



Head Talk

Well here we are! The final newsletter for the academic year 2018-19. What a year we have had. The children and staff of the school have worked incredibly hard to progress in their knowledge and skills and along the way they have enjoyed their learning too! We have had PSA events, Smartboard installations, a brilliant Christmas Fayre, and Easter Egg Fayre, many class assemblies and plays, an abundance of school trips not to mention 2 sports afternoons and many outside visitors.

The children at Hamilton have had a brilliant year of experiences which have enhanced their learning; delivered by a very passionate set of teachers.

This year has also seen the retirement of Ms Maggie Alexander and Mrs Sue Macgregor with a total of 78 years of teaching experience between them.

The Year 4 children have taken part in the trial of the national times tables test, Year 1 have completed their phonics check and Year 2 and Year 6 have been involved in national testing too. The school has also had a visit from Ofsted to pilot their new inspection process and we have been visited by county moderators to ensure our writing meets standards.

The PSA have also worked tirelessly this year to raise money via some lovely events. This fundraising has all gone towards our new Smartboards, which have made a huge difference to the teachers and the children.

Please do have a look at the rest of the newsletter as it contains some very important dates for the year ahead. All of these dates are on the website calendar so do track forward to make sure you are aware of our holiday dates.

Over the summer we will be having some building works completed. Our lightning conductors are being upgraded, we will be having some of our lighting replaced and we are having a new floor installed in the downstairs corridor. We will also be completing the installation of the Smartboards in the remaining classrooms.

I would like to thank the entire community of Hamilton Primary School for their support of the school this year and I wish you all a fabulous summer holiday.

Year 1 – Hyde Hall by Izzy 1SW/LB

On Tuesday we went on a coach journey to Hyde Hall. It was a double decker and I sat on the top. When we got there, we had snacks on a colourful, bright and fruity rug. After that, I went on a hunt to find petals and leaves. Next we went into a forest; we laid a mat out and we tipped out the things we'd collected. We used them to make bookmarks. Then we had lunch. After, we went to the Learning Centre and did some activities. We made spinning seeds, we did rubbings, we made water colours, we looked at dead insects and we planted a pea. Finally, we fed the ducks. Then I sat on the bottom of the coach because I sat on the top in the morning. It was a great day and we learned so much!

Reception – Marsh Farm

Rainbow and Sunshine class went to visit Marsh Farm on Thursday 11th July.

Emily 'I fed carrot to the pigs.'

Sophia 'I like the bouncy pillows.'

Vincent 'I loved eating my lunch.'

Michelle 'I liked stroking the chicks.'

Linton 'I like feeding the goats.'

Jesse 'I loved the big pigs.'

Theia 'I loved feeding the llamas grass.'

Aoife 'I liked feeding all of the animals.'



Arthur 'I loved the baby goats. We wanted to bring them back to school.'

We all had an amazing day in the sunshine.

Thank you to all our parent helpers.

From the Foundation staff and children.

Year 2 Play - Dragon Days

The Year 2 play will take place on Tuesday 16th July starting at 1.45pm. The gates will open at 1.35pm and close at 1.55pm with **no admittance** after this time.

Year 6 Production

The first performance of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies will take place on Wednesday 17th July starting at 1.30pm. The gates will open at 1.20pm and close at 1.40pm with **no admittance** after this time.

The second performance of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies will take place on Thursday 18th July starting at 7.00pm.

Year Ahead Meetings

The Year Ahead meetings will take place in the Infant Hall following the usual format.

Please find information on the calendar below regarding the Year Ahead meeting relevant to your child/ren.

Early Years and KS1 Reading Books

In order to ensure we can complete a reading book stock take and ensure that the books are ready for September, **please can all children return their reading books by Friday 19th July.**

Stranger Danger Meeting

On Monday 23rd September there will be a Stranger Danger meeting for all parents starting at 7.00pm in the infant hall.

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 – Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to **9 Eggs Technology Consulting** for donating £100 to the Summer Fayre. This money has been used to sponsor the Pot Luck stall. Please pay this fun stall a visit, where the company banner will be visible for you to see at the Fayre.

Mrs Fry – Retired Headteacher

We are sad to report the death of Valerie Fry who was Headteacher at Hamilton Primary School from September 1990 to August 2003.

The funeral is at Chelmsford Crematorium on Friday 19th July at 11.30am.

Anyone who would like to attend please contact the school office.

School Gates

Just a reminder that the school gates are not unlocked until 3pm each afternoon.

If the children are out on the playground the gates will not be open until they have gone back inside.

Perrywoods

Perrywoods Garden Centre in Tiptree are holding Garden Explorer sessions over the school summer holidays.

These are fun and learning sessions for 4 to 10 year olds covering gardening and nature, encouraging to enjoy the great outdoors.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

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

Well done to Josefine Juliff Backman (6SM) who has raised £30.00 to go towards the Year 6 trip to the Cinema by selling Arts and Crafts.

Josefine has been very busy recently taking part in a show at the Rose Theatre in London, campaigning to save the libraries and being on the radio twice. She will also be performing at Her Majesty's theatre with her drama group PQA on the 21st July.



Calendar Dates

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 16 th July 2019	Year 2 Play – Dragon Days at 1.45pm (gates open at 1.35pm)
Wednesday 17 th July 2019	Year 6 Play – Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies at 1.30pm
Thursday 18 th July 2019	Year 6 Play – Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies at 7.00pm
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
Monday 9 th September 2019	Year 6 – Aylmerton meeting 4.30 – 5.30 pm in Mr O’Loughlin’s classroom
Tuesday 10 th September 2019	Year 3 meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm Year 6 meeting 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Wednesday 11 th September 2019	Year 1 meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm Year 5 meeting 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 12 th September 2019	Year 2 meeting 6.30 – 7.30 pm Year 2 meeting 7.30 – 8.30 pm
Thursday 23 rd September 2019	Stranger Danger meeting for parents 7.00 – 8.30pm
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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