



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Y6 Crystal** who are this week's winners with **98.9%** attendance.

**Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 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
- 1st Nov: Rec Sunstone, Forest Schools
- 2nd Nov, 9 am: Calculations session for parents
- 6th Nov: Forest Schools—mixed groups
- 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

Half term is almost upon us! Next week will be a fantastic opportunity for you to celebrate your child's learning and progress and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our consultation evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will also be joined by our Governors who will be available in the school hall should you wish to discuss anything with them.

This week we have sent home many notices about changes to gate opening times at the end of the day and about supervision for the children in the playground before school. These notices have been sent home to ensure that we are keeping our children safe at all times which is our key priority. In addition to this, please can I again remind you that your children, including younger siblings should not be allowed to climb over our playground equipment before or after school. I thank you all for your support and understanding with this.

We are also having a renewed push on uniform across the school. Can you as parents ensure that your children have all of the correct uniform for school especially appropriate shoes and a tie. It is important that children are dressed smartly to develop the positive learning culture that we want across our school. Furthermore, now the autumn weather is setting in, it is important that your child comes to school with a coat, even if they are wearing a blazer. I have had many children wanting to stay in at break time this week as they are too cold.

Finally, parent partnership is really encouraged at Hammond and it has been great that more parents this year have kindly volunteered their time to listen to children read after the workshop based on reading recently. However, we are still in need of more parental volunteers across the school. I am aware that parents need to have DBS clearance but we are more than happy to do this for you and Mrs French is more than willing to support parents with the process. We need help with our Forest school sessions on a Monday and Wednesday, listening to readers and trips. We realise that your time is precious but the children and the enrichment we can offer will benefit greatly.

Here's to an enjoyable last week of term. Another week to focus on our Hammond values of Perseverance, Respect, Courage, Honesty and Teamwork. I hope when you visit the classrooms next week you will see for yourselves how the children are persevering with their learning and having the courage to take risks as learners.

**Denise Kennedy, Principal**



## Cross Country

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Cross Country Team for winning their event this week. All of the children's individual scores were added together to make up our overall score. We won by over 40 points! Well done to everyone who took part I am super proud of you all.

Next week our Year 5/6 Team take part in their Cross Country event, we wish them good luck! Results will be posted next week.

Mr Rickman

## 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**)



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**Sibling Photographs** will be taking place on Monday 16th October.

### Reception September 2018 intakes:

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.

### Maths

We are so lucky that we have managed to book Mr Chen to run our Maths workshops throughout the year for our children, parents and teachers! Dates and times have been emailed to you all. We really hope that you can all make these. These workshops are in place of the original date (14th Nov) that we had in the diary to run a Maths Evening. This has been cancelled. We will however, still be running the Maths Calculation Talk for parents on the 2nd November at 9 am.

### PE Kit

As it is starting to get quite cold, children should have tracksuit tops and/or bottoms in school for PE lessons.



## Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: William

Nursery Opal: Eliade

Reception Sunstone: Sasha

Reception Coral: Cayden

Y1 Pearl: Thomas

Y1 Jade: Faye

Y2 Diamond: Rayver

Y2 Emerald: Natalia

Y2 Onyx: Ishina

Y3 Amethyst: Poppy

Y3 Moonstone: Leon

Y3 Sapphire: Paisley

Y4 Jasper: Maxwell

Y4 Citrine: Autumn

Y4 Quartz: Alexa

Year 5 Garnet: Elliot

Y6 Crystal: Willow

Y6 Aquamarine: Abigail

### We Need Your Junk!



As you know, Reception have absolutely loved experiencing the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' this half term. We have enjoyed lots of activities related to our Talk for Writing story and built houses for our own pigs using building materials, both inside and outside. We would like to extend our construction skills further by building houses for our lucky pigs using junk such as boxes and cartons. Please, if you have any, can you leave outside our class rooms on Monday morning.

Many thanks, The Reception team



**Next match:** Boys A Team v Bovingdon (away) on 16th October.

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for parent/carers

Given by specialist  
ADHD/Autism Trainers  
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## Understanding ADHD for Dads

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

The workshop will take place between 7pm - 9pm  
on  
Tuesday 31st October 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@kls.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fabraya@kls.herts.sch.uk)  
Places are limited, so please do book early to avoid disappointment

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## Understanding Sleep Issues In children with Autism/ADHD

Do you have a child with ADHD or Autism?  
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