HANDS NEWS **BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL** HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I would like to start by welcoming our new families to the Handsworth community. It is great to have you here! Please can I remind parents and carers about the importance of keeping to the one way system around the school. I understand it may be a longer way around for you but it is vital for the health and safety of the school community. Can I also ask you to please collect children from Year 1 before you collect older siblings. Please also be mindful of where you are parking. As always we encourage you to walk, ride or bring your scooters to school.

We have had another fantastic week at school, the children are calm and happy. I thoroughly enjoy visiting the classes and hearing about all the learning!

We are having our individual photographs taken on Wednesday 14th October, if you would like to see how this will work in school please watch the short video produced by the company we are working with. The link will be available under this newsletter.

This year we will be having a Virtual Parents' Evening. Meetings will be held on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November. Appointments will be booked via the website as they have been in the past. We will send more details out soon.

In this newsletter you will find information about Black History Month. Please get in touch if you would like to be part of this. We would love to involve members of our school community. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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FRIENDS OF HANDSWORTH AGM ZOOM CALL

FRIDAY, 9th October AT 8PM FREE & OPEN TO THE PARENTS

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We Hope to See You There!

PLEASE CONTACT US ON FOH@HANDSWORTHPRIMARY.ORG.UK TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST FOR ZOOM CALL DETAILS



We are excited to celebrate **Black History Month**. Without our usual assemblies we are going to be looking at creative ways to learn about and appreciate some of the icons of Black history, with a focus on Black British history specifically. At Handsworth, we believe that learning Black history should not be a fleeting moment, but an ongoing conversation and we strive to ensure our children are equipped with an education that adequately represents the full picture of British history. We are in a process of reimagining our curriculum so that Black history and all other forms of diversity are a vital thread that run through everything we teach.

We would love to share stories from our community with the children during this month. If you (this includes Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles and friends) would like to record yourself either reading or telling a story, reciting a poem or sharing pictures we would be thrilled to include them in our BHM celebrations.

Please send any contributions though to

<u>school@handsworth.waltham.sch.uk</u>. The easiest way for us to receive them is for you to upload them to some form of cloud storage (Dropbox, google drive, OneDrive) and email us the link.

