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Forthcoming Dates:

- 6th Nov: Forest Schools—mixed groups
- 6th Nov, AM: Y1 Inter School Competition (Hemel Sportspace)
- 6th Nov: Construction Club (after school). 2nd Register
- 8th Nov, 3pm : Y5 Tigers Eye Music Performance (Class)
- 9th Nov, 3pm: Y6 Aquamarine Music Performance (Class)
- 10th Nov: Y3 Celtic Harmony trip (pick up time 3.15 pm)
- 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
- 7th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y5 & 6 Christmas Performance
- 8th Dec: School Council Fund Raising Day
- 11th Dec, 2.45 pm : Reception & Y1 Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y4 Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec: Christmas Lunch
- 13th Dec, 2.45pm: Y2 Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec, 9.30 am: Nursery AM & PM Christmas Performance
- 14th Dec: Pantomime Performance (Aladdin)
- 18th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y3 Christmas Performance

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great half term break and that you had a restful and peaceful family time together. On Monday all staff were trained in First Aid which adds to the high quality care and safety we hold in high esteem for our children. Hopefully we will never have to use the training apart from the everyday grazes that our children occur, but it's good knowing every staff member has been up skilled.

What a super first week back we have had. This week has been a themed week based on poetry writing linked to Remembrance. I have been touched by the children's poetry and empathy. They truly have captured the theme of compassion and a sense of belonging. The poems reflected our Hammond values of Respect, Courage and Teamwork. I am sure you have looked in awe at the poppy display created by KS2 children by the main entrance. Mrs Cheunviratsukul has led on this art project across the school and the children have had a fantastic time with their art work. Both the teachers and the children produced two fantastic displays to be proud of. Thank you to all the parents who emailed the school with such lovely comments. EYFS and Years 1/2 have also created a poppy which is on display in the main school by the library. Please feel free to come and share this work with your child after school on Monday from **3.30pm - 4.00pm**.

This week of course also saw Halloween come and go and I hope that those of you that chose to enjoy the evening kept safe and well and had a good time. This of course was followed by the Disco last night. The children seemed to have a great time. As ever a huge thank to the PTA, the money they raise is vital for us to keep providing things for your children that we ordinarily wouldn't be able to. Thanks also go to the staff that were able to support on the night.

To finish, may I remind you all about packed lunches. Staff have noticed that sweets and cakes are being brought into school and these are then being taken out of lunchboxes at break time. Please can I remind you all that fruit and cereal bars should only be consumed at break time.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Fireworks.

Kind regards

Denise Kennedy, Principal

You may have already seen that we now have our wonderful **KS2 poppy display** near the front entrance, as well as our beautiful indoor display. A huge well done for all the hard work from teachers, children and staff in bringing this project together.



We also want to say thank you to all the parents who have given such positive feedback. This really shows what a great community we are.



Parent comment: *"I was super impressed with the Poppy display! What a great effort by all the teachers and children involved in making it!! Lovely idea"*

Cross Country

I am very proud to announce that our Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Team won their local competition at Astley Cooper before Half Term. This means that we are now the local Champions for Year 3/4/5/6 which is a huge achievement that has never happened before! I am so proud of all the runners both individually and even more importantly for supporting each other and coming out as overall Team Winners.



This week I took our strongest group of runners to the Dacorum District Cross Country Championships. Twenty-five schools attended the event and all the best runners from the local events were invited to take part. Our Girls Team came 3rd overall and our Boys Team came in the Top 10 schools as well. Individually our highest finisher was Milla who came 2nd out of approximately 100 runners in the Girls field. A huge individual achievement and a fantastic role model within our school. A massive well done to all of the children who represented Hammond Academy at this event, the standard was so high and you gave it 100% effort and I couldn't be more proud of you!

Update

Another fantastic victory for our B Team winning 5-1 against Yewtree this week. Goals from Jake R (4) and Theo JG (1). Man of the Match: Harley C.

Well done boys!



Upcoming Fixtures

Mon 6th Nov -

Boys A Team vs Leverstock Green (Away)

Tue 7th Nov -

Girls Team vs Gade Valley (Away)

Wed 8th Nov -

Boys B Team vs Chambersbury (Away)

Sunstone Forest School: Forest Schools takes place on Wednesdays for Reception Sunstone. The class is split into two sessions (AM and PM). Please check the list outside Sunstone which confirms the session your child is to attend. If your child attends the AM session, they must come to school dressed for Forest Schools (suitable outdoor clothing, water-proof tops and bottoms are advised). Please ensure your child's uniform and school shoes are brought with them for after the session. If your child attends the PM session, Forest School clothing and footwear (wellies) must be brought with them to change into. Thank you.

Photographs: You should now have received your school photographs. If you wish to purchase via the school please complete the order form and return to the school office with payment by no later than Monday 6th November. If you miss the deadline, your order will need to be placed online, directly with DSP.



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Attendance

Well done to **Y4 Jasper** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Phonic Cards

The Phonic Card sets are now available to order on Gateway. The cards are suitable for children in Reception and Year 1. Set 1 costs £5.50 and Set 2 & 3, come together at the same price. We will inform you when the phonic cards have arrived in school and are ready for collection. If you have any queries, please direct them to your child's

Reception Sept 2018 intake:

Open Days:

13th Nov, 20th Nov, 8th Jan (9.30 am only)

Session times: 9.30 am, 11 am, 2 pm.
Please contact the school office to book your session.

Deadline

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