



Hamilton

Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2016

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Head Talk

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Autumn Term. I would like to start by saying a massive thank you to the community of Hamilton Primary School for making me feel so welcome. I have had a brilliant couple of weeks. I have been really pleased to speak to parents on the playgrounds at the beginning and end of the school day and I have welcomed the thoughts that have been shared with me. We have started the Year Ahead meetings this week and they have been very successful. Details shared at the meetings should have been sent out to parents. If you are missing curriculum information, please do let your child's class teacher know so that they can make sure you have a copy. I look forward to meeting with you all over the coming weeks.

Parents Forum

I mentioned in my opening letter that I will be having a meeting with parents on 11th October at 2.30pm in the infant hall. At this meeting we will be looking at the school logo, talking about school uniform, asking for parents to volunteer to join a working party to consult on a new school behaviour policy and any other changes that may be coming up. It will also be a chance for parents to ask any questions they want.

Scooters and bikes on the playground and climbing equipment

I would like to remind parents that children are **NOT** to ride bicycles or scooters on the playground before or after school. I would also like to remind children that the equipment outside the junior hall on the playground is out of bounds before and after school. Thank you.

Pupil News

I would like to encourage parents to share pupil achievements outside of school with us. We will be very happy to publish them in our newsletter every 2 weeks. If you could email in a photograph and a short piece of text to:

parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk we will endeavour to include it.

Well done to Lucy Charad, Taran Trott, Amelie Taylor and Noah Jones on raising £18.40 last term from the sale of Sock Bunnies for the school charity Love, Support, Unite.

Early arriving pupils and end of the school day

I would like to remind parents that children should not be arriving on the school playground before 8.30am unless otherwise arranged with the school. Staff are not able to supervise children until 8.40am. I would also like to encourage parents and carers to leave the school playground promptly at the end of the school day as this will allow our after school clubs to start on time when they

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are using the outside space. Thank you.

Stranger Danger Evening

Just a quick reminder that Mr Hutchings will be running a 'Stranger Danger' evening on Monday 26 September, in the infant hall starting at 7pm, looking at the potential risks posed by online content. This evening is particularly aimed at Junior Parents. Content on the night will not be appropriate for anyone **under the age of 18**. Refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there.

Secondary School Admissions

Secondary School admissions have now opened for the current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2017.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2016.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2017-18 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. The link to the booklet is below.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf

Topic outlines for this half-term

Attached to this newsletter are the topic outlines for your child's year group for this half-term. Hopefully you will find them useful in understanding and supporting your child's learning at school.

These are also available on the school website.



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Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2016	
Tuesday 20 th September 2016	Year Ahead meeting for Year 2—6.30pm
Thursday 20 th September 2016	Year Ahead meeting For Year 5—7.30pm
Thursday 29 th September 2016	4SW trip to Roman Circus
Friday 30 th September 2016	4SR/MR trip to Roman Circus
Monday 3 rd Oct—Friday 7 th October 2016	Year 6 Residential trip to Aylmerton
Wednesday 5 th October 2016	Year 3 Egyptian Day
Friday 7 th October 2016	Year 4 trip to Colchester Castle
Tuesday 18 th October 2016	Year 1 Toy Day
Wednesday 19 th October 2016	Harvest Festival
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th October 2016	Half Term
Wednesday 9 th & Thursday 10 th November	Learning Conference
Monday 14 th & Tuesday 15 th November	Learning Conference
Wednesday 14 th & Thursday 15 th December	KS1 - Carol Concert
Monday 19 th & Tuesday 20 th December	KS2 - Carol Concert
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	Last day of term for pupils

Spring Term 2017	
Thursday 5 th January 2017	First day of term for pupils
Mon 13 th February—Fri 17 th February	Half Term
Friday 31 st March 2017	Last day of term for pupils

Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use the parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk address.