
- ▶ 8.45 Doors Open
- ▶ 8.55 Registers Close
- ▶ 9.25 Whole School Assembly
- ▶ 10.40 Playtime (15 minutes)
- ▶ 12.10 Lunchtime
- ▶ 1.05 Afternoon Lessons Begin
- ► 3.15 School Finishes

We place a high priority upon attendance and punctuality. In order to maximise the learning opportunities for your child/children, thank you for ensuring he/she/they arrive at school punctually and regularly. Thank you also for ensuring that family holidays are taken when the school is closed

## WE HAVE A REALLY SMART UNIFORM

- Mainly same as the Infant and Nursery School but bigger! White Polo shirts, black or grey trousers or skirts
- Black school shoes for all
- ▶ PE Uniform to be worn on PE Days
- Stud earrings and watches only, no nail varnish/make up
- ▶ Hair ties plain and in school colours



All uniform can be purchased online or in store at Beat School Uniform in Watford. We also have a sustainable uniform shop open daily.

### AS A SCHOOL WE.....

- ▶ focus on individuals and their progress holding pupil progress meetings with SLT and individual teachers to ensure that children are on track to make at least good progress and that all needs are being met
- provide additional 1:1 and group work to develop academic and social and emotional skills
- provide regular feedback through marking, setting extra tasks to challenge if they are successful, or to provide more practice if they are not

Please do not hesitate to talk to us about support or your child

Pupils with SEND and those who are disadvantaged take part in all aspects of school life.' (Ofsted 2023)

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

In the Autumn Term our topic will be Through the Ages.

As Historians we will be learning about changes through the Stone Age, Iron. Age and Bronze Ages and as Artists we will be looking at Cave Art as well as the work of Paul Klee. As Scientists we will be investigating plants and as Musicians we will be deepening our understanding of musical notation and of course be involved in our play which we look forward to performing to you.

We will also be looking at both Islam and Christianity in Religious Education, developing our understanding of coding in our Computing lessons and our themes in PSHE are 'Being Me in My World' and Celebrating Difference.' As Linguists, we will be learning how to introduce ourselves to others in French based on what time of the day it is.

'Over a period of time, leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum. It sets out the order of teaching and breaks learning down into small steps. These build towards end points that leaders have identified for each subject and year group.' (Ofsted 2023)

## HOME LEARNING

As parents and carers you have a huge role to play in your child's learning and we value highly the support you give.

Talking to your child for just two minutes a day can significantly impact on their progress. If ever you would like further ideas on how you can help please do let us know.

#### **Year 3 Home Learning Expectations**

Reading - Minimum expectation is 5 times weekly. Independent, shared and paired Seven times for the Reading Challenge

Daily spelling and rocking

Optional Home Learning Tasks/Activities

#### **BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY**

Our school is a place where every person has the right to be themselves, to be included and to learn in a safe and happy environment. Everyone at our school is equal and we treat one another with respect and kindness.

#### As a school we:

- have a positive behaviour policy, reviewed regularly
- have an agreed code which helps us to work for excellence. Our code is based upon three key behaviours and is known as our RFR Code. We expect everyone to be:

Respectful

**F**riendly

Responsible

We look to recognise and celebrate your child's achievements on a regular basis. We have whole school systems in place including House Points, Weekly Celebration Assemblies, Daily Stars, Friendly Leaves, Ask Me Why Stickers and Wristbands, Marvellous Me

## **BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY**

Whilst focusing on positive behaviour, we recognise that at times, children may not follow our code and consequences will follow. Consequences are outlined in the form of a stage system.

Children will be supported to reflect upon the reasons for their actions as well as the impact upon themselves and others. Opportunities to discuss what they have learnt will focus on risk reduction, and identify a different choice moving forward.

Bullying will not be tolerated and we ask that families come and talk to us if ever they have a concern about relationships

'This is a supportive community. Pupils are kind and they behave well. The playground is a harmonious place, thanks to the leadership skills of Year 6 pupils who run activities for their younger peers. Pupils say bullying does not happen and if it did the actults would sort it out. ......Pupils know the routines and expectations of behaviour. (Ofsted 2023)

### COMMUNICATION

We are committed to working with you to ensure that your child enjoys and succeeds in our school.

#### We have:

- Weekly newsletters, email, text service, Marvellous Me
- ▶ Family Consultations (twice per year), themed days, visits, visitors
- Class teachers greet their classes at the start of the day and will bring them to the playground as school closes
- Parent Partners are available to talk to, before and after school. Longer individual appointments can also be made
- Team pages updated weekly
- https://www.hoblettsjm.herts.sch.uk/amber/
- https://www.hoblettsjm.herts.sch.uk/azure/

If ever you have a question about any aspect of school, please come and talk to us, do not let a query become a concern.

## WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN JUNIORS?

There are some main points below we wish to highlight to you when moving from an Infants to a Junior School.

#### **Medical:**

- Medical Information is NOT automatically transferred. It is really important that the medical forms in your packs are completed and handed into the school office as soon as possible.
- Accident reporting and Head Bumps texts are sent as standard practice
- Dietary Requirements HCL online forms and registration

#### **School Dinners:**

- Universal Free School Meals end in Year 2
- School Dinners are £3.30 per day
- ► FSM entitlement does not transfer through to Juniors from previous school please tick the relevant box on your registration forms.

#### **Password Collection Scheme:**

Passwords for Adults permitted to collect your child – forms in registration pack

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## **WHAT'S DIFFERENT IN JUNIORS?**

#### **School Dinners:**

- Payments made in ARBOR on account
- Dinner Charges will be deducted when your child orders a meal
- Meals are chosen each day at Registration by your child
- Meals can be ordered up to 9.30am, therefore if you are running late and would like a meal please call in advance

## COMMITTED TO THE POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT IN, AND ENJOYMENT OF, SPORT & CREATIVITY

- Mr Wallis is our PE lead with Mr Porter from Challenge Sport and Mr Hall also forms part of our specialist team
- ▶ 2 hours of PE per week
- PE Uniform
- Swimming across Years 3, 4 and 5
- Member of School Sports Partnership providing Inter and intra school competitions
- Active Mile
- After School Clubs all clubs run until 4.15pm and the schedule for September is :
  - Monday: Football Years 3 & 4 (Supported by JP Pro)
  - Wednesday: Girls Football All years
  - Thursday: Basketball / Netball All Years & Art Club (Kiddle Crafts)
  - Friday: Drama Club All Years (PS Theatre)

'Pupils enjoy taking part in a wide range of sports, including more unusual ones, such as lacrosse.' (Ofsted 2023)

### WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE

- Parent Portal in Arbor. Charges are £4 per day (£2.50 per additional sibling) including Breakfast and can be booked right up until 7am on the day to cater for those last minute requirements. The early session starting at 7.30am is £6 per day.
- Our after school wraparound club is called HUBletts. Places can be reserved with a variety of booking options either finishing at 4.30pm (this session is in the juniors and includes a drink and a snack) or 5.30pm (this session is in the Infants school with children walked over by Junior Staff) depending on your working requirements. Pricing for each hour is £6.50

## 'PUPILS LEARN THAT THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO WHAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE.' (OFSTED 2023)

