

## Head Talk

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term. I do hope that you had a restful break and got to do some fun things. This part of the term tends to be very busy. We have a new event in the shape of the PSA Christmas Market taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November, between 2pm and 4pm. Please do come along to support the school. It will be great fun! We also have our Learning Conferences taking place from the 14<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> November. You should have been able to book your slot via parentmail. These are a great opportunity for you to chat with your child's class teacher and discuss current progress and expected outcomes for the year. We also have the Infant Nativity taking place at Christ Church on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of December and the Key Stage 2 Carol Service taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December. The school Christmas lunch will be taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December. We will be encouraging everyone to wear a Christmas Jumper for the day. This week the Year 5 and 6 children have taken part in the 'Show Racism The Red Card' training. They had a great day and learnt lots of new things. This links brilliantly with the Core Values of the school and our British Values. Year 2 have a Great Fire of London Day next week.

Do keep an eye on the school website and the calendar on our home page. This is constantly updated and shows our up and coming events.

And just a reminder to finish: There are only 52 shopping days until Christmas!!!!

## Harvest Thanks

The Salvation Army were very grateful for the food gifts from the school. In the end they took just under 10 banana boxes of food away to support the people who turn up on the Salvation Army door asking for support. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## Parking

I would like to remind parents that the zigzag lines outside of the school on Constantine Road **are not a drop off zone**. It is illegal to stop on the markings during the times advertised on the signs. By parking on the lines you are putting children's and parents lives at risk. I must also advise parents that there is a 20 mph speed limit on Hamilton and Constantine Road. It is almost impossible to drive over this limit during the end of the school day, due to the traffic in the roads, but after school has finished cars are travelling down the road breaking the limit. We still have a number of children on the school site until 5.45pm. Please do obey the signed limits of the road.

## Year 6 Assembly

Year 6 will be holding an assembly for parents on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 1.30pm in the KS2 Hall.

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### **Healthy vs Non Healthy Packed Lunches**

It has come to the attention of the lunch time staff that packed lunches are containing increasingly unhealthy foods. Whilst we are happy for children to have one 'treat' item, such as a cake or a chocolate bar in their packed lunches, we would like to remind you of the importance of a healthy lunch for your child's health. It is very difficult for children to concentrate during the afternoons if they have had too much sugar, due to the fact that their bodies will have a sugar 'rush' and after that follows a sugar 'crash'. This causes them to feel lethargic and therefore they are unable to function at their optimum.

Below is a link to a website with some more information and some ideas for healthy packed lunches.

<http://www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/childrens-food-trust/parents/your-childs-food-at-school/packed-lunches/what-to-put-in-a-lunchbox/>

### **PSA—Christmas Cards**

The PSA are organising Christmas cards designed by the children again this year. You should have received your child's design home this week.

If you wish to place an order then you must return the design making sure it has your child's name on the back with the money to the Class Teacher by **Friday 10th November at the latest.**

### **PSA—Halloween Disco**

The Halloween Disco was another roaring success, with Samantha Parker at the helm. She did an fantastic job organising the event again, raising an incredible £1,282.86—an increase in profit of £275 from last year! A huge thank you for all the generous food donations and a special thank you to all the parents and teachers who gave their valuable time before, during and after the event. Congratulations go to Joel Waites in Year 2, Arthur in Year 1, Thom Rayne's in Year 3 and Scarlett Richie in Year 3 for best pumpkins. To Freya Weaver and Sonny McDonald in Year 1, Jude Collins in Year 5 and Penny Evans in Year 4 for their amazing costumes. Florence Winter and Matthew Evans both in Year 2, Ethan Fennell in Year 4 and Poppy Hughes in Year 3 won prizes for their groovy moves.

### **PSA—Christmas Market**

We are very busy organising the Christmas Market for you and your family to enjoy but are sad to say that we have only received 10 reply slips out of 420. We cannot run a smooth event without the volunteers, and it will have to be cancelled unless more people come forward to offer their help. There are still lots of jobs available, including some small ones that require half an hour of your time. Please, please return your slip ASAP to the PSA letterbox in the foyer. If you have lost yours, spares are located in the office. Alternatively, you can reach us on [hamiltonpsa@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonpsa@gmail.com).

## Calendar Dates

Autumn Term 2017	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Year 5—Space Morning
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Year 2—Great Fire of London Day
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Year 6 Assembly—1.30pm in KS2 Hall
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> —17 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	Learning Conference Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	September 2018 Open Afternoon—1.30pm
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	PSA Christmas Market 2–4pm
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	September 2018 Open Afternoon—1.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Foundation—Christmas Bauble Workshop
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Christmas Dinner—Wear a Christmas Jumper
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Infant Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Infant Nativity
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	KS2 Carol Service
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	KS2 Carol Service
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Last Day of Term

## Spring Term 2018

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	First Day of Term
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Book Fair after school
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Half Term
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2018	Individual Pupil Photos
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	Last Day of Term

## Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use the [parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk) address.