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Attendance

Well done to

Y2 Diamond who are this week's winners with **98.8%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 13th June: Reception trip to Wendover Woods
- 15th June: Y6 trip to Chessington
- 19th June: Shakespeare Week
- 21st June: Y2 trip to Southend on Sea
- 26th June: Class photographs
- 27th June: Rec Sunstone Sharing Assembly
- 27th June: Animal Fun Run for the RSPCA
- 28th June: Y5 residential trip
- 28th June, 3pm: Y3 Sapphire class assembly
- 3rd July, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Talk For Writing Open Evening
- 5th July: Sports Day for KS1 and KS2
- 6th July: Sports Day for EYFS
- 7th July: Y4 Camping
- 12th July, 9 am to 10.45 am—Meet the Teacher Morning
- 12th July, 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm—Reception Play & Stay
- 16th July, Friends of Hammond Summer Fair
- 18th July, 9.15 am to 10.45—Y6 Leavers Performance
- 19th July—Governors Prize Giving

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our final half term and once again wow hasn't time flown by. There is lots to pack in as ever and lots of exciting things happening every week. This week has been World Religious Week in school, with each class focusing on a specific religion and activities linked to it all week. It has been great to see the children exploring and celebrating the different religions in a cross curricular approach. The children in Years 4 and 5 have loved learning about the faiths through Art. I have seen clay Diva's, stained glass windows, Prayer mats and Rangoli patterns being created across the school with the children totally engrossed in their learning.

We were also overtaken by Pirates this week in our Early Years classrooms! The children informed me that they were all friendly pirates and looked absolutely fantastic in their costumes. May I thank all parents for making this day such a memorable day for our children and staff.

This afternoon I welcomed back our Year 6 children and staff (Miss Simpson, Mr Trevathan and Mr Rickman) from their residential trip to Tolmers. Despite the dreadful weather that they have endured this week, this did not dampen their spirits in any way. When we have been promoting resilience all year, this certainly shone through in our children and staff. I am sure many of our Year 6 parents have been closely following our Twitter feeds and seen what a fantastic time has been had by the children! I have been informed that the children were an absolute delight and how impeccably well behaved they were even when they were confined to their tents during this unusual weather for this time of year. Special thanks needs to go to the staff who accompanied the children on this trip and for looking after the children so well. I know that some exhausted but happy children will sleep well this evening. As for the washing.... I apologise for that now!

Finally, I would like to end with a reminder. Over the past few weeks there have been a worrying number of packed lunch boxes coming into school. Children work very hard at school and a balanced meal at lunch time helps provide concentration for the afternoon. As a mother of two fussy eaters, I know how incredibly difficult lunchboxes can be. I found this website quite useful as a guide: <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx>

Fingers crossed for a sunny weekend.

Kind regards, **Denise Kennedy, Principal**



Happy, rainy days for Y6...

We were very unfortunate with the unseasonal weather but despite this set back, Aquamarine and our staff had a fun-filled time at Tolmers, taking part in the scheduled activities and enjoying every team building moment! *More to follow in next week's Newsletter!*

Class Update: Year 2 Onyx

This week in Literacy we have been learning how to innovate and write our own themed paragraphs for a story based around the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.

We have also been learning about stories from different religions. We have learnt about Hanukkah, Rama and Sita and Abraham. We enjoyed making a Dreidel and playing a Dreidel game.

Miss Harris

Enterprise Update:

We are proud to announce the final figure raised totals **£805.45!** This will cover the cost of the Y6 trip to Chessington, which takes place next Thursday (15th June.).

Congratulations, Year 6!

Contacting After School Club Our main office is staffed until 4pm, however if your child is attending our Monday – Thursday after school club and you need to contact us the number to use is 07542 867665.

★ Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Brandon Nursery Opal: Elisei Reception Sunstone: Macey Reception Coral: Lucy
Y2 Emerald: Faraz Y3 Amethyst: Bobby Y3 Moonstone: Adam
Y4 Jasper: Daniel Y4 Quartz: Olivia Y5 Tigers Eye: Willow Y6 Aquamarine: Hadleigh & Owin

Year 3: Monday 5th June



Unfortunately due to recent events our Year 3 trip to the Science Museum had to be cancelled. Instead Year 3 Moonstone played some fun games on the field before discussing and drawing some of London's famous landmarks including Big Ben and the Tower of London. We then used these to create, draw and paint our own pictures of London.

We had a great day!

EYF's Pirate Day: Tuesday 6th June

Nursery had a wonderful day looking for pirate treasures in the pirate cave. The nursery captain is Captain Lady with her parrot Lovely; the names were chosen by the children themselves! Unfortunately some of the crew had to walk the plank.



World Religious Week

We have had a fantastic time during RE week this Week! We have learnt about lots of different religions.

Year 5's have been making church stain glass windows out of black paper and plastic, they have also been making Diva lamps.

Year 2's have looked at the story of Abraham and have been making dreidels. Year 1 have been making lanterns and Rangoli patterns linked to Diwali.



RSPCA Animal Fun Run: Tuesday 27th June

As you will have read in the newsletter before half term, we will be holding an Animal Fun Run on Tuesday 27th June in order to raise money for the RSPCA. Children will need to bring in £1 on the day and dress up as an animal of their choosing. We don't want parents having to pay lots for costumes – the costume could be as simple as dressing in the colour of their chosen animal, wearing clothes which has a particular animal pattern/print on or wearing a head band which has rabbit ears on for example. We just ask that whatever the costume is, that it is safe to run in. Parents are invited to come in to watch their child race – please see below for timings on the day. There will be collection buckets out on the field for anyone who would like to make an extra donation. We look forward to seeing you!

Nursery & Reception 9.00 – 9.30

Year 1 9.45 – 10.15

Year 2 10.30 – 11.00

Year 3 11.10 – 11.40 LUNCH

Year 4 1.45 – 2.15 **Year 5** 2.30 – 3.00

Year 6 3.00 – 3.30

REMINDER: Reception trip to Wendover Woods, Tuesday 13th June

The deadline for payment is today. Please ensure this payment has been made on Gateway. You will have received a letter from Miss Owen today listing the items your child will need to take.

Are you able to donate any Small World items (pirate ship, castle, fairy castle, spaceship, cars etc.)? **Reception** would love them if you are able to spare them! Thank you in advance.

ATTENTION: YEAR 5 PARENTS/CARERS

SOUTH WEST HERTS ADMISSIONS CONSORTIUM: Secondary Transfer 2018 – Testing Before Preference

The on-line registration for the South West Hertfordshire Schools Consortium Admissions Testing will be closing at 6pm on Friday 16th June 2017.

Late registrations will not be permitted.

South West Herts Schools Consortium test registration website is as follows: <http://www.swhertsschools.org.uk/>. There are links to each school's website, and a frequently asked questions section.

The M&S Your School Uniform Summer Promotion is nearly here!

All uniform for your school that appears on the Your School Uniform website will be reduced by 20% from 6th June to 4th July 2017.

This offer is running during the peak school uniform buying period so parents will get to make a great saving, especially those in need of a complete uniform ready for new enrolments in September!

Remember the promotion ends on the 4th July and all orders should be received by the 31st July to ensure delivery for the new term.