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Forthcoming Dates:

- 17th Sept: Sports clubs commence
- 17th Sept: Y1 Phonics club starts
- 18th Sept, 3.30pm–4.30pm: Game On Mini Olympics club starts (R-Y2)
- 17th Sept, 3:30pm: Y5 Meet the Teacher (Hall)
- 19th Sept, 3.30pm: Y6 Meet the Teacher (Hall)
- 20th Sept, 3:15pm: Reception Meet the Teacher (Hall)
- 24th Sept: Choir club starts
- 27th Sept, 2:45pm: Reception Stay & Play (Class)
- 3rd Oct, 3pm: Y5 Garnet Sharing Assembly
- 9th Oct: Y4 Citrine & Jasper: Affinity Water trip
- 10th Oct: Y4 Quartz: Affinity Water Trip
- 17th Oct, 3pm: Y4 Jasper Sharing Assembly (Hall)

Quotes of the Week:

"I love our school"

Anya, Year 4.

"Leon was really nice to me earlier – I had no one to play with so he came and asked me if I wanted to play with him and his friends"

Louis.

"Captain Courage would be proud of me!"

Year 2 child.

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to a new Academic Year and welcome to all those parents/carers who are new to our Hammond Community. I hope you all had lovely summers.

I have really enjoyed my first two weeks of being Acting Principal! I have loved meeting and greeting a lot of you at the gate in the morning – it's fantastic seeing the children coming in to school: beaming smiles and lots of happy "Good Mornings". It was great to see so many of them running and even skipping into school! Uniform has also been to an exceptionally high standard: shirts are tucked in, ties are straight, blazers are worn with pride and I have seen lots of shiny new shoes too! Setting these high expectations now is really getting them prepared for life beyond Primary School so thank you for your support with this.

Over the last two weeks, we have relaunched our Hammond Learning Heroes: **Mr Manners, Captain Courage, Honesty Hawk, Percy Perseverance, Miss T (Teamwork)**. We have been thinking of ways in which they can help us with our learning; both in the classroom and on the playground. We have been teaching the children that behaviour choices they make are all part of their learning journeys at school. In the same way that children can make academic progress, they can make progress in their behaviour choices too. For further information on our new Learning and Relationship Policy (from page 6 of our Behaviour Policy) please see our website.

All the classes have been taking part in Growth Mind-set activities to remind children that it is good to find tasks difficult – from our mistakes, we learn. We can achieve anything we want to as long as we put our minds to it and keep persevering. Children will have a different learning partner every week to help them with their learning – someone who they may have never worked with before. Throughout the week, children will be encouraged to think about how their learning partner has acted similarly to a Learning Hero. At the end of the week, children will stick in the kind message that they receive from their partner into their very first learning journal! Therefore by the end of each term they will have received at least 12 messages from other children about how they are a kind and supportive person. Children have responded so well to this – they really are starting to look for and find the good in others. I have already been told how one child helped them get up the stairs when they had hurt their foot, how someone in their class has "helped boost" their confidence and another child has put their hand up in class a lot more.

Meet the Teacher evenings have been taking place this week and next which I hope you have been able to attend or will be able to attend. These evenings give you the opportunity to meet your new class teacher and new members of staff – who I have to say really feel like part of the team already. It's great to have them on board!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards, Miss Graham Acting Principal

Aspire News

On Monday 3rd September, the whole of the Aspire team (Hammond Academy, Bovingdon Academy, Broadfield Academy, Bedmond Academy, The Grove Academy and Knutsford School) met for a fantastic day of training led by David Harris, the writer of 'Brave Heads' and 'Leadership Dialogues'. We came away from the day really buzzing; it tied in so perfectly with our new Learning and Relationship Policy as well as one of our focuses for the year: the Creative Curriculum. The strong networks and partnerships that we have across the Trust really benefit the school: we work collaboratively and we share excellent practice. With this, comes great opportunities for CPD too.



Introducing: Learning Hero Box

This is our brand new Learning Hero Box. Children and adults post thank you and well done messages to each other here. A slip will then be selected from the box and the child or adult who has been recognised for displaying our learning hero qualities, will be congratulated in assembly.

Welcome to all our new children

who have joined us in Nursery and Reception this month. This is the beginning of their school journey and we at Hammond are privileged to be a part of their first steps into education. The Early Years team are always happy to speak to you, so please do not hesitate to approach us when you have a question, query or are in need of further information.

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Class Update: Year 1 Pearl (Mr Lacey)

This week we have started our new story of the gingerbread man. Using play dough we are building the characters and sharing the story. In maths we have been practicing our numbers (after a long summer holiday) and working on positional numbers. Great for when we are lining up. We are all excited for our new topic: TOYS!

Important Notice:

If another person is collecting your child from school, please contact the school office with details. The office staff will ask for the name of the person collecting and will then pass on the message to the class teacher. Knowing who is collecting your child is essential. We will not release your child to another adult if we have not been made aware of this arrangement by yourself.

Please note: Cool Milk registration leaflets are available from the office.

EYFS Notice:

'Meet the Teacher' on Thursday 20th September, 3:15pm, in the hall at 3.15pm.

Nursery Stay & Play: 7th November, 11:00—11:35am.

Clubs

Sports clubs will commence on Monday 17th September and come to end on Friday 14th December.

Game On, Mini Olympics clubs is due to start on Tuesday 18th September. This club is for children in Reception to Year 2. There are still spaces available on this club, so please contact the office if your child would like to join.

Choir club will commence on Monday 24th September with Faye Morby in Year 2 Emerald class. This club is full and has a large waiting list.

Please contact the office if your child no longer wishes to attend a club.

PE News

Please be reminded that all PE News and Updates can be found on Mr Rickman's twitter account. Log on to twitter and follow [@MrRickmanPE](https://twitter.com/MrRickmanPE) for more information.



As we start another year, our football teams are back up and running. Our A Team will kick off their season with a friendly against Bovingdon next Thursday and both our A and B teams will face Hobletts Manor the week after. Results will be posted on twitter after each game.

Sponsorship: I am looking for more sponsorship this year to put towards a new set of aluminium football goals. These goals are safer, stronger and will last for a much longer length of time. If you are interested in this opportunity to donate or sponsor please contact Mr Rickman at school.

Lastly, PE kit has been great this week, please keep this up and don't forget to start sending in warmer clothes for the bad weather. Football boots are advised for when the field becomes boggy!

Thank you as always for your support, we are looking forward to another successful year in PE!

Piano Lessons

Our piano teacher, Naama Kozokaro has three spaces available on a Monday. Session fees are £16.50 and must be paid in advance.

Please contact the school office if your child is interested.

Can you donate?

Y4 Parents: Can you donate a toilet roll holder (the middle brown bit)? If so, please send your child into school with it.

Thank you in advance.

Miss Smith

If you hold a Hammond DBS and are up to date with your safeguard training, we are always grateful for offers of help on our school trips. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you, as always.