

## Head Talk

Welcome back to the summer term. It is going to be busy. The children are taking part in SATs tests in May, we have the Year 5 production of MacBeth, the Year 6 Enterprise Project and their leavers party and show. We will be hosting a sponsored walk for 'Walking with the Wounded' and the PSA will be running the Summer Fete, to mention just a few things. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July will also see our Year 6 children having a transition day at Philip Morant. This means that all of our pupils will be moving up a year on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> July to spend some time in with their new teachers. The 5<sup>th</sup> of July will also be our induction day for all of the new children joining us in Early Years from September.

I would also like to remind parents that we will be having our annual celebration evening on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Here you will be able to walk the school and have a look at the wonderful displays and work and have a chance to taste some of the food that the kitchen staff cook for the children. You will also know your child's teacher for the following year.

Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> July will also be the last Parents' Forum of the year. We will be returning to the afternoon slot as the evening slot in the Spring Term only had 3 parents.

Please do keep an eye on the school website calendar for useful dates throughout the year and on the Non Pupil Day dates, which can be found on the website too. As a reminder we have 2 Non Pupil Days this term. They are: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Polling Day) and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a wonderful couple of weeks.

## Contact Information

Please can I ask that parents inform the school office of any changes to telephone numbers and address details. We have recently had a situation

where we have tried to contact 3 separate families on their numbers and found out that none of the numbers have worked as the parents have either moved home, changed job or changed mobile number and not let the school know. This is a safeguarding issue for the school and puts children at risk. Can I please ask that if you have recently changed any contact information and not informed the school that you email: [parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk) and clearly state your name and your child's name and provide the contact details you would like us to hold. We do send out 'data collection sheets' in the Autumn term each year and we will be doing so again.

## Big Lottery Award

I am very pleased to announce that the school has been successful in its bid for a £10,000 grant to improve the Foundation Stage Playground. The school has added £6,000 of P.E. Premium money so we have a budget of £16,000. The Foundation Stage have met with our provider, Playdale to plan what improvements can be made. We are hopeful that the changes can be implemented in the summer holiday, so that we will be ready for our new intake children for September. This is really exciting news and when we have more details about the plans I will share them with you.

## Safety at School

Can I please remind parents that you are not allowed into the school via the pupil entrances (boys/girls stairs and Foundation Stage doors) before or after school. This is to ensure that we can keep children safe. If you need to speak to a member of staff, the teachers are available as the bell goes on the junior playground and a member of staff is available on the Foundation Stage doors to take any messages. Mr Hutchings is also on the playground on most days to speak to as well. If you do need to gain access to the school, please register at the school office. Thank you.

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## **Scooters and Bicycles**

Can I please remind all children and parents that scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds. This is to ensure the safety of all people on the site.

## **Sunny Weather (at last!)**

In line with the schools policy of being a sun safe school, can I please remind parents to allow their children to come into school with a small amount of good quality sunscreen and a hat. We have now managed to put some extra shade on the infant playground, but it is always better to be protected against the UV rays.

## **Cross Country**

A record 4 of our teams qualified for the Essex Primary Cross Country Finals at Hadleigh Park, Benfleet which were held last Thursday in sweltering conditions! As would be expected on the Olympic mountain biking course, the route was challenging with a couple of very steep hills but all the children performed brilliantly. The standard of competition was extremely high but our athletes worked really hard and all finished strongly. The Year 4 boys team were 11th, the Year 5 girls were 9th, the Year 5 boys were 11th and the Year 6 boys 10th. Thank you very much to all the parents who came to help and especially for the gazebo which proved invaluable to our teams! Some of our children also took part in the individual race which was held on Friday at the same venue and under the same very hot conditions! Well done to Naomi Sandercock, Nina Godden-Murphy, Kester Waterman, Taran Trott and Kwame Obiri.

Mrs Norris

## **SATS Week**

Please attached information on the Year 6 SATS week 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## **Topic Overviews**

Please find attached Topic Overviews for your child for this term.

## **Year 5 Production of Macbeth**

Year 5's play will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It will start at 2pm with the gates opening at 1.50pm.

## **Setting Up a Device Safely for Kids**

Please find attached a poster on how to set up a device safely for kids.

## **Essex Police Information**

Please find attached details of Colchester districts monthly Infographics for your information.

## **Pupil News**

Well done to Elizabeth Chilvers (1MR), Lola McWilliams (1MA) & Florence Strugnell (1MA) who all took part in a Ballet Show called Raise the Barre with the Stephanie Cook School of Dance on the 31st March.

Congratulations to Louis Thomas (5DW) who took part in the National Finals of the English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA) competition in Birmingham. He helped Essex to a brilliant 5th place.

## Calendar Dates

### Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2018	Year 1—Victorian Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2018	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Year 4—Anglo Saxon Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Year 6—SATS Week
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Class Photos
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Year 5 Production of Macbeth 2.00—3.15pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May —Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 6—World War 2 Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 6—World War 2 Tea Party
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Celebration Evening 6-8pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	KS1—Sports Day at the Garrison Athletic Track
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	KS2—Sports Day at the Garrison Athletic Track
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Rainbow Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Sunshine Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Wednesday 4th July 2018	Parents Forum
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 1.30 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 7.00 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last Day of Term

### Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use the [parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk) address.