



## Head Talk

This will be the final newsletter before we break for the summer. The year has flown by and the school and children have achieved so much. We will be saying goodbye to a number of teachers and hello to a number of new staff from September. As always the community around Hamilton Primary School has shown how it can come together to support the children's learning and growth. This year we have seen the reintroduction of the school values, which have helped the children and staff focus on a common set of skills for life. We have had some excellent school trips, assemblies and performances. The children really do get a very broad and balanced curriculum. Parking around the school during pick up and drop off time has continued to be a significant issue this year, and I would like to see this improve from September. This is for the safety of all families. The school has some projects taking place over the summer and these are detailed below. I do wish everyone associated with the school a fantastic summer break. We will be back for the children on Wednesday the 5th of September.

## Building Works

Over the summer holiday the playground that Rainbow and Sunshine class use will be refurbished. This will give our new entrants a much larger space to learn and play in. Mr Wilkinson's class will be having a window replaced and there will also be some new lights in his room. We are have some other electrical work completed too.

## Year 6 SATS Results

The results for the children this year have again been excellent. My thanks go to all of the school staff who have helped support the children during their time at school and the parents who have worked tirelessly at home. Our overall results are: Reading: 89% at the expected standard. Grammar,

Punctuation and Spelling 97% at the expected standard. Maths: 98% at the expected standard. These are significantly above the national average.

## School Office Closure

Please note that the school office will be shut from 9.15 – 11.15 am on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July due to the end of year assembly. You will not be able to collect or drop of anything between those times.

## Children's University

I am really pleased to say that a number of our children graduated from the Children's University last month. We had 13 children graduate. Some of the children attended a school run project supported by the army and others have decided to study themselves. The Children's University encouraged children to visit 'learning destinations' and collect 'hours of learning' towards awards and degrees. Well done to all of the children involved. If you would like further details, please do visit the CU site at: <http://www.essexchildrensuniversity.co.uk/page/0/1/1/home/>

## School Uniform from September

There has been very little change to the policy. This is a reminder that from September, gingham dresses will no longer be part of the school uniform. The governors of the school have also decided on the following general rules:

- No nail varnish
- Shoulder length or longer hair to be tied back with a simple dark coloured scrunchie or elasticated band
- Hair bands should be of a plain style in a dark colour with no adornments

## Charity Day

The school will be holding its annual Charity Day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July. This will be a non-uniform day and we would like children to bring in a minimum



of a £1.00 donation for this. We would also like to bring in small change in a named purse/wallet to spend at the stalls that the junior children will be organising.

All of the money raised will be going to our charity of the year – Walking with the Wounded.

## Year 6 Production

The Year 6 Production – We'll meet again will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm with the gates opening at 1.20pm. There will be a second performance on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

## Medicines

If your child has medicine and inhalers at school please collect from the office on the last day of term.

These will then need to be returned the first day of term in September.

## Hot Dinners

If you are sure what your final hot dinner balance is please contact the office before the end of term.

## Non Pupil Day Change

Governors have moved the non-pupil day from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019. This now means that the school will not be in session from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May until Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May as we will be a polling station, have a non-pupil day and a bank holiday.

## Summer Fayre

Wow! What a day. The PSA team have done it again. The summer fayre was a joy to behold and it managed to take the football match in to account too. Parents have given so generously to the school this year. The total raised on Saturday was about £10,000. This is truly spectacular. The school relies more and more on the funds that the PSA raise. The total for the year is an unbelievable

XXXXXXXX. The core team have worked incredibly hard to raise this amount with the activities that they have put on. They are a tiny team and desperately need some support; from committee meeting attendance to helping out in organising events. Please do help us. If you would like some further information please email the PSA chair at: [psa\\_chair@hamiltonprimary.com](mailto:psa_chair@hamiltonprimary.com)

Please could you come and collect your empty cake tins and plates from the school office.

We still have some raffle prizes waiting to be collected from the school office. So if you were lucky enough to win please come and collect it.

## Early Years and KS1 Reading Books

This year the children in KS1 have been reading a wonderful and varied range of new reading books and it has been lovely to hear such positive feedback from parents and children regarding the new books. A huge thank you to the PSA for their generous donation to help us to review and replenish the book choice.

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 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.**

If you're looking for books to read with your child, remember that the Essex Library service run a Summer Reading challenge, this year called Mischief Makers.

It is open to all children, free of charge. In 2018 a partnership with the *Beano* is giving this year's challenge a comic twist!

Children just need to read 6 books to earn their Mischief Makers certificate and medal. They'll be collecting stickers (including some special smelly stickers) along the way which will help them find the buried treasure on their Beanotown map.



Children can read any library book of their choice: fiction, non-fiction or picture books and Sensory Story Boxes, which they can share with parents and carers – they all count.

### **Year 6 to open World War 2 Museum**

Next week, the doors will open on Year 6's museum devoted to World War 2. Artefacts, articles and scale models related to the war effort will be on show, including a number of family heirlooms kindly loaned to the museum. The museum is situated in the shelter adjacent to the Foundation classrooms. It will be open from 8:40am - 9:00am, and again 3:00pm - 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday. Year 6 volunteers will staff the museum and look forward to welcoming you.

### **Book Amnesty**

Do you have any books belonging to the school lurking in your house? There seem to be some library books and class reading books missing from our book shelves so we are going to have a book amnesty in the last week of school. Please have a good search at home and return any books. There will be a big blue book bin in the reception area - just drop the books off in the bins or return them to class teachers. No questions asked! Thanks, Mrs Wright.

### **Annual Speech Competition**

Today, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July we are holding the final of our annual Speech Competition at Christchurch. Please see attached for participants and subjects.

### **Earrings in P.E.**

I would like to remind parents that children must remove earrings for P.E. at school. This is so that we meet our Health and Safety Policy. So, if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced over the summer, please arrange for this to take place in the first week of the holiday, so that there

is enough time for the healing process to take place.

### **Year 2 Production –**

On Thursday afternoon Year 2 put on their final performance of 'The Bee Musical' to parents. They did an absolutely fantastic job, it was their best show yet! Their voices were loud and clear, the songs were excellent and their costumes looked fabulous. Thank you to parents for providing such great outfits and props. What a brilliant way to end the year. The Year 2 Team are very proud. Well done Year 2!

### **Pick up at the end of the school day**

Could parents please not park on the zig zag lines in the morning or after school. It is dangerous and illegal. Could parents also not use Hamilton Road as a drop off zone. We are going to have an accident if things continue as they are.

### **Pupil News**

Please find attached this month's District Infographics from Essex Police.

### **Pupil News**

Well done to Addison Ames (1MR) on achieving her level 3 award at gymnastics.

Congratulations to Nivedha who took part in the Colchester Rotary Festival of Music & Dance recently. She won Bronze in the Piano solo performance in the under 10 category and won Silver in the Piano Duet with her sister in the under 14 category.

Well done to Josefine Bäckman Juliff (5CK) who achieved a bronze medal in Novice class at Harpenden's Scottish highland dance competition.



## Calendar Dates

Summer Term 2018	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Charity Day and Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 1.30pm (gates open at 1.20pm)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 7.00pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	First day back at school after Summer break
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Year 6 Year Ahead Meeting – 6.30pm-7.30pm Year 3 Year Ahead Meeting – 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Year 1 Year Ahead Meeting – 6.30pm-7.30pm Year 5 Year Ahead Meeting – 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Year 2 Year Ahead Meeting – 6.30pm-7.30pm Year 4 Year Ahead Meeting – 7.30pm – 8.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2018	Non Pupil Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2018	Foundation Tapestry & Phonics Parents Workshop 2.30 – 3.00pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Year 6 to Aylmerton Field Study Centre
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	Half Term
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	Learning Conferences
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Infant Nativity – Christchurch 6pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Junior Carol Service – Christchurch 6pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Last Day of Term
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2019	Christmas Holiday
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	First day back at school after Christmas break

### Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use:

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