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Attendance

Well done to

Y5 Garnet who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 10th July, 2:45 pm—Piano Performance (for parents of children who take piano lessons)
- 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, Y6 Leavers Performance (9.15am–10.45am and 6pm–7.15pm)
- 19th July 9am & 10.30am—Governors Prize Giving
- 20th July, 5pm—6.30 pm—Y6 Leavers Disco
- 21st July, 9 am—10 am—Leavers Assembly
- **21st July, 1 pm —End of Term**

REMINDER

Before & after school sports clubs

Summer term sports clubs will come to an end on Friday 14th July. Friday's Game on Summer Sports finished today.

Clubs for the Autumn term will be available to book on Gateway shortly after the start of the new term (see overleaf for details of dance club).

Friday After School Club

The last session of the term will be on Friday 14th July.

Dear Parents and Carers

This year has certainly been full of ups and downs! First for the highpoints. I am proud to be the Principal of our school, I am proud of how hard every member of my staff work and how much they care about your children. This is shown daily at Hammond but none more so than this week.

Monday night was our chance to shine – it was great seeing so many parents involved in the children's learning and seeing the journey that the children have been on with their writing progress this year. Thank you for so many positive parental comments about the Talk 4 Writing and how you can see the impact it has had on the standards of writing. It was lovely that so many parents walked around the school and looked at our displays and other classrooms. The children take pride in their learning and I hope you could see this reflected in their work. This week I also welcomed teachers to our school from a few local primary schools in Dacorum who were blown away by the standards of writing that our children have produced. I am one proud Principal!

It has been so much fun to be part of the Sports Days this week. What pleases me the most about these days is the amazing teamwork, the competitive nature of the children and also the atmosphere. Each day has had an amazing happy, family feel to it, with lots of parents, carers, grandparents and friends turning out to cheer the children on. The numbers of supporters were huge, thank you for this, it makes the school a fantastic place to be. Physical activity is so important to us and the Sports Days are just one of the many ways we keep the children moving. A huge thank you to Mr Rickman for all of his organisation - it wouldn't have been so good without all his hard work. And for those of you who witnessed my stylish fall in the KS2 sports day, a part from my complete humiliation, I was blown away by some of the comments from the children about the Hammond Values. I apparently demonstrated so many, from not letting my team down (Teamwork) to not giving up (Perseverance), to probably the funniest quote of all from a year 5 pupil: *'That was so epic, you were brave carrying on even though it was the funniest thing ever.'* (Courage).

I would like to thank 'Friends of Hammond' for organising refreshments and helping to support the school. I know they have organised a fantastic Summer Fun Day on July 16th. I do hope you will all come and join us.

Now for the lows. This year, we know, staff changes have been unsettling for the children, parents and staff alike. It has not been an easy year for anyone and I thank you for your support and understanding. However, standards in the school have remained high in both leadership, teaching and learning, behaviour and well being. This was confirmed, as I mentioned previously, by our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner in April. We are looking forward to her returning to school next week.

On Wednesday, your child will be meeting their new class teacher in our moving up morning. I hope you will have received an email today with the new class allocations.

I hope the weather holds out for everyone this weekend. I am keeping my fingers crossed for this evening when I camp out with Year 4!

On Kind regards,

Denise Kennedy, Principal



Sports Day

Winners—Kingsley

Massive thank you to all the parents who came and supported our Sports Days this week. The turnout from families was amazing and I know the children loved having you all here.

I'm so proud of all the children for trying so hard in the hot conditions, they were absolutely fantastic. I hope you all enjoyed the day and I look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Mr Rickman

*Friends of Hammond would like to thank you for your support. A very impressive total of **£400.00** was raised from Sports Day refreshments! We look forward to receiving your generous support at our next event—the Sunday Fun Day on 16th July.*

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SUNDAY FUNDAY

16TH JULY

12-3PM

PIMMS TENT WATFORD FC
BOUNCY CASTLE
STALLS DISPLAYS BBQ
GAMES FACE PAINTS
AND SO MUCH MORE!

ADULTS 50P ENTRY
CHILDREN FREE



Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: David Opal: Sasha Reception Coral: Riley Sunstone: Jacob & Lilly-Rose Y1 Amber: Luka Y2 Emerald: Madeleine Y3 Amethyst: Riley

Cancelled Clubs

There will be no sports clubs on Monday 10th July. This is due to Mr Rickman and Hammond children participating in Dacorum Athletics District Competition. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Class Update: Year 3

Sapphire class have been practicing our talk for writing text "The Canal" for the open evening, and relished showing our parents what we have been learning. We have started to write our own warning stories this week which we are enjoying very much. In Maths, we have been revising multiplication and we played a Maths game called "Close to 100" which used our calculation and our reasoning skills. Wednesday was sports day and we all loved taking part as we love in Sapphire class.

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A STAGE FOR EVERYONE

Would you like to attend a drama group? Do you have Autism, in year 6 and above and attend a school in Dacorum? Come and practice communication skills and learn through drama about making friends, maintaining friendships and managing peer conflicts.

Venue: The Swan Youth Centre 137-139 High Street, Berkhamstead, HP4 3HH

Date: Monday 11th & 25th Sept, 9th & 30th Oct, 13th & 27th Nov, 11th Dec
Time: 6.00pm-7.30pm

For more information contact DSPL 8 Administrator, Ashley Fabray on: 07525917125 or fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk



Year 5 had such a wonderful time at **Cuffley** last week.

We participated in several activities including tree climbing, Jacob's Ladder (which is incredibly high!), problem solving, orienteering and pond dipping. Our children did so well at persevering when they found something difficult and they were so polite and well-mannered to members of Cuffley staff. They

made us very proud! *Well done Year 5!*



Piano Performance, Monday 10th July, 2.45 pm

Parents of the children who have piano lessons are invited to a performance on the above date and time. Please arrive just before 2:45 pm. The performance will take place in the hall.

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.



Lindsey Pollard Dance

The following dance classes are running next term and we would love your child to join us:

Thursdays, 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, Street Dance. Open to Years 3–6 (KS2), Canopy.

Cost £52.00 (for 13 weeks, 14th Sept to 14th Dec). Please make cheques payable to L. Pollard.

The class is open to all of KS2 and is suitable for both boys and girls of all abilities. Spaces are limited!

A consent form is available from the office.

Volunteers required: Volunteers are required to help at the Fun Day on 16th July 2017. Please get in touch if you can help:

hammond.friends@hammondacademy.org.uk

Hertfordshire libraries are getting their magnifying glasses ready.

Why? **Animal Agents** are coming, as part of the

2017 Summer Reading Challenge.

Research shows that the Summer Reading Challenge helps to tackle the problem of children getting out of the habit of reading during the school holidays, helping to improve children's confidence then sends them back to school fired up, ready to learn. It is the UK's biggest promotion of children reading last year over 20,000 Hertfordshire children took part-and it's free.

The children are challenged to read six library books or eBooks of their choice during the holidays. For every two books they read, they are rewarded two stickers. When they have completed the challenge, they will receive a wristband and are invited to a presentation ceremony where they will be given their certificate and medal. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to win tickets to an exclusive author event. The Summer Reading Challenge materials are suitable for visually impaired children.

Animal Agents packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries from Saturday 15 July while stocks last, finishing on Saturday 9 September.