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Newsletter



Learning Hero of the Week "Miss Courage"

Attendance

Well done to **Y1 Pearl** who are this week's winners with **98%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

See the box opposite for Christmas Event dates.

- 10th Dec, 3:30 pm: Y1 Phonics Club
- 14th Dec: End of Autumn term clubs.
- 17th Dec, 3:30 pm: Y1 Phonics Club
- 21st Dec, 1 pm: School closes, end of Autumn term (no Friday After School Club)

EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Nursery and Reception have a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 11th December. Please remember to bring your child's costume to school on Monday 10th December, if you have not already done so.

Friday After School Club

There will be no Friday After School Club on the 21st December as school closes at 1pm for the Christmas holidays.

There are still a few spaces available to book on next term's Friday After School Club. Please go to Gateway to book if a space is required as spaces are always filled very quickly.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another great week we have had! All three Year 5 classes held a Victorian Afternoon Tea for their parents in the hall. They were such lovely afternoons! It was so nice seeing children serving their parents some of their Victorian sponge cakes that they had baked in school - I hear they were delicious!! I'm so glad all of the parents received their Victorian invitations which their children sent in the post!

This week, every child in the school has made something in class to sell at the Christmas Fayre - I'm incredibly impressed by some of the end products, in particular the Year 1 stockings which they have stitched and sewn together from scratch! I don't think I could have done any better myself! The children are all really looking forward to selling you their handy work at the staff stall on Sunday to try and raise as much money as possible for the school. I hope I see lots of you there!

On my Monday morning assembly I told the children that at the weekend I had seen The Greatest Showman for the first time (I know I am slightly behind the times!) and how much I loved it. Just before the credits, the statement "The noblest art of all is that of making others happy" appeared on the screen which tied in so nicely to the theme of my assembly. We discussed the things that make us happy: children shared that spending quality time with their parents/families/extended families made them happy and they loved being in school with their teachers and friends, which is so nice to hear! Children then came up with ways in which they can make others happy, such as complimenting them; helping mums and dads around the house, and "doing jobs and helping our teachers".

We discovered that doing small kind things for other people, not only positively affects the person they are being kind to, but also makes us happy too! There is a significant relationship between making others happy and making ourselves happy. I therefore set them a challenge: to be the nicest and kindest person they can be for the week and to see whether their personal happiness levels improve by next week. I look forward to hearing the results!

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, **Miss Graham, Acting Principal**

Frost Fair

Sunday 9th December
12pm - 3pm

ADULTS £1
CHILDREN FREE

TOMBOLA · SANTAS GROTTO
ELVES WORKSHOP · RAFFLE · GAMES
MINCE PIES · HOT CHOCOLATE
COOKIE DECORATING · GIFT STALLS

AND MUCH MORE!

PLUS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE
YOUR CHILDS HANDMADE CHRISTMAS
GIFT!

Today's non-uniform day: Tombola Donations

We are so grateful to all those who donated items for the Frost Fair tombola, today! Excitement is building for Sunday's Frost Fair and we hope as many of you as possible can join us to help raise funds for our great school! The Friends of Hammond team have worked extremely hard to organise this event and we hope all involved enjoy the festive fun!

Christmas Event Dates

12th December 9.30 - 10.00 am
EYFS Nativity - for Nursery & Reception parents

13th December, 9.00 - 11.00 am Sleeping Beauty Panto

14th December: Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (whole school)

17th December 10 am - 1.15 pm Christmas Choir concert at Luton Airport for children who are in the choir. Year 5 Jet Christmas Party.

18th December 2.45pm to 3.30pm Year 1 & 2 Christmas Carols in the hall - Year 1 PARENTS ONLY

19th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Carols in the hall from 2.45pm to 3.30pm - Year 2 PARENTS ONLY

20th December Nursery to Year 6 Class Christmas Parties (more information to follow) except for Y5 Jet's which will be held on the 17th December.

20th December Christmas Lunch and Open Afternoon in the classroom from 3.30 - 4.30 for parents to see children's work. Children in Years 3 - 6, will be performing some Christmas Carols in class. Year 3: Christmas songs to start at 3.30pm. Year 4: Christmas songs to start at 3.45pm. Year 5 & 6: Christmas songs to start at 4pm. Reception and Year 1 will be performing their T4W story at 3.10 pm.

21st December 9.00 - 9.30 am - Choir Christmas Performance for those parents of children in the choir.



Learning Hero of the Week

To be presented in class on Monday 10th December
at 3:15 pm

Y1 Jade: Amelie Y1 Pearl: Louis Y2 Diamond: Ines

Y2 Emerald: Lucy Y3 Amethyst: Ella-Mae Y3 Moonstone: Haniyah

Y3 Sapphire: Tiana Y4 Citrine: Olivia Y4 Jasper: Emsley

Y4 Quartz: Jayden Y5 Garnet: Thomas Y5 Jet: Harry

Y5 Tigers Eye: Riley Y6 Aquamarine: Elliot Y6 Crystal: Serine

Early Years

Presented today: Nursery: Lauren & Xivaan
Reception Coral: Olena Reception Sunstone: Semmy

Afternoon Tea with Y5

This week Year 5 enjoyed three separate 'Afternoon Tea' events in school. The children loved getting their hands dirty, baking and then filling the sponge cakes with jam and frosted icing! These afternoons were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to come in - the children were very excited to have you there and as always your support is very much appreciated by us.

Class Update: Y4 Jasper

This week Jasper has been learning how to solve the perimeter of different shapes and how to work out the missing sides. We have been using our Hammond value of TEAMWORK to calculate the perimeter of the shapes.

We have also started learning our new text map. It is a non-fiction text called 'Mortifying mountain moment'. We have been working really hard to learn the actions and identify the features of the text.

Miss Smith



Booster sessions for the Autumn term have now come to an end. Y1 Phonics Club will continue. If your child is invited to attend booster sessions in the new term, you will be contacted directly. Thank you.

Nursery Dates

20th Dec, 11.00–11:45 am: Talk for Writing in the nursery and Stay & Play

21st Jan 2019, 11:00 am: Stay & Play

Class Lists

In compliance with GDPR, we are unable to provide class lists to those parents who request them for Christmas/birthday card list purposes.



News: On Tuesday we had Mrs Parsey, CEO of ASPIRE Aspire, and Mr Evans, Executive Principal of Aspire, visit Hammond Academy to carry out a Review Day for Maths. Alongside members of SLT, we visited all of the classrooms to observe the amazing work that the children have been carrying out in maths. We were truly impressed with seeing our children so engaged in their learning. It proved again how hard working all of our teachers are in ensuring that their lessons are stimulating and challenging so that our children not only love coming to school, but also make lots of progress. It was great to see!

Admissions 2020/2021

Hammond Academy is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2020/21 and is seeking responses from parent/carers, schools and community groups. The proposed changes are:

1. To amend the wording and definition of 'Rule 2 – exceptional social and medical reasons to attend a specific school' to include children previously looked after abroad and subsequently adopted.
2. The consultation period runs from 19th November 2018 – 6th January 2019. Please send your comments regarding the proposals to the school direct at admin@hammondacademy.org.uk

Open Days for Nursery Sept 2019 intake

The application process for Nursery September 2019 opens on 4th February and closes on 15th March 2019. If you are considering applying and would like to attend an open morning, please contact the office to book one of the sessions below:

6th, 11th, 27th Feb, 4th, 13th March

All tours start at 9:15 am. (for approx. 30 minutes).

Applying for Reception Sept 2019 intake

Admissions for Reception have been underway since 5th November. The deadline to apply to county is the 15th Jan. Our open days have been fully booked and we have very much enjoyed meeting our prospective parents. Please keep the deadline in mind if this applies to you.

Reception Parents

Thank you for your continued support by coming to the Stay & Play reading session last week. The parents attended a short talk on phonics and reading with Mrs Lacey and then joined their children in class for reading activities. Feedback from parents: *'very informative session, thank you for all the support and guidance with phonics'*.

Autumn term and Spring term clubs

Autumn term sports clubs (AM and PM) will come to an end on **Friday 14th December**, this includes Game On whose last session takes place on Tuesday 11th December.

A Spring club timetable will be released shortly. Clubs will be available to book on Gateway for a £2.00 booking fee at that time.