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Attendance

Well done to

Reception Sunstone who is this week's winners with **99.5%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 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
- 23rd May: Y6 Enterprise Day
- 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**
- 5th June: Return to school
- 5th June: Y6 residential trip & Y3 trip to Science Museum
- 13th June: Reception trip to Wendover Woods
- 15th June: Y6 trip
- 19th June: Shakespeare Wk
- 21st June: Y2 trip to Southend on Sea
- 26th June: Class Photographs
- 27th June: Rec Sunstone Sharing Assembly
- 28th June: Y5 residential trip
- 28th June, 3pm: Y3 Sapphire Assembly
- 4th July, 3pm: Rec Coral Sharing Assembly

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to start by congratulating Year 6 who this week have taken their national tests (SATs). All week the children and staff connected to Year 6 have all worked incredibly hard. As ever, all the children gave their best and came out of the tests knowing they couldn't have done any better. The results will be what they will be. What I do know is that I am proud of every single one of them now and will continue to be proud when they get their results. Each and every one of them demonstrated a 'Growth Mindset' which has been our whole school focus this year. Even when faced with some really tricky questions, they showed the courage and perseverance to keep going. Our Hammond values were modelled so well. Next week our Year 2 children will be assessed to inform the end of Key Stage One judgements. Again I know that the children will do their best and I know how incredibly hard working they all are.

This term our focus is on the value of 'Courage'. Children will be earning points for their class linked to acts of courage. Whether it be having the courage to tell the truth, selecting a new challenge or the courage to make different choices. Why not discuss 'Courage' with your child and how it can change lives. People of courage have changed the world! By being brave and having the courage to face challenges and difficulties, we can grow and make our lives much better. Perhaps discuss people from history, people from the present day and people all around us who show courage. We may be inspired to be braver ourselves!

I would like to welcome some more new members of staff to our 'Hammond' team. Firstly, Rebecca Salter joins Miss Kennedy in Year 2 Emerald and Mrs Kay Happe joins Year 4 Jasper. Both ladies take on the roles of Teaching Assistants within the classes to support our children's learning.

Finally on the back of this newsletter you will see that 'Friends of Hammond' have a Pamper Night arranged for May 19th at 7pm. I know that there are still tickets available for what will be a fun evening alongside helping to raise funds for the school to increase the resources available for the children. Come on everyone we all need some indulgence once in a while!

I hope you all have a super weekend.

Kind regards, **Denise Kennedy, Principal**



Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Harrison Nursery Opal: Lexi

Reception Sunstone: Dylan Reception Coral: Marshall Y1 Amber: Sasha Y1 Jade: Keira Y1 Pearl: Agastya
Y2 Diamond: Sariya Y2 Emerald: Lucia Y2 Onyx: Adrian
Y3 Amethyst: Tommy Y3 Moonstone: Ronnie Y3 Sapphire: Amy Y4 Jasper: Scarlett Y4 Quartz: Ramsey
Y5 Garnet: Jack Y5 Tigers Eye: Russel Y6 Aquamarine: Maddie

Class Update: Year 1 Pearl



Year 1 Pearl had a very busy week!

First, in Literacy, they completed their final writing task (Hot Task), where they described their Troll. The whole class worked hard and did really well. A lot of fantastic descriptions!!

They also started learning about Australia, and have already tackled Aboriginal artwork.

Finally, during their Forest School session on Wednesday, they had a lot of fun making necklaces and bracelets out of Elderwood.

Notices

Reception Sunstone Sharing Assembly: 27th June, Coral Sharing Assembly: 4th July

Pupil Premium Orders: Please place with the office by no later than **15th May**.

Forest Schools: Even during the warmer weather, please ensure your child has a long sleeved t-shirt for Forest Schools.

Sports Days will be taking place on 5th and 6th July, time to be arranged.

Y2 For DT next week, please can the children bring in an ice cube tray.



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Egyptian Day

On Thursday 4th May, Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic Egyptian day as Pharaohs, Queens, Mummies and archaeologists! As well as learning lots of key facts, they developed strategic skills through Egyptian games and codes. They ended the day with a 'real life' mummification and a burial parade. The 'wailers' were particularly noisy and definitely sent the dead Pharaoh off to enjoy the afterlife! A huge thank you to 'Dr Wassal' for her very informative and highly enjoyable day.



Please Note!

As of September 2017, water coolers will no longer be inside the classrooms. Children are welcome to bring in their own water bottle from home – please ensure it is clearly marked with your child's name and class. Additional fountains are being installed over the summer holidays in the key stage 1 and 2 playgrounds. Thank you.

Year 6 Enterprise

The 23rd May is Year 6 enterprise day!

Children will be taken to the enterprise fair by their teachers across the day. If parents would like to, they can send in money to school with their child (in change if possible).

EYFS parents only

If your child has achieved something out of school in an extra-curricular activity which they would like to share in our celebration assembly please give it to the class teacher on a Friday morning to present in the assembly. Examples of this could be a football medal, gymnast of the week, dance certificate or anything else they have achieved!



Tickets still available for the Pamper evening on 19th May 2017!

Come along and have a night of indulgence. What's on offer:

Medium and Tarot Reading

Jamberry Nail Wraps (10 - 15 mins) and **Stella & Dot** - Jewellery, Bags and Accessories

Gel Nails, (£8 - 15mins) Beauty by Char

Neck, Back and Shoulder Massage (£10 - 15mins) Discover Freedom Holistic Massage Therapy

Quick Facial - £10 **Full Make Up** - £15 Motives Cosmetics, Skin care and Wellness

Forever Living Products **Cordon Creations** - Jewellery Bags and Accessories

Tropic Skin Care Stall

Licensed Bar

Treatments will be booked on the night and tickets can be purchased on the night, so why not bring along family and friends - hope to see you all there!

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Pamper Night
19th May 7 - 9pm
- Stella and Dot - Tarot Reading -
- Holistic Massage - Forever Living -
- Jamberry Nail Wraps - Medium -
- Angelic Realms - Nail Bar -
£5 Entry Includes a free glass of Prosecco (Or soft drink) and a raffle ticket

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers We will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers until 30th June. Thank you to all of you who have so far kindly donated vouchers to Hammond. Several of our generous pupils have been giving up their free time to help us count the vouchers—which is a huge help to the office team! Let's hope we will be able to place a large order at the end of this term for new sports equipment for the autumn term.

Club Cancellation

Y1 & 2 Football Club, Monday 15th May (after school) is cancelled due to the Year 6 Tolmers meeting. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Nikki Cross Memorial Cup & Family Fun Day 2017

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SATURDAY 13TH MAY

Hemel Hempstead Town Fc

GATES OPEN AT 11:00AM