

## Dates for the diary

### May

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Friends of Hamstel - Raffle Draw

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Half-Term Break

### June

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

INSET Day –school closed

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Father's Day

### July

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Gemma's Farm visit

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Last Day of Term

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

INSET Day –school closed

## Captain Tom 100 Challenge

Again, thank you so much for your generous donations towards this cause, the grand total today stands at over £110.00. We will be passing on the money raised at the end of next week, the donation item on ParentPay will close then.

## Today's Celebration Assembly

This week's focus value has been 'Working Together'. Classes that received the most dojo's for each year group are:-

Reception Year

**Owl Class**

Year 1

**Dragonfly Class**

Year 2

**Fox Class**

Please see the attached Celebration Assembly form with some of the best examples of just how the children have been working together this week.



**We must keep on protecting each other.**

**HANDS** **FACE** **SPACE**

STAY ALERT · CONTROL THE VIRUS · SAVE LIVES

We hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend and were able to spend some quality time together. We know that this school year has been disrupted by the impact of the pandemic, we really hope that the positive signs we are seeing now will continue and that the children will all benefit greatly with the consistency over the remaining weeks of this term. Consistent attendance is also very important and as the rules regarding travel look to be changing soon, please remember that term time absence without an exceptional reason will not be authorised.

It is unfortunately becoming a regular feature of this newsletter now regarding safety for children and adults travelling to and from school. This week there was a very close 'near miss' where potentially a child could have been seriously hurt on one of the local roads. It is everyone's responsibility to park legally and considerately and slow down when driving near a school at the start and end of the school day. The roadworks are here to stay for a while so if you know this is affecting your journey time please give yourself more time to avoid rushing. Please remember to let the school office know if any of your contact details change or if there are any changes to your child's medical needs or dietary requirements, thank you.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

We have been very busy this week in Nursery. In Phonics, we've learned the d-d-d sound and found objects in Nursery that start with the letter 'd'! We have also been learning about and creating repeated patterns. We have used pegs and boards and shapes to create our patterns.

Inside and out in the garden we have been getting creative, lots of children have made 'big fat caterpillars' from the story and butterflies. We noticed some lovely patterns on the butterfly from our story: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

### Year R - Reception

This week, Reception have read the traditional tale, 'The Three Little Pigs'. In Literacy, we have been exploring different materials and explaining their properties using new vocabulary, for example rigid or flexible. On Thursday, we designed, made and evaluated a house (as a group) for the Three Little Pigs. All children were excellent at working together as part of a team. In Maths, we have been learning how to show number bonds to 10 in lots of different ways and practising recalling number bonds to 10. Our Caterpillars are continuing to grow and formed shiny chrysalises.

**Please keep practising your Red words at home with your child.**

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 10th**

Heron

**Tuesday 11th**

Duck

**Wednesday 12th**

Dragonfly

**Thursday 13th**

Frog

**Friday 14th**

Newt

## Friends of Hamstel Schools

### Super Prize Raffle

Don't forget tickets for this fabulous prize draw are still available to buy on Parentpay up until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

### Adventure Island Tickets

Tickets for wristbands are now available to buy on ParentPay, the payment item will be available up until Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

The price for the all-day wristband is £15.00, a saving of £5.00 against the internet price or a saving of £10.00 if you just turn up on the day!

Tickets will be distributed through classes between Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

## Tempest – Class Photographs

On Thursday the Tempest photographers were with us during the morning and class photos were taken outside near our outdoor learning area. We were really lucky with the weather and the sun shone throughout! As soon as we have anymore information on when the proofs are delivered we will of course let you know.

## Reporting Absences

If your child will not be in school please let the school office know by 9am on the first day of their absence, with a detailed reason.

We will follow up all absences where the reason is not specific.

## Year 1

In Year 1 we have listened to the story 'The Queens Hat' and have had lots of fun writing a missing poster to help the Queen find her hat. In Maths we have been working on numbers to 100, looking at tens and ones and the values of a digit in a number. In Science we have been looking at the difference between materials and objects and sorting things based on what they are made from. In Computing we have been learning how to program Bee-bots using simple instructions.

**Outdoor Learning next week**

## Year 2

This week has been very busy! We have enjoyed getting back out into the Wildlife Area and using natural materials to make some 'Andrew Goldsworthy' style art of Rainforest animals. In Literacy we have started reading and discussing the fairy tale 'Sleeping Beauty'. We have been looking at the main characters using descriptive language to describe their appearance, feelings and behaviours. In Maths we have started our unit on Money and have begun looking at the values of coins and notes. We have also started counting the notes and coins to find the totals.



**JOIN MILLIONS OF PARENTS ON PARENTPAY**

Have you activated your account? If not a reminder of your log in details can be obtained by contacting the school office. Don't miss out on important information and using ParentPay to pay for clubs and other items.

All letters sent home can also be viewed on our school website [www.hamstelinfants.co.uk](http://www.hamstelinfants.co.uk)

## Dinner menu

### Monday

R - Cheesy leek & bacon bake with a herby crust

G - Sweet chilli & soy vegetable fried rice

P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese

Green beans

Coconut & jam sponge

### Thursday

R - Chicken & vegetable curry with steamed rice

G - Lentil & vegetable lasagne with garlic bread

P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce

Carrots & Cauliflower

Cherry cookie

### Tuesday

R - Beef lasagne

G - Vegan mince & vegetable pasta bake

P - pasta with tomato sauce Sweetcorn

Berry crumble slice

### Friday

R - Fish Fingers & Chips

G - Roasted vegetable & chickpea wrap

P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese

Baked Beans & garden peas

Vanilla & sultana sponge with custard

### Wednesday

R - Roast Gammon with roast potatoes & gravy

G - Potato & leek frittata

P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese

Roasted butternut squash & kale

Orange & poppy seed sponge

Freshly baked bread is available every day.