



Hammond Academy

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Attendance

Well done to

Year 3 Moonstone who are this week's winners with **98.5%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 18th April: Start of Summer Term
- 25th April: Y2 Diamond & Emerald Sports Festival at Sportspace, Hemel
- 1st May: Bank Holiday, school closed
- 2nd May: Y 5 trip to Harry Potter Studio
- 4th May: Y4 Ancient Egyptian Workshop (in school)
- 29th May: Bank Holiday, school closed
- 29th May-2nd June: Summer Half Term
- 5th June, 9am-3.30pm: Y3 trip to Science Museum
- 21st June, 9am-4pm: Y2 trip to Southend on Sea.
- 6th July: Y6 Astley Cooper

Nursery Stay & Play Sessions

Morning session:

8.55 am—9.25 am

Red Group: 8th May

Blue Group: 9th May

Green Group: 11th May

Afternoon session, all groups:
2.45 pm—3.15 pm

11th May

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope that you had an enjoyable break with your children and that they are well rested for what is sure to be a busy term ahead. Wasn't it lovely to see the sun shining this week when we came into school? Hopefully this will be a sign of the weather for the term as we like to get out and about in the school grounds as much as we can.

We have many things planned for this term, which will be highlighted in the calendar of events coming out from the office. So look out for your calendar over the next couple of days. In the next few weeks, we will be thinking about our Year 6 children who will be taking their end of year SATs. We know that they will do just fine and wish them well as they continue their preparations towards them. Following their testing week, they will look forward to their annual residential trip which we know they will enjoy. For the rest of the school, I am sure there will be more enjoyable learning experiences for the children and adults. Please do read the class newsletters which the teachers put together as they will have an abundance of information for you, including the curriculum your child will be covering this term. This will be available on the school website.

As we start the new term, may I take this opportunity to thank you for ensuring your children are dressed in the correct school uniform. It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart at school this week with even some girls in their Summer red checked dresses and boys in shorts.

Whilst we are thinking about warmer weather, we have had more and more requests for holiday absence. Recent articles in the news has once again been about the price of holidays in the school holidays. Please be aware as a school we are fully aware of the price difference (as we have to take our holidays in the school holidays) and the impact that this may have upon families. Unfortunately, if you looked at it in business terms, our business is delivering education and we are governed as to when and how much of this we must deliver. This means that the policy of term time holidays will continue as we know the negative impact, in many areas of school life, that a holiday in term time can have. As Principal I can only authorise holidays for exceptional circumstances.

Finally, I would like to warmly welcome all the new members of staff who have joined our teaching and support staff this week. These members of staff have enjoyed their first week and have been blown away by our children's behaviour, respect and attitudes to learning.

Welcome to:

Mark Prosser – Year 3 Teacher

Claire Harris – Year 2 Teacher

Lauren Pinner – Reception Coral Teaching Assistant

Sandy Toms – Year 3 Teaching Assistant

Emma Sadler – Midday Supervisor

Next week we also welcome:

Lena Mortimer - Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

We also welcome Jo Harris who will be joining us one day per week on a Tuesday. Jo Harris will be part of the Senior Leadership team and leading on Special educational needs alongside Mrs Oxenham.

Over the Easter break, I had the opportunity to review the priorities in our School Plan. I am delighted that the school continues to go from strength to strength. We have achieved so much this academic year and I look forward to further improvement this term.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

Denise Kennedy, Principal



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Easter Football Camp



During the Easter Holidays we held a football camp for 3 days during the first week. I had lots of boys and some girls attend taking part in both skill activities and tournaments. Each day the players were working hard to earn 'millions' to add to their 'transfer value'. This carried on throughout the week and the highest each day won the award of 'Most Valuable Player'. Certificates for these awards will be handed out next week during assembly. We had a fantastic time with lots of competitive football on show and plenty of players showing great improvement. A special mention to Jay C and Jack K for giving up their time to help me with all the activities and refereeing the tournaments as part of their Bronze Ambassador duties. Well done everybody!

Awards –

Tuesday Most Valuable Player – Jamie K Y4 Wednesday Most Valuable Player – Oliver S Y3
Thursday Most Valuable Player – Robert S Y4 Young Leaders Most Improved Player – Ellis B Y5
Most Improved Player – Charlie C Y2 Young Leaders Player of the Week – Stanley T Y4
Player of the Week – Jamie K Y4 'Most Valuable Player of the Week' – Jamie K Y4

Mr Rickman

Nikki Cross Memorial Cup & Family Fun Day 2017

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SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Hemel Hempstead Town FC
GATES OPEN AT 11:00 AM



Wembley Dance Event!

During the Easter holidays children across the school danced during half time at Wembley for a Saracens v Harlequins rugby match. They did an amazing job and represented the school perfectly.

Well done to all!

Sarah-Jane Kennedy

Summer term sports clubs

Before and after school sports club commence on Tuesday 25th April and will run until 14th July.

Please access Gateway to book your child's club. Club lists will close on Sunday and places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

An email will be sent on Monday to confirm whether or not your child has received a place.

If a club is over subscribed a waiting list will be in place.

GAME ON: Summer Sports Club

Game On will be running a summer sports club for children in reception through to Year 2 on a Friday after school during this term. The first session will be next Friday. If you are interested, please obtain a consent form from the office. There is a cost of £36.00.



Friends of Hammond are looking for Beauty Therapists who would like to run a stall at the upcoming Pamper Evening taking place on the 19th May 2017.

If you are interested, please contact the Friends of Hammond via their email address:

Hammond.Friends@hammondacademy.org.uk

Please note that insurance and a fee of £15 will need to be paid.

Up and coming events

Summer Fair—to be date confirmed. Ice Pops will be back on sale in June!

Thank you! Our end of term cake sale was a big success! As always, these sales would not be possible without your help and support.



Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Riley Nursery Opal: Jayden

Reception Sunstone: Sydney

Reception Coral: Layla

Y2 Onyx: Kacper

Y3 Moonstone: Alfie

Y5 Tigers Eye: Arnav

Year 6 Aquamarine: Mia

Payments

Please check Gateway to ensure your child's account is in credit in respect of school dinners and before and after school club. Payments must always be made in advance. If you are having difficulties meeting payments, please contact the office. Thank you.