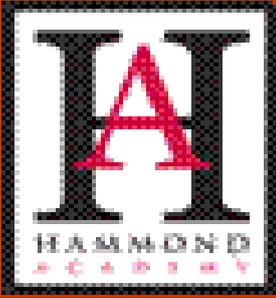


Hammond Academy



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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y1 Pearl** class who are this week's winners achieving **97%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 2nd Sept—Inset Day
- 3rd Sept—Return to school
- 12th Sept—Year 4 Citrine Swimming Lesson (9-10.30am)
- 16th Sept—Year 1 Meet the Teacher
- 18th Sept—Year 2 Meet the Teacher
- 19th Sept—Year 3 Meet the Teacher
- 23rd Sept—Year 4 Meet the Teacher
- 25th Sept—Year 5 Meet the Teacher
- 26th Sept—Year 6 Meet the Teacher
- 7th Oct—School Photographs (Individual)
- 14th Oct—School Photographs (Siblings)
- **28th Oct — 1st Nov Half Term**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to those families who are new to Hammond – I hope you have a happy and successful time with us.

We have had a lovely week this week: the school has been very calm with children working and behaving very well, and our new staff have fitted into the Hammond team and are already making excellent suggestions about how they can use their knowledge and experience to improve teaching and learning throughout the school. At the staff meeting on Tuesday I shared with the teachers the 4 main priorities in our Academy Improvement Plan: improving reading throughout the school; improving teaching to enable pupils to make good progress across the curriculum; developing our subject leaders and improving teaching and learning in art and design. Throughout this term I will share with you some of the actions we take and the progress we make on these priorities.

This year we are aiming to have a more punctual and orderly start to the school day. At 8.45am a whistle will be blown on the infant playground and a bell will be rung on the KS2 playground to indicate that school has started and all children need to stop playing and join their class line. It would be really helpful if those of you who stand by the line with your children could encourage them to line up smartly and show they are ready to go to class. Teachers will then lead their classes in and the classroom door will be shut. Children who arrive after this time are late for school and must go to the office to be signed in.

We are making a few changes to assemblies this term. Star Learners will be chosen on a Friday and the assemblies for parents will take place on Thursday afternoons. We are introducing a whole school celebration assembly on Fridays so we can all get together and celebrate the achievements of our children. One child will be selected from each class and they will be presented with a certificate to acknowledge their achievements. This will be a lovely way for us to end the week. The first one takes place next week.

The dates for the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings are below. Please do your best to attend so you can get to know your child's teacher and find out about the curriculum and expectations for the coming year. A full list of events for the autumn term will be included in next week's newsletter.

Finally, just to confirm the leadership and management arrangements for this term while Miss Graham continues her maternity leave. My time at Hammond has been extended to include Fridays so I will be here Tuesday – Friday. Mr Lyndon Evans, Executive Principal, will be here on Mondays and will be available to see parents..

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Eileen Anderson
Interim Principal



Aspire News

This year, all of the Aspire schools have got the development of reading as one of their main priorities in their Academy Improvement Plan and it was great for all of the Aspire teachers to meet together at our inset day on Monday to start making plans for how we intend to support our children in developing a love of reading and making good progress in their reading. We have some great plans for Hammond and we look forward to sharing them with you throughout this term.

Meet the teacher

Parents are invited in to our 'Meet the Teacher' meetings which will take place at 3.35pm on the following days:

KS1

- Year 1: Mon 16th Sept
- Year 2: Weds 18th Sept
- Year 3: Thurs 19th Sept

KS2

- Year 4: Mon 23rd Sept
- Year 5: Weds 25th Sept
- Year 6: Thurs 26th Sept

KS1 meetings will take place in one of the classes for that year group. KS2 meetings will be held in the school hall.

We look forward to welcoming you on the day!

Learning Hero of the Week

To be presented in class as follows:

Thursday 12th September at 3.15pm

Y1 Jade: Penny Year 1 Pearl: Scarlett
Year 2 Emerald: Aryan Year 2 Diamond: Sasha
Year 3 Sapphire: Amirah Year 3 Moonstone: Max

Year 4 Citrine: Daisy P Year 4 Jasper: Haniya
Year 4 Quartz: Leona
Year 5 Garnet: Aaliyah Year 5 Jet: Ishaan
Year 5 Tigers Eye: Luke
Year 6 Aquamarine: Lacey Year 6 Crystal: Tain
Year 6 Turquoise: Faizan



Are you a parent of a child with ASD/Communication Disorder or with Sensory Processing needs?

A daytime support group has been set for parents across Dacorum. The following dates for the 2019-2020 School Year:

- 2nd October 2019
- 11th December 2019
- 12th February 2020
- 1st April 2020
- 10th June 2020

Time 1:00-2:30 pm

The group is facilitated by Lisa MacGovern, School Family Worker, Dacorum Family Services

Location: Bridgewater School, Bridle Way Berkhamsted, HP4 1ES

Small children are welcome! No need to book!

If you would like further information please contact Lisa MacGovern at 07780 114079

Contact Details

Please ensure you have updated the school office if you have *moved, changed mobile number or name* due to marriage over the Summer. It is imperative our details are kept updated.

Please either call into the office in person or email:

Admin@hammondacademy.org.uk

Sports Clubs

Mr Rickman is currently organising the Sports clubs for the term and we will communicate information to Parents/Carers once finalised.

Thank you

Thank you to Mr Porterfield and the premises team who did such a fabulous job during the summer holiday preparing the school for the start of the new school year. Classrooms and corridors have been painted, new fire doors have been fitted, the lighting has been upgraded and the whole school thoroughly cleaned.



Swimming—Year 4 Citrine

Swimming will commence for your child's class next Thursday 12th September.

Please log onto School Gateway to make payment if you haven't done so already. Thank you.

Dinner Money

A reminder to top-up your child's dinner account on School Gateway (if necessary). All dinners need to be paid for in advance.

If your child's account falls into arrears, then you will need to supply a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals and are in receipt of any of the following then please apply to Herts County Council immediately.

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

SEND Friends

Support group for parent carers Tring & surrounding villages

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday or Friday, 9:30am to 11:00am, at New Mill Baptist Church, Tring



All parents and carers of children and young people with any additional need or disability are welcome. No diagnoses necessary. A local group run by local parents & school family worker. Every month you can:

- Book an EHCP support appointment
- Talk to your local school family worker

We keep up to date with our members via

facebook, please take a look at:



SENDFriends

For more information, contact Lisa or Sam

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SPACE SUPPORT GROUP

Launch of our **NEW** venue

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

Buglass Room, The Village Hall, Leverstock Green Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8QG

First Thursday of the month (term time only) 10am - 12pm

2019

May 2nd

NO AUGUST

November 7th

June 6th

NO SEPTEMBER

December 5th

July 4th

October 3rd

SPACE is a charity supporting Parents/Carers in Hertfordshire of children and young people on the Autistic Spectrum, ADHD or related conditions

We have regular professional speakers, workshops and social events
Come along to meet other Parents/Carers

We meet up once a month (term time only) at each of these locations across Hertfordshire:

Bishop Stortford, Cheshunt, Croxley Green, Hatfield, Hoddesdon, St Albans, Stevenage, Ware and Welwyn Garden City

If you would like more information please check our website, contact the SPACE team by email or find us on Facebook under the name of SPACE



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