

## Head Talk

We have had a great couple of weeks in school since the last newsletter. On Wednesday last week Years 3-5 children had the chance to see the Watoto Choir perform at Christchurch. The children had a wonderful time and took an active part in the singing. It was very moving to hear the stories of the Watoto children and how they have come to be supported by the charity so well. The singing was amazing! Earlier in the day Mrs Norris had taken a group of children to an athletics event. The children looked great in their new Hamilton Sports Kits, (provided by funding from the PSA). Thank you to all the parents that helped get the children to the venue. This week the Year 2 children have had a brilliant time learning about the Great Fire of London. Have an enjoyable couple of weeks.

## Meetings with teachers

At Hamilton we encourage parents to meet with the class teacher to talk about their child's progress in learning. Could I please remind parents that if they would like to see a teacher that they make an appointment at the school office. It is very tempting to 'catch' a teacher on the playground in the morning, but they do have to get into school to supervise their class. Mr Larner and myself can also be found on the playgrounds most mornings and after school. Do feel free to pop over to see one of us.

## Parking outside the school

For the children's safety can parents/carers please not park on the yellow lines outside the school or in the loading bay when dropping off/picking your child/children up from school. The main school gates MUST be kept clear at all times in case emergency vehicles need to enter the school.

We have been advised that a parent from this school has parked in front of private garages in Constantine Road this week. When asked to move

the driver was abusive. The Police have been informed and will be looking into this matter.

**AGAIN** we ask that parents/carers are considerate when they park in Constantine Road or Hamilton Road and not park in front of peoples garages or drop kerbs at the beginning/end of the school day.

## School Day

**Juniors**—Starting this week the girls and boys stairs doors will be locked until 8.50am, when the bell goes for the beginning of school. If you wish to see a teacher you will need to make an appointment.

**Infants**—The right hand side Infants door is now open from 8.50am each morning for you to drop your child/ren off at school. The door will shut promptly at 9am ready for classes to begin.

## Sportshall Athletics

18 Children from Years 5 and 6 took part in an indoor athletics competition at the University of Essex last week. There were some excellent performances from all and some very exciting running races which included a variety of relays. Hamilton finished in 4th place, narrowly missing out on a place in the finals. Thank you very much to all the parents who helped out with transport as the children thoroughly enjoyed the morning and we would have been unable to take part without you!

Mrs Norris

## School Council

This is the school Council meeting the Mayor in the Town Hall. They visited the council chamber and had a debate and then visited the moot hall. Thanks also go to Barbara our guide.

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## Parents Forum

Just a reminder that there will be a Parents Forum on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm in the Infant Hall.

There will also be a member from the Health Improvement Team also on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February from 3-4pm in the Infant Library for any parent wishing to speak to them.

## Pupil News

Well done to Beatrice Smith (3LB/ND) who has worked very hard over the course of a few weeks at stage coach and was put forward for her London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art Acting Entry Level 3 Solo exam just before Christmas. She passed with a Distinction.



Congratulations to Josefine Backman Juliff (4SR) who performed at the Mercury Theatre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January in "Rags to Riches" by the Mercury Youth Theatres.

## Calendar Dates

### Spring Term 2017

Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Individual Pupil Photos
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February—Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> —Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Learning Conference Week - NO CLUBS
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Last day of term for pupils

### Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	First day of term for pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Non Pupil Day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May—Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Class Photos
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May—Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	Half Term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	First day of term for pupils
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2017	Last day of term for pupils

### Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day of term for pupils
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Non Pupil Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> —Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Non Pupil Day

### Email Information

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