

Head Talk

Thank you to all of the parents and children that came along to the Book Fair last week. It was lovely to see so many people excited about getting a new book. The Year 6 children who helped serve shoppers had a brilliant time and really benefited from the real life experience of using their maths skills! Mrs Wright did a fantastic job of organising the event and as a result you have spent over £1,500. This means that the school is entitled to 25% of the total amount of books sold to buy more stock—so you have also provided a further £400 of books into the school. Thank you! This week we have also seen Year 1 have a toy day, Year 3 have an Egyptian Day and Year 4 visit Pizza Express. Not a bad week to be at school! Van Cols photographers have also been in taking some publicity photos for us to use on our website and school brochure. Year 6 are off to Aymerton next week and we have the PSA AGM in the school hall on Tuesday next week. As always I am on the playgrounds before and after school, so please feel free to have a chat with me. Have a good week.

Parking

I have received a number of complaints from local residents about poor and inconsiderate parking around the school. Please can I remind parents to park with care. The roads around the school are very busy during drop off and pick up times. If you can walk to school then please do. If you are unable to walk,

please consider parking a little further away from the school roads as this will ease some congestion.

Scooters and Bicycles on the school playground

Can I please remind parents to ensure that children do not ride bicycles and scooters on the playground. Thank you.

Year 1—Toy Day

On Tuesday 26th September Year 1 enjoyed a History off the Page Toy Day. In the morning the children were able to look at and play with a variety of toys from eras gone by. There were wooden, metal, plastic and material toys. In the afternoon the children had a chance to make an assortment of toys, including a balancing parrot, spinning top and cup & ball game to name a few.

“We had a fantastic and fun day” said Olivia White

Year 3—Egyptian Day

On Thursday this week Year 3 enjoyed a whole day of learning about Ancient Egypt..... in amazing fancy dress!!! We met Mark, who came to teach Year 3 all about it. He is very knowledgeable and quite funny.

We had a history lesson first about Lower and Upper Egypt, the different crowns which Paraohs wore and what schools were like at the time—also about mummification, tombs, the Egyptian

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maths and number system and their Gods. Finally, we heard about the Ancient Egyptian Maths and how to measure in fingers, palms and cubits. Then we swapped.

We give the day a 9/10! We learned a lot and had fun. It was much better than an ordinary lesson. Thank you Mark!

By Sebastian Drew & Jayden Masters

Year 4—Pizza Express

On Wednesday, 27th September, 4SW went to Pizza Express to make delicious pizzas and learn about food from other cultures. All the children enjoyed kneading and shaping the dough. We spooned on the tomato passata and added some tasty mozzarella. While the pizzas were in the oven, we tasted a variety of ingredients. Some children were even brave enough to try the hot chillis! We had a great morning and thoroughly enjoyed eating our freshly baked pizzas for lunch.

Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. It was a great success and we sold over £1500 worth of books. This means the school will receive £400 worth of books which is fantastic! An extra special thank you to Otto Friedlein, Lucy Bathard and Amelie Murray from Year 6 who helped with the running of the Book Fair.

Ms Wright

Hamilton Hub

Hamilton Hub has been running successfully since June. We have a mixture of year groups attend in the morning and evening.

Here are some of the children's views:-

Maddie—you get to play with your friends and its fun to come in the mornings. There is a wide variety of games to play with after breakfast.

Adanna—Hamilton Hub is a good community, everyone and everything is respected. In the morning there is a choice of what you can have for breakfast: rice krispies, malt wheats, toast, muffins, crumpets and multi grain hoops. After school we can have an early finish or opt to stay for dinner. They are awesome.

Amelie—good breakfasts, lots of toys to play with. You make good friends and play with them.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 18th October we will be having two Harvest Festival services. Key Stage One will be having a special assembly at 9.30am in school and Key Stage Two will be going to Christchurch, Ireton Road, in the afternoon. Unfortunately, due to constraints on numbers, we are not able to invite parents to these services.

As part of these services, we would like to give food donations to the Salvation Army and the Food Bank to support those people less fortunate than ourselves and these donations can be brought to school from Monday 2nd October. The kinds of

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food items that we would like donations of are: Oxtail, Vegetable, Tomato, Chicken or Mushroom Soup. Tinned meat, tinned fruit, custard, pickles and pasta. Tea and coffee are used daily but they have a policy that it must be fair trade.

If your child is in Key Stage One, then any donations that you send in need to be taken to the Key Stage One Library and if your child is in Key Two, then any donations you send in need to be put on the stage in the Upstairs Hall.

Data Collection Sheets

Thank you very much to everyone who has already returned their forms.

We are still missing a lot of forms and would ask you to return them ASAP so we can update our records. Please ensure we have your up to date mobile number.

Bikeability Instructors Needed

Essex County Council are looking for new Bikeability instructors. Please see the attached advert for more information.

Pupil News

Congratulations to Josefine Bäckman-Juliff (5CK) who competed at the Chatsworth Country Fair on the 2nd September . She came away with 2 trophies and 4 medals to add to her collection.

Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2017	
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th October 2017	Year 6 Residential trip to Aylmerton
Tuesday 3 rd October 2017	PSA AGM—7.30pm in the Infant Hall
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	4FN to visit Pizza Express
Tuesday 10 th October 2017	4SW to visit the Roman Circus
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	4FN to visit the Roman Circus
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	6SM to attend Philip Morant School for DT
Wednesday 11 th October 2017	Parents Forum—Core Values—2pm
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	Flu Immunisation Day
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	September 2018 Open Afternoon—1.30pm
Wednesday 18 th October 2017	Harvest Festival
Wednesday 18 th October 2017	PSA School Disco
Monday 23 rd —Friday 27 th October 2017	Half Term
Monday 30 th October 2017	Non Pupil Day - Office Shut
Monday 13 th —Friday 17- October 2017	Learning Conference Week
Friday 24 th November 2017	September 2018 Open Afternoon—1.30pm
Monday 4 th December 2017	September 2018 Open Afternoon—1.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	Christmas Dinner

Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use the parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk address.