



Head Talk

I would like to thank the community of Hamilton Primary School for allowing us to close early on Tuesday this week so that the staff could attend Glen Williams' funeral. We had over 75 staff, both past and present, attended and I would think there were over 150 people at his service. A true mark of how Glen had touched people's lives.

We have now advertised the post of site manager to try and recruit before the summer so that we have someone from September. I will keep you informed of progress. The advert is listed online on the Essex School Jobs website. If you know of anyone that would be interested in applying, please do let them know.

During this interim period, we have been very lucky to have 4 hours a week of support from Paul Bergoyne (site manager at Kingswode Hoe Special School). He has helped us meet our site requirements, but Glen's role was for 37 hours a week - so the other 33 hours are being picked up by various staff within the school.

Last week saw a fabulous sports day for the infants. On Monday the junior children will be competing in a mixture of activities finishing on a number of track races. Do join us at Abbey Fields. I must warn you that the main car park will be closed, and we will be using the overflow car park, which is a further walk for you. Do not park on the verges as you are very likely to get a parking fine. A map of how to get to the overflow car park has already been sent to you, but I have also included it with this newsletter.

Next week will also see various induction days taking place for our Year 6 children and on Friday next week all of our current children will spend the morning in their new classes with their new teachers. We will also be welcoming all of our new Reception children for a morning and lunch.

Playing on school equipment before and after school

I would like to remind parents that children are not allowed to climb or play on the school equipment at the beginning or the end of the school day.

Communication with the school

I would like to remind parents that if you have some concerns about your child that you should first approach the class teacher to see if your concern can be solved. If this does not work then you need to approach a senior leader, either Mrs Wright or Miss Morley. This will ensure that the school can support families and children well. I have included the communication chart in this newsletter as a reminder. Thank you.

Year 5 – Great Get Together

On Friday 21st of June, Year 5 visited The Philip Morant School for a brilliant taster day. The children took part in different lessons to experience what it is like in a secondary school. They created beautiful African patterns on material using pastels and watercolours in Art. They also made hover crafts using CDs and balloons and tested these with jelly babies! 5DW took part in a sports day activity whilst 5AW performed in one of the drama studios. The whole day was good fun and gave the children an insight into secondary school and what they might experience when they get there!

Sports Day

Junior Sports Day is on Monday 1st July at the Garrison Athletic track starting at 1.30pm.

Forensic Day

On Monday 24th June, the whole school experienced a Forensic Science Day. The children were introduced to the concepts of finding DNA through fingerprinting and had fun investigating their own fingerprints. There was a scenario of a laptop going missing in the school and the children



had to establish which of the three suspects had taken it. A fun day was had by all, especially when the suspect was identified.

Year 1

On 26th June, Year 1 were invited to visit the Drury Road Allotments to explore and experience plants and gardens in their authentic state. Volunteers from the allotment took us around to visit their plots and to talk to us about the creatures they want (and discourage!) and why they are growing the plants they have chosen.

A huge thank you to Ashley Ford for organising and facilitating this on our behalf.

Drury Road Allotments are having an Open Day (with activities, stalls and info) Sunday 7th July 11am - 4pm if you would like to visit again!

CSSE 11+ Examination 2020

The 11+ will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019.

The **closing date** for parents of Year 5 pupils to apply for the 11+ is **Monday 1st July 2019**.

School Office Closure

Please note that the school office will be shut from 9.15 – 11.15 am on Wednesday 24th July due to the end of year assembly. You will not be able to collect or drop of anything between those times.

PSA Non-Uniform Day

Please note the PSA will be holding a Non-Uniform Day on Wednesday 10th July. More details to follow.

Charity Day

Charity Day will be going ahead this year on Friday 19th July. This is also a non-uniform day.

Charity Day is like a summer fair run by the children. All money raised is donated to the school charity which this year is Dementia UK.

Year 5 and Year 6 usually create their own stalls in small groups.

Year 3 and Year 4 have a class or year group stall that they take turns running.

Children need to provide their own prizes and props etc.

MDA

We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant to work for 1 hour and 15 minutes every Friday lunchtime. If interested, please contact the Office.

Pupil News

Good luck to Dylan Porter (3JA) who will be performing in 'Troubles are Brewin' in the West End on Sunday 7th July at Her Majesty's Theatre.



Calendar Dates

Summer Term 2019	
Monday 1 st July 2019	KS2 – Sports Day at Garrison Athletics Track - Afternoon
Friday 5 th July 2019	Visit to Philip Morant School for pupils attending Philip Morant School in September 2019
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	Year 1 trip to Hyde Hall
Wednesday 10 th July 2019	PSA – Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 11 th July 2019	Foundation trip to Marsh Farm
Friday 12 th July 2019	Speech Competition Final
Saturday 13 th July 2019	PSA – Summer Fayre
Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Year 2 Play
Wednesday 17 th July 2019	Year 6 Play in the afternoon
Thursday 18 th July 2019	Year 6 Play in the evening
Friday 19 th July 2019	Charity Day and Non- Uniform Day
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Year 2 trip to Walton

Autumn Term 2019	
Tuesday 3 rd & Wednesday 4 th September 2019	Non-Pupil Days
Thursday 5 th September 2019	First day of Autumn Term
28 th October – 1 st November 2019	Half Term
Monday 4 th November 2019	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 9 th & Tuesday 10 th December 2019	Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity at Christchurch
Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th December 2019	KS2 Carol Concert at Christchurch

Email Information

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