



Hammond Academy

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Happy New Year!

Newsletter

Attendance

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

Forthcoming Dates:

- 21st Jan, World Religion Day
- 21st Jan, Nursery Stay & Play (11.00–11.45am)
- 22nd Jan, Rec Coral, Pizza Express Trip
- 22nd Jan, Game On Club Commences
- 24th Jan, Rec Sunstone, Pizza Express Trip
- 30th Jan, Y2 Diamond, Mill Green Museum Trip
- 31st Jan, Y2 Emerald Mill Green Museum Trip
- 11th Feb, Y5 Jet Hazard Alley Trip
- 12th Feb—Y5 Garnet & Y5 Tigers Eye Hazard Alley Trip
- 13th & 14th Feb—NSPCC Workshops
- 18th Feb —22nd Feb **School Closed Half Term**
- 25th Feb, Return to School Monday @ 8.45am

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

I have to say 2019 has started incredibly well at Hammond! Even though the children were all very excited to talk through what they got from Santa and what they had got up to in the holidays, it was lovely to hear that they were all "super excited" about coming back to school! On our first day back after Christmas, we were taken back in time with Year 2 all dressed up as Tudors! They looked incredible. They also loved baking bread in class! Unfortunately I didn't get to try any – I will have to next time!

In assembly on our first day back, we learnt the history of New Years Resolutions. We all looked at lots of different pictures of the Pagan God JANUJ (JANUary) who had one face looking forward (into the future) and another facing backwards (looking into the past). We discussed how this was important, as New Years resolutions are all about reflecting on how the last year went and thinking about what you might want to change; do more of or do less of in the year to come. We then reflected on what this could mean for us. Lots of children were incredibly mature about this and discussed how they would like to start showing more of the attributes belonging to our Learning Heroes.

I also had a bit of news to tell them on Friday, which I am sure they may have shared with you – the fact that I am having a baby. I explained to them how I am very much in the "learning pit" when it comes to having a baby of my own! I always explain to them that here at Hammond, we are very much a huge family and that they are all "my children" in school hours, however, when it comes to having a baby of my own, I have lots to learn! I have to say, I was not expecting the response I got – the children all cheered, clapped and congratulated me and I have had so many lovely comments from them – some of which telling me lots of tips on how to look after a baby, with some telling me that "it's very hard work!" I explained in assembly how I will have to be away from school for a bit to look after the baby, but I will be back! I'm sure I will visit with the baby too. They all asked if the baby could join Hammond Academy on my return however I had to explain that they might be a bit young!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I look forward to the week to come!

Miss Graham, Acting Principal



Learning Hero of the Week

To be presented in class on Monday 21st Jan at 3:15 pm

Y1 Jade: Harrison, Y1 Pearl: Charlie,
Y2 Diamond: Rafael, Y2 Emerald: Amirah,
Y3 Amethyst: Anya, Y3 Moonstone: Joel,
Y3 Sapphire: Damian, Y4 Citrine: Madison,
Y4 Jasper: Louis, Y4 Quartz: Clayton,
Y5 Garnet: Savannah, Y5 Jet: Matthew,
Y5 Tigers Eye: Finley,
Y6 Aquamarine: Christian, Y6 Crystal: Anthony

Early Years

Presented today: Nursery: Amy

Reception Coral: Sam,
Reception Sunstone: Scarlett



Choir visit to Luton Airport

On Monday 17th December the school choir went to Luton airport to perform for the public who were going away for the Christmas period. The choir sang their hearts out and the public thoroughly enjoyed listening to them. As they performed the children collected money and raised **£161.71** for Macmillan. A huge well done to the choir and thank you to the parents who came and supported us on the day.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say a thank you not only to the children but also their parents who have been so supportive of the choir so far this year. I can't wait to continue this term with them.

Faye Morby

Year 2 Teacher/Music Lead



Casual Staff Vacancy

Aspire Catering Team - We are currently recruiting for casual staff to join our Aspire catering team.

For more information please contact our Head of Catering Paul Mills on either of the following:

Mobile - 07496 069 184 pmills@aspireacademies.org.uk



Aspire Update

Every Principal from each of our 6 schools along with Mrs Parsey met together this week to discuss key areas of our Improvement Plans. We thought of ways in which we can help support each other with our main priorities for our schools. It's great to have the opportunity to share advice and knowledge with each other and to co-ordinate meetings between professionals from each of our schools to ensure that quality practice is shared between us. This is why it is so good to be part of Aspire Trust.



Well Done to All our Readers!

A massive congratulations to all the children across the school who achieved the reading reward this last term. We are so proud of them all!

On Tuesday morning (18th December) the children enjoyed a biscuit decorating workshop in the hall. They were very excited and enjoyed every moment of the Christmas workshop. Thank you to all the teaching staff and parents for your hard work and support with reading in school and at home this term. It is because of you that children grow in confidence and achieve their goals.

Mrs Lacey and Miss Smith

Year 1 Reading

Information was sent home to parents last week about reading with their children. Also the new story has been sent home to be learnt please. This will support their English learning this term. Also we will be learning about plant growth so pictures in their homework books of any growing being done at home would be lovely.

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).

Nursery Application forms will be available on the website at the end of January. Paper copies will also be available at this time from the school office.



Snow Day

With adverse weather predicted for the coming weeks, please be advised that we will communicate as soon as we are able to regarding school closure. We will use our website and app for updates and where possible we will send a text and email, however with the number of messages sent and communication providers also experiencing problems, there can be delays in receiving our messages.

Please ensure you have downloaded the app to your phones, ensuring "whole school" channel is selected from the options. If you need assistance with the app, please let us know.

Health Notice

Chickenpox and Ibuprofen

It is not advised not to give children Ibuprofen/Nurofen if they have chickenpox.

This type of medication is an anti-inflammatory and it reacts with chickenpox making them go deeper into the skin tissue. Nurofen is Ibuprofen based and the NHS website does state for children not to take Ibuprofen based products for chickenpox. It should also state this on all Nurofen bottles.

Update Year 2 Tudor Day

Year 2 have had an exciting return to school

Firstly we came dressed as Tudors, it was fantastic to see the range of costumes.

During last week we explored and tasted a range of breads, made our own bread to cook at home, looked at the history of breads and found out where different breads come from around the world.

We also found out that Thomas Farriner was the owner of the Bakery in Pudding Lane, where the fire started.

We are looking forward to finding out more about the structure and features of instructions as well as learning more about Tudor foods and the great fire of London itself.



Parent Volunteers

We are still in need of parent volunteers for some of the trips we have taking place over the next couple of months. If you have a current DBS with the school and are up-to-date with your safeguarding training, please contact the School office. Without your help and support these trips are unable to go ahead.

Thank you.



World Religion Day

On Monday 21st January, we will be celebrating World Religion Day. We would like to offer a warm welcome to any parents who would like to come into school to share faiths with the children either in class or whole school. Please contact the office if you would like more information. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Contact Information



If you have changed any of your details please let the office know ASAP. This includes any changes of address, mobile numbers and email addresses. Thank you.

Early Years: Shoe laces

Nursery and Reception children should be encouraged at home to learn how to tie their shoe laces. If they are finding this tricky, we recommend they wear velcro fastened shoes until they are confident to tie their own laces. Thank you.

Sports Clubs

All sports clubs run until week ending 29th March.

Currently, the after school sports clubs finish at 4:15pm. As the afternoons lighten, clubs will finish at 4:30pm. We will notify you when this takes affect.