



Hammond Academy

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Attendance

Well done to

Y2 Onyx who are this weeks winners with **99.5%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 18th Sept: Y4 Quartz trip to Affinity Water Education Centre
- 19th Sept: Y4 Citrine trip to Affinity Water Education Centre
- 19th Sept: Game On Multi Sports Club (Rec-Y2) commences
- 20th Sept: Y4 Jasper trip to Affinity Water Education Centre
- 28th Sept, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Reading Workshop for parents
- 28th Sept, 2:45 pm: Reception Stay and Play Fine Motor Development
- 9th Oct: School Photographs (individual)
- 12th Oct, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Calculations Evening for parents
- 16th Oct: School Photographs (Siblings)
- 17th Oct, 3:45—6:00 pm: Parents Evening
- 18th Oct, 3:45 pm—7:30 pm: Parents Evening
- 20th Oct: Harvest Festival
- 23rd Oct—27th Oct: Half Term, school closed

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to the first newsletter of this academic year - it hardly seems possible that we have been back two weeks!

A huge welcome also to all of our new Reception and Nursery children and their families joining our school community this week. We know you will enjoy your time with us here at Hammond Academy and hope that you have found your start with us exactly what you were looking for. We look forward to being a part of your children's lives.

All our children have been settling in well with their new teachers, getting to know the routines and systems for their class, getting to know each other and new classmates as well as looking at who in school can support them in various ways.

It was great seeing so many parents attending our 'Meet the teacher' meetings this week. These were a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have had, be reminded of the key information you need to know, or just put that face to the name of the teacher. These relationships are important to us. For those of you who missed it, please can I remind you all that the information is available on the school website as well as our on our new 'Hammond App' which can be downloaded. I know many of you have done this already.

Hopefully you will have seen many improvements to the school environment this term. Firstly, I would like to thank Friends of Hammond for our new playground markings, they certainly brighten up the playground and the children are enjoying playing new games on them. You will also see that we have a new classroom. This is being used by year 3, who absolutely love it! Everything is new! Inside school we have totally revamped the boys and girls toilets outside year 3 Moonstone and Year 2 Emerald. I need to thank Mr Porterfield and Mr Phillips for all their efforts over the summer holiday.

Please find overleaf a list of the teaching assistants within each class who were not communicated to you all at the end of last term. I would also like to warmly welcome Ms Andrea Sawyer who is our new SENCO this year. All staff have settled into Hammond life really well. The school has a real buzz about it at the moment. Lots of positivity and excitement about the year ahead.

I hope you all have a great weekend with your families.

Kind regards,

Denise Kennedy, Principal

Welcome to Reception!



Reception have had a fantastic start to their new school year this week. We have forged lots of new friendships, explored our new classrooms and investigated our outdoor area. We are looking forward to starting full time next week!

Please can we make a request from you parents....if you have any clear plastic bottles, funnels, or tubes at home or any old planks stashed in your garden, decking, or pieces of guttering that you no longer need, can we have them? We are currently planning some innovative ideas for our outdoor area and these items are greatly needed! Someone else's junk is someone else's treasure!

Thank you!

The Reception Team

Class Teacher	TA and other staff
Nursery – Sophie Chuimi	Michelle Carberry and Karen Meacock
Reception - Louise Thompson	Lauren Pinner
Reception - Karen Bennett	Charlotte Black and Amy Young (1-1 TA)
Year 1 - Robert Lacey	Lauren Godbold
Year 1 - Teresa Fernandes	Paula Sutherland and Lisa Stanhope (1-1 TA)
Year 2 - Xania Matthews	Rebecca Salter
Year 2 - Claire Harris	Louise Morrison
Year 2 - Faye Morby	Hannah Smith and Ria Perry (1-1 TA)
Year 3 – Jessica Smith	Vicky Ferguson
Year 3 – Lauren Cassidy	Sandy Toms (1-1 TA)
Year 3 - Eva Tinoco	Lynn Humphries
Year 4 - Amy Cheunviratsakul	Stephanie Cooke
Year 4 - Abigail Smith	Tanya Mitzman
Year 4 - Jo Sharp	Sylvie Harland (HLTA)
Year 5 - Alex Bradbury	Sonia Howard (HLTA)
Year 5 - Ajminder Shergill	Kelly Wylie and Rebecca Reed (Teacher Trainee)
Year 6 - Rebecca Simpson	Kaye Happe (HLTA)
Year 6 - David Ramsey	Shelly Walsh
	Nurture provision - Nicola Watson Learning mentor - Jenny Holloway

Y4 Parents: Art

The children have returned to school looking incredibly smart! To keep them this way during their wonderful art activities, please don't forget to provide your child with an oversized t-shirt or shirt. This can be kept in their PE bag and washed with their PE kit.

Any problems, please do come and see us.



Piano lessons:

We now have places available for piano tuition on a Thursday for children in Y2 to Y6. Please contact the office if your child is interested.

Free School Meals—Reception to Year 2

A reminder that you may be entitled to free school meals. Though your child receives Universal Free School Meals (which all children in Reception through to Year 2 receive) you may also be entitled to Free School Meals. This would entitle you to benefits throughout your child's time here at Hammond. This would include trips, uniform and much more.

Please go to <http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> and register your child.

Sports Clubs

If your child no longer wishes to attend one of our clubs, please notify the office so that we can remove them from the register and offer the place to another child.

Cancellation: On Monday 9th October, Y5-6 Dodgeball and Boys Football Team training will be cancelled due to Mr Rickman attending Bronze Ambassador Training. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Game On will be running a Multi Sports Club after school on a Tuesday (3.30 pm—4.30 pm) for children in Reception through to Year 2. If you would like your child to attend, please complete a consent form available from the office. The club is due to start on Tuesday 19th September. Fees for the term are £41.80.

Up and coming clubs:

Next week, for Years 1 & 2 we commence Construction Club on a Monday after school and Nature Club on a Wednesday after school. Choir Club for Years 3-6, also commences on Wednesdays.

If you applied for the Construction and Nature Club you will have already received an email to confirm whether your child has a place. We will confirm places by email for Choir on Monday.

All clubs running this term come to an end week ending 15th December.

Nursery Parents: Please provide your child's NHS number by no later than **Monday 18th September**. Thank you.

Year 4 trips to Affinity Water Education Centre

Full uniform must be worn and a packed lunch provided by home. Please see the front page for dates.

Year 6 Parents: JFK Catholic School, Hemel Hempstead

JFK will be holding their open evening for students and parents on Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at 18:30. An open morning will be held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 at 09:30. Application forms can be downloaded from www.jfk.herts.sch.uk

Herts County Council online applications deadline is on the 31st October 2017.

Taster days for all transitional students will be held on 3rd, 4th and 5th July 2018.

A free workshop
for parent/carers

Given by specialist
ADHD/Autism Trainers
from ADD-vance



Dacorum DSPL Area 8 are pleased to present

Writing Social Stories

This 2-hour workshop is designed to meet the needs of parent/carers to help them build on existing skills in supporting children with ADHD/Autism

The workshop will take place between 7pm - 9pm
on
Wednesday 27th September 2017
at
Gade Community Meeting Room
Chaulden Junior School
School Row
Hemel Hempstead
HP1 2JU

To book, please call Ashley Fabray on 07525 917125 or email fabraya@kts.herts.sch.uk
Places are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

Please note that this course is only open to Dacorum parents/carers

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The office will close at 3.30 pm on Tuesday 19th September for staff training.

Please ensure your child's account for dinners, breakfast and after school club are in credit at all times. Thank you.

Milk: please register at coolmilk.com to receive milk for your child.

Milk is subsidised for the under 5's, however, you will need to register at Cool Milk for the milk to be provided. We cannot provide your child with milk if they are not on the Cool Milk class drinking list.

Please contact the office if you have any queries.

DSPL (Delivering Special Provision; Locally) Dacorum now have a Facebook page, which we will keep you up to date with courses/workshops, events and support for professionals and parent/carers.

To be kept up to date with information, please 'like' the page.

The link to the Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/dspldacorum

Website: www.dacorumdspl.org.uk