



Hammond Academy

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Attendance

Well done to

Y2 Onyx who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 23rd Oct–27th Oct: Half Term, school closed
- 30th Oct: Inset Day, school closed
- 1st Nov: Rec Sunstone, Forest Schools
- 1st Nov: Choir Club starts (after school)
- 2nd Nov, 9 am: Calculations session for parents
- 2nd Nov: Friends of Hammond Discos
- 6th Nov: Forest Schools—mixed groups
- 6th Nov: Construction Club (after school). 2nd Register
- 10th Nov: Y3 Celtic Harmony trip
- 13th Nov: Anti-Bullying week
- 14th Nov, 3.30pm–4.30 pm: Math evening for parents
- 23rd Nov, 2.45 pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 28th Nov: Reception to Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccination

Volunteers Needed

We still require three volunteers for our Y3 trip to Celtic Harmony on 10th November.

Please contact the office if you have a Hammond DBS and are free to help. Thank you.

Dear Parents and Carers

So we have reached half term and what a super last day we have had! Today we had our Harvest assembly where we were joined by Reverent Austin. Each Year group from Nursery through to Year 6 performed either a song, poem or story. It was a delightful morning and I am so proud of all the children's confidence and teamwork.

Over the last two weeks, the Leadership team have been looking at the quality of Teaching and Learning across our school. This is one of the greatest honours of my job, being able to be in classrooms seeing children learn and teachers teach. Every time I entered a room, I was blown away about just how hard teachers work before, during and after lessons to ensure the highest quality experience for your children and also how the children of our school WANT to do their best all the time. We are constantly working every week to make improvements to make our school better.

I am sure you were able to observe how much progress your children have made in the few weeks since term started. Thank you to all the parents who attended Consultations this week and for the lovely positive comments I received as I moved from class to class. It was delightful being able to chat to so many of you!

However there have been many times this term, particularly for our office staff when comments being made to them are not necessarily positive and have in fact been rude or disrespectful. I am aware that these wonderful ladies are your first point of communication, but please may I ask that you are courteous of how you communicate your concerns towards them. We ask our children to follow our Hammond Values and they live and breath these everyday throughout the school. These values have become so embedded. I therefore encourage that this is modelled at all times by our community in and around the school when talking to staff members or through emails.

Have a fantastic half term week.

Denise Kennedy, Principal

Inset Day: Monday 30th October—school closed

Class Update: Year 3 Moonstone

In Moonstone this term we have been focusing on number in maths. We have been using the bar model to help us solve addition and subtraction problems. In English we have learnt and innovated our own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and we have now moved onto our non-fiction text 'How to trap a dragon', which is instructions based. We have therefore been exploring different types of instructions and evaluating whether they are good or bad examples before we innovate our own. In PE this term we have been focusing on tag rugby and have been enjoying our sessions with Miss Cassidy as well as with Stags rugby. In Science, we have been looking at rocks and soil. We are now able to name the layers of soil, as well as the different types of rock. We are looking forward to welcoming our new class mate next term, who is joining us from another school.

Miss Cassidy

Reception September

2018 intake:

Open Days:

8th November

13th November

20th November

Session times:

9.30 am, 11 am, 2 pm.

Please contact the school office to book your session.

Applying for a school place—Deadline dates

Apply for Reception (Sept 2018) by 15th Jan 2018. (apply from 6th Nov)

Apply for Secondary School (Sept 2018) by 31st Oct 2017 (**County advise you to apply by 27th October**).

To date, only 41% of our Year 6's have applied so please ensure your application is made in good time.



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Our Harvest

On Friday the whole school celebrated Harvest in an assembly. Each class from Nursery to year 6 contributed something relating to Harvest, whether this was a poem, a song or a picture. Reverent Austin came in to speak about the importance of Harvest and that it is not just about giving away the food that people do not want. This year we will also be doing a collection of food for DENS but due to them being inundated with food around this time and then not much throughout the year, we will be arranging this for a later date. Thank you to everyone for their hard work towards Harvest.



Photographs: You will now have received your child's individual photograph. Sibling photographs will be with us after half term. From receipt you will have 7 days to place your order for both individual and sibling photographs. We will confirm the deadline once the sibling proofs have been received.

After the deadline, orders must be placed online, directly with DSP. Thank you.

Hammond School Disco, Thursday 2nd November

Friends of Hammond will be running a disco on Thursday 2nd November 2017 and look forward to welcoming your children for a fun evening.

EVF\$ - 3.45pm to 4.30pm: Nursery and Reception. Tickets cost £3 which includes their entrance, DJ, unlimited water/squash, a bag of sweets and a party bag. (This avoids them having to keep hold of their money and lose it). Please send money in a named envelope and hand it to the class teacher on the day of the disco. Reception will need to bring in a change of clothes for the disco and the afternoon Nursery are welcome to attend school in their disco clothes if they will be staying. It would be lovely to see the morning nursery return for the disco in the afternoon.

KS1 & KS2 - Y 1, 2 & 3: 4.45pm - 5.45pm, Y4, 5 & 6 - 6.00pm - 7.00pm. The cost for KS1 & KS2 tickets is £2.00.

Snacks and drinks will be available for the children to purchase throughout the evening, for which a suitable amount of money can be sent in with your child contained within a purse or wallet. Please note the money you send them in with is their responsibility. KS1 and KS2 are welcome to pay on the door.

Sunstone Forest School

On Wednesday 1st November, Sunstone will start their Forest School sessions. The children will need to come in suitable clothing warm and will stay in the clothing all day. Please can your child have waterproof over trousers, which can be removed after the Forest School session.

Thank you.

A free workshop
for parent/carers

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**Understanding Sleep Issues
In children with Autism/ADHD**

Do you have a child with ADHD or Autism?
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
Tuesday 21st November 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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PE Kit and Uniform: Please name
them! If lost, items can be returned to the
rightful owner.

Clubs: Our morning and after school clubs will continue after half term until the week ending 15th December. **Please note, children who have been attending Construction Club on a Monday since September have now had their final session.** As of 6th November, a new register is in place for the second half of this term, which includes the children who did not obtain a place in September. A confirmation email has been sent this afternoon.

Our choir club commences on Wednesday 1st November (after school) with Mrs Moorby. If your child has a place you will have already received an email in September.



Update

This week we have had a fantastic UNBEATEN week in our Boys Football. The A Team beat Bovingdon 7-2 on



Monday; goals from Spike, Jack (2), Alfie (2), Danyl and Taylor. Man of the Match, Jack. They also beat Hobletts Manor 7-0 on Thursday; goals from Jamie (3), Alfie (2), Jack and Taylor. Man of the Match, Alfie.

The B Team travelled to Greenway for their first league match on Wednesday,



played brilliantly and won 5-1. Goals from Elliott (2), Prestyn (2) and Jake. Man of the Match, Josh H.

Upcoming Fixtures:

Boys A Team—31st Oct—Potten End (Away)

Boys B Team—1st Nov—Yewtree (Away)

Cross Country Y5/6:

I am still waiting for confirmation of our team result from the Dacorum School Sports Network. Full individual results will also be shared after Half Term.

Mr Rickman



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Come and join us for our Admissions coffee morning.
Meet the Key Stage 3 Leader (Year 7 & Year 8) Mrs Goodchild.
Computers available to help with your on line application.

Thursday 19 October 2017

The Astley Cooper School Library 9.00am - 11.00am