



Head Talk

Welcome back after the half term break. I do hope you all managed to get to spend time with family and friends. The children have come back to school very well this week and we have a number of events to be looking forward to. Next Friday we will be celebrating the Centenary of the end of World War I with a service on the school playground which will include Will Quince MP, local veterans, our military families and Rev Canon Paul Norrington. You may have seen the painting taking place on the Junior Playground this week. This will be a lasting memorial to the fallen. If you are particularly eagle eyed, you may have noticed our silhouettes.

As you also know by now we will have some Ofsted Inspectors in the school on Tuesday and Wednesday. They are not carrying out an inspection, but they may well be on the school playground at some point during their time in the school having a chat with parents.

PSA Cake Sale

I would like to say a huge thank you to the PSA and all of the parents who spent so well at our cake sale just before half term. You raised an amazing total of **£450.78** This will go into the PSA funds to help support the school over the coming year.

Parking outside of school

I am sure parents are fed up with me writing on this subject, but can I please ask you all to park with consideration and care. The school has zig zag lines to keep a safe place clear for you all to cross the road. Parking on these in the morning or after school compromises safety and it is illegal. The loading bay is for school use for our deliveries and on occasion for pickup of our pupils with additional needs. It is not a spare parking space. Please plan your journey to arrive at school in time to find a

space or to park a little further away from the school and walk in.

Pimp my Pumpkin

What a lovely new event this turned out to be! There were some AMAZING pumpkins and the children had fun choosing their favourites. A huge thank you to all those who donated baked goods- there were some impressive specimens!

Please check out our Facebook page to see some photos of the day.

Christmas Market

We are thrilled to announce that the Christmas Market will be back for its second year! Please pencil **Saturday 1st December 4.00-6.30pm** in your diaries and keep your eyes peeled for more information. If you have a stall you would like to run or perhaps you have your own business and would like to sell your wares, please contact us at psa@hamiltonprimary.com. Any suggestions welcome.

Hamilton in the news!

Look out for The Gazette's special Armistice edition on Friday 9th November, we will have a photograph of our poppy mural featured! We are also very excited that BBC Look East will be attending our Hamilton Remembers the Fallen event on Friday 9th November, and we will feature as part of their special programme about the Centenary airing that evening.

Year 6 Assembly to Parents

The Year 6 Assembly for parents will be on Friday 16th November starting at 2.30pm.

Year 4 Play

The Year 4 play to parents will take place on Thursday 6th December at 2.00pm. The gates will be open at 1.50pm for parents.



Reception admissions for academic year starting in September 2019

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opens on **Monday 12 November 2018**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2019**.

From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

Letters will not be sent to parents about making an application this year from Essex County Council. All the application information is available on the website above.

Flu Immunisation

The Flu Immunisation team will be coming to the school on Wednesday 28th November. Paperwork has been sent home with your child and should be returned to The Office by **Friday 23rd November** at the latest.

Work Experience Placement

Please find attached a letter regarding Work Experience Placement at Colchester Hospital.

Pupil News

Well done to Celeste Bell (6LO) who has passed her Cello music exam.



Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2018	
Tuesday 13 th November – Thursday 15 th November 2018	Learning Conference Week - NO CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL
Friday 16 th November 2018	Year 6 Class Assembly – 2.30pm
Wednesday 28 th November 2018	Flu Immunisation
Wednesday 28 th November 2018	Year 4 – Aylmerton Parents Meeting at 7.00pm
Friday 30 th November 2018	Year 1 and Year 2 visit to watch Jack and the Beanstalk
Saturday 1 st December 2018	PSA Christmas Market
Monday 3 rd December 2018	Year 5 visit to First Site
Thursday 6 th December 2018	Year 4 Play – 2.00pm (gates open at 1.50pm)
Friday 7 th December 2018	Foundation Bauble Workshop
Monday 10 th December – Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Infant Nativity – Christchurch 6pm
Wednesday 12 th December 2018	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 12 th – Thursday 13 th December 2018	Junior Carol Service – Christchurch 6pm
Monday 17 th December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Rainbow Class
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Sunshine Class
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Last Day of Term

Spring Term 2019	
Thursday 3 rd January 2019	First Day of Term
Monday 18 th February to Friday 22 nd February 2019	Half Term

Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use:

parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk