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Attendance

Well done to

Year 5 Garnet who are this week's winners with **99.5%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 1st May: **Bank Holiday, school closed**
- 2nd May: Y5 trip to Harry Potter Studio
- 4th May: Y4 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
- 8th May: KS2 SATS week
- 8th May: Nursery Stay & Play (Red Group, 8.55—9.25 am)
- 9th May: Nursery Stay & Play (Blue Group, 8.55 am—9.25 am)
- 11th May: Nursery Stay & Play (Green Group, 8.55 am—9.25 am. PM children, 2.45 pm—3.15 pm)
- 15th May, 3.30 pm: Y6 Tolmers meeting
- 17th May, 2.45 pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 22nd May, 3.30 pm: Y5 Cuffley Camp meeting
- 24th May, 2.30 pm: Parent Forum
- 25th May, 3.30 pm: Y4 Camping meeting
- 29th May: Bank Holiday—school closed
- 29th May–2nd June: **Half Term, school closed**
- 27th June: Sharing Assembly: Sunstone
- 4th July: Sharing Assembly: Coral.

Dear Parents and Carers

So another week has flown by! May I remind you all that Monday is another Bank Holiday so next week is another 4 day week.

It will be a busy week with Year 5 visiting Harry Potter Studios and Year 4 taking part in an Ancient Egyptian workshop linked to their topic this term. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing about the sparkle in our children's eyes as curiosity and passion lead to intelligence.

This week I attended a conference for Head Teachers lead by Dacorum DSPL. Dacorum DSPL (DSPL Area 8) is one of 9 areas in Hertfordshire where parents, early years settings, primary and secondary schools, further education, local authority professionals and other agencies work together. I listened to a brilliant speaker about how learning should be 'fun' for children and how it should motivate our children to make them wonder about things and question their own learning. I sat back and reflected on our provision in school. I was satisfied that this is a strength of Hammond. Our pupils are motivated learners who like to philosophise about the world around them as well as being provided with many creative and engaging opportunities. Teachers and support staff work hard to plan lessons that are enjoyable but also challenging.

Next week, the senior leadership team will be attending another days training on the 'Primary writing project'. This will also be an opportunity to reflect upon our journey so far. What a journey we have come on. During our monitoring of writing and reading this week, we have been blown away by the progress in the children's books.

I hope you have seen in the calendar of events that we will be holding an opportunity this term, for you to view the school with your child and see the impact that the project has made: **July 3rd - Talk For Writing Open Evening – 3.30pm – 4.30pm.**

Finally another date for your diary: **May 24th - Parent Forum – 2.30pm.** This will be an opportunity to come in and express your viewpoints about the school with SLT and help contribute to the next academic years School Plan. I hope you can make it!

Enjoy your Bank Holiday.



Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Munachiso

Nursery Opal: Katrina

Reception Sunstone: Rensar Reception Coral: Gilfred

Y1 Amber: Millie Y1 Jade: Caitlin Y1 Pearl: Reagan

Y2 Diamond: Samantha Y2 Emerald: Megan

Y3 Amethyst: Lilly Y3 Moonstone: Alfie

Y3 Sapphire: Amelia

Y4 Jasper: Leah

Y4 Quartz: Jasmine

Y5 Garnet: Ronaldo

Y5 Tigers Eye: Arnav

Class Update: Year 1 Amber

This week Year 1 Amber have been writing their own information texts on trolls and have been exploring patterns. We have had an exciting time exploring and researching about Aboriginal art.

Next week we will be looking at positional language and our local area with our walk to Tesco on the morning of Tuesday 2nd May. If you have a Hammond DBS and are able to volunteer to help on our walk to Tesco, please contact the office. Thank you.

Miss Child

School Gateway

Due to recent technical issues with School Gateway, can we please ask that you upgrade to the new version of the App to benefit from new features and bug fixes.



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Reminders:

- ◇ V5 Residential trip, Cuffley Camp: final instalment of £40.00 is due by 26th May.
- ◇ V6 Residential trip, Tolmers: final instalment of £60.00 is due by 31st May.
- ◇ Please check dinner and before and after school club accounts to ensure balances are in credit by Tuesday to avoid suspension of the accounts.
- ◇ Sports clubs and choir club will be running until 14th July 2017.
- ◇ There are places available in the Game On Summer Sports Club, which started today and finishes on 7th July. Consent forms are available from the office.

Do you have some time to spare?



If so, we would very much appreciate help to re-organise and maintain our library. If you do have some free time and a Hammond DBS, please contact the office.

We also require help on our up and coming school trips, again, if you are in a position to assist, please contact the office or the class teacher.

Thank you in advance.

Notices:

Sharing Class Assemblies for Reception:

Sunstone: 27th June
Coral: 4th July

Y1 Jade:

Thank you to all the parents who remembered to check the children's PE kit and replaced missing items.

Nursery:

This week nursery investigated seeds in fruit and vegetables and enjoyed doing their new Talk4Writing: The enormous Turnip in the roaming area.

Pupil Premium Uniform Orders: please give your orders to the office by no later than Mon 15th May.



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SIBLING GROUP

Are you aged 5 to 11?

Do you have a brother or sister with Special Needs?

And do you attend a school in Dacorum?

24 th May	Fit for Fun	18 th Oct	Fit for Fun	21 st Feb	Sublime Science
21 st June	Jungle Jo	22 nd Nov	Yoga	21 st March	Fit for Fun
19 th July	Fit for Fun	13 th Dec	Christmas Party	19 th April	Herts Inclusive Theatre
20 th Sept	Herts Inclusive Theatre	17 th Jan	Fit for Fun		

A different activity each month | a chance to make new friends, try new things and have fun.

Hobbs Hill Wood School | 4 – 6pm | Snacks & drinks | £1 voluntary donation

For more info contact Ashley Fabray on 07525917125



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Pamper Night

19th May 7 - 9pm

- Stella and Dot - Tarot Reading -
- Holistic Massage - Forever Living -
- Jamerry Nail Wraps - Medium -
- Angelic Realms - Nail Bar -

£5 Entry Includes a free glass of Prosecco (Or soft drink) and a raffle ticket

Up and coming events:

Summer Fair—date to be confirmed.

Ice Pops back on sale in June!

50/50: April's Winner:

No. 20!

Nikki Cross Memorial Cup

Family Fun Day 2017

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SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Hemel Hempstead Town FC

GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM