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Attendance

Well done to **Y1 Jade & Y6 Crystal** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance. **Target: 100%**

Forthcoming Dates:

- 22nd Nov: Y5 Trip to Hudnall Park
- 23rd Nov, 2.45 pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 23rd Nov, 7pm–8pm: Parent Forum (school hall)
- 24th Nov: No uniform day for Christmas Fair Tombola donation
- 28th Nov: Reception to Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccination
- 29th Nov, 3pm: Y4 Quart Sharing Assembly
- 7th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y5 & 6 Christmas Performance
- 8th Dec: School Council Fund Raising Day
- 9th Dec, 12pm–3pm: Friends of Hammond Christmas Fair
- 11th Dec, 9.15 am & 2.30 pm : Reception & Y1 Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y4 Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec: Christmas Lunch
- 13th Dec, 2.30pm: 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
- 19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th Dec: End of term (school closes at 1pm—no After School Club)

Dear Parents and Carers

A few weeks ago (week 4) I wrote to you with our goal of an attendance figure of 96% for the year and displayed this attendance in pictorial form. Today I looked at our attendance figures again. We are currently at 96.1% which is just on track.

However, if you look at the table (right) you will see how your child's class compares against attendance:

Looking at this chart it is clear that certain classes have dropped into the red when we are aiming for orange, or more important, green. Well done Y1 Pearl, Y2 Onyx, Y4 Jasper for maintaining green! Also well done to Y6 Crystal for moving to 97.29%.

Basically, less than 95% attendance means that 2 weeks of learning time is lost over the academic year!

This week the children have participated in several workshops linked to Anti-Bullying. After speaking to the children they all said what a great week it has been and how safe they feel in the school. There have been lots of fun activities taking place to discuss this theme and the children have fully enjoyed the week; really being respectful and reflective. It has been lovely seeing them all dressed in blue today, makes a change from red!

Have a great weekend with your families. **Denise Kennedy, Principal**

Class Name	Percentage Nov	End Sept colour code
Nursery Ruby AM	95.94	Red
Nursery Ruby PM	83.82	Red
Reception Coral	95.47	Yellow
Reception Sun-stone	94.63	Yellow
Year 1 Pearl	97.12	Green
Year 1 Jade	96.6	Green
Year 2 Diamond	93.65	Red
Year 2 Emerald	93.48	Red
Year 2 Onyx	98.00	Green
Year 3 Moonstone	96.0	Yellow
Year 3 Sapphire	94.51	Red
Year 3 Amethyst	96.0	Yellow
Year 4 Jasper	97.33	Green
Year 4 Quartz	96.69	Yellow
Year 4 Citrine	95.81	Red
Year 5 Garnet	95.5	Yellow
Year 5 Tigers Eye	94.46	Red
Year 6 Aquamarine	91.6	Red
Year 6 Crystal	97.29	Green

Green	Excellent over 97%
Yellow	Good over 96.0%
Red	Needs Improvement less than 96%

Class Update: Year 5 Garnet

In Y5 Garnet this week, we started our new fiction unit in English called 'The Nightmare Man'- the set up in class caused lots of excitement and interest!

On Wednesday for 'Anti-bullying', we took part in a 'play in a day' workshop which we then presented to the whole school. We looked at various scenarios of bullying and discussed how we could deal with them. This was a fantastic way for the class to understand the issues surrounding bullying and to really look at them in more depth.

It was also assessment week in school this week, so we've done lots of test papers, really applying our growth mind-set and showing great perseverance. Well done, Garnet!

Reception parents...come and join us for Stay & Play on 23rd November, 2:45 pm We will be sharing our phonic activities, which the children enjoy each morning. We look forward to seeing you in class!

After school sports club will finish at 4:15 pm as of Monday 20th November, until further notice. Please collect your child promptly at this time. Thank you.

DEADLINE: Apply for Reception (Sept 2018) by 15th Jan 2018 (apply now)



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REMINDER: There is a black box in the school office foyer for any correspondence / forms you need to return to the office. To save you having to wait during busy times, please feel free to use it.

EYF\$ are creating a Bug Hotel!

At home, if you have anything spare that could contribute to the renovation of the bug hotel we would really appreciate it. Examples:

- ceramic plant pots (various sizes)
- bamboo, pinecones, moss,
- variety of different sized plastic tubes/bottles
- leaves, pebbles, stones
- thin wooden stumps (e.g stepping stones), bricks
- straw

Thank you in advance.

Reception & Y1 Christmas Performance

There will be two performances of the above on 11th Dec (9.15 am & 2.30 pm). Today a letter has been sent home via email and hard copy giving details. Seats can be booked on the Parents Evening System as of 25th Nov.



Update

Teamwork

Boys A Team stroll to another victory winning 6-1 away to George Street on Monday.



Goals from Alfie (x3), Spike, Jake and Jack.

Man of the Match:

Jack—for a fantastic performance on the wing. Also—this was our first outing for our new kit!

Next match:

Mon 20th Nov: Boys B Team v Galley Hill (away)

Respect



Anti Bullying Week

This week in school we have been learning about 'Anti-bullying', understanding what bullying is and the different forms it can take. As well as knowing what to do if you or someone you know is being bullied.

On Tuesday we had 'Action Work' come to work with different year groups to consolidate our understanding of the issues that surround bullying.

Y6 Trip to the Natural History Museum, Thursday 16th November

Year 6 had a wonderful day at The National History, Tring. We learnt a lot about adaptations that animals have gone through and took part in a fantastic workshop where we looked at the adaptations of a hedgehog, a turtle, a mole and a squirrel. We were lucky enough to have a hands on experience to see the adaptation.



Any you able to donate? Our Nursery team would appreciate any children's magazines, recipe books, specialist magazines i.e. cars, stamps, fishing for their reading area. Thank you.



Sun 10th Dec 2017
10am
Hemel Hempstead

Calling all Santas and Jingle Dogs...

Gather up your friends and family and join our sea of super santas to walk, sprint, scoot or jog around our festive 2.5 mile Santa Dash through Hemel Hempstead.

We'll supply you with your Santa suits (reindeer ears for the little ones) and greet you at the finish line with a mince pie, hot drink and shiny medal.

Registration costs £15 for adults, £5 for children or bring the whole family including the dog for just £40.

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit and support your local Hospice too... It's all for a good cause!

Sign Up Now!

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Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Mahdiya Nursery Opal: Ava

Reception Sunstone: Cleopatra

Y1 Jade: Lila Y1 Pearl: Lucy

Y2 Diamond: Faith Y2 Emerald: James Y2 Onyx: George

Y3 Amethyst: Aaliyah Y3 Moonstone: Riley Y3 Sapphire: Emily

Y4 Citrine: Ronnie Y4 Jasper: Xander

Year 5 Garnet: Sarah Y5 Tigers Eye: x Y6 Aquamarine: Jamal Y6 Crystal: Joel

REMINDER: Math's Workshop with Mr Chen

The workshop dates have been sent to you. If you are interested in attending with your child, please log onto <https://hammondacademy.parenteveningsystem.co.uk> to book a place.

Reception Sept 2018 intake:

Open Days: 20th Nov (11 am) and 8th Jan (9.30 am).

Please contact the school office to book your session.