



Head Talk

What a busy week we had last week! Ofsted visited and gave us some very helpful feedback on the pilot that they ran within the school. The children were excellent and the Ofsted team wanted to make sure that passed on their thanks to children, parents and staff. We also had our 'Hamilton Remembers the Fallen' event on Friday. The BBC joined us for a very thoughtful and poignant event. The children were amazing and I would particularly like to thank class 4NB, Kitty Atkins and Felix Friedlein for their individual roles in the event. The coverage on BBC Look East was excellent and really showed what a special school Hamilton Primary is.

This week has seen Learning Conferences taking place. I do hope that you have found them helpful in understanding how your child is learning at school and what further support you can offer to them at home. If you have any feedback on how we might improve these events in future, please do pop over and see me on the playground, either before or after school.

Parent Questionnaire

Keep an eye out over the next couple of weeks on your parentmail account. I will be sending a link to you to our annual parent questionnaire. This is an opportunity for you to think about the whole year at school and the experiences that you and your child have had. The questionnaire results support the school in planning for improvements, so please do fill in the form. You will be able to access it on any device. Once the questionnaire has been completed I will report back to you with the results.

PSA Santa's Grotto Tickets

The PSA will be selling tickets for Santa's Grotto **on the Infant Playground from Monday 19 November 2018**. Tickets will cost £3 and this will be a cash only stall. The ticket will entitle your

child to a cookie and a bottle of milk and a story read by Santa at the Christmas Market on **Saturday 1 December 2018**. Get your tickets early as this event sold out last year.

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.

Year 4 Play – Change of Date

The date for the Year 4 play to parents will now take place on Thursday 13th December at 1.45pm. The gates will be open at 1.35pm for parents and shut promptly at 1.55pm with no admittance after that time.

Christmas Songs performed by Foundation

We would like the Foundation children to wear Christmas jumpers when they perform to parents on Monday 17th December – Rainbows at 2.30pm Tuesday 18th December – Sunshine at 2.30pm.

School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

The school Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 12th December. Please see the attached menu. If you haven't already booked your child in for lunch on this day, please let the office know ASAP. Children are encouraged to come to school wearing school uniform with a Christmas jumper on this day.



Community Drop in Poster

Please see attached poster regarding Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service.

Essex Police

Please find attached the Monthly infographic & engagement dates from Essex Police for your information.

Drinks in school

We would like to remind parents that children are encouraged to bring a drink in to school in a labelled bottle for use during the school day. This drink should be water only. Thank you.

Hamilton Remembers the Fallen

Did you spot us on BBC Look East and in The Gazette?

We are so proud of everyone for taking part in the Remembrance service on Friday 9th November, and for all involved in the build up. Felix Friedlein did a superb job playing the Last Post, as did Kitty Atkin reading her poem. Well done 4FN for singing acapella, you started the service beautifully.

The children enjoyed talking to all our visitors and sharing their work with them, so thank you for coming and making our morning one to remember. And finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Marsh for all her hard work getting the poppy wall ready!



Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2018	
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
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
Thursday 13 th December 2018	Year 4 Play – 1.45pm (gates open at 1.35pm)
Monday 17 th December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Rainbow Class - 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Christmas Songs performed by Sunshine Class – 2.30pm
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