



Weekly News

Friday 13th March 2020

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Dates for the diary

March

Monday 16th

World Poetry Day

18th, 19th & 20th March

Friends of Hamstel Schools

Mothers Day Gift Sales

Wednesday 18th

Nursery Parent Tour - 10am

Billy's Band Yr 2 Workshop

Thursday 19th

Nursery Parent Tour - 10am

Friday 20th

Reception class 'At the Zoo'

Parent Session 2pm

Diabetes Awareness Day –

Wear Blue!

Wednesday 25th

Collective worship with Rev

Goodliff

Friday 27th

Music Festival

Monday 30th

Easter Assembly with Rev

Goodliff

April

Monday 6th - Friday 17th

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 20th

Children return to school

Friday 21st

Parent Council Meeting

May

Tuesday 5th

VE Day celebrations

Friday 8th

Bank Holiday

Monday 11th

Class photographs

Tuesday 12th

Yr 2 Bug man workshop

Wednesday 13th

KS1 Quad kids Athletics

Monday 25th - Friday 29th

Half Term

On Monday we had a special delivery – eggs from the Happy Chick Company and it hasn't taken long for them to start hatching, all the classes have visited and I'm sure you have all heard at least one egg fact this week!

We know that many of you will be concerned regarding the updated guidance for Coronavirus. We sent a letter home earlier today and also refer you to the updated information provided by the NHS:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-advice/>

Please continue to report any absence from school for your child to the school office in the usual way, by ParentMail or telephone message , at the earliest opportunity.

Please be assured that we will pass on any information in a timely way and keep you all updated with the schools plan. This will be sent out via ParentMail, so remember to tell us of any changes to your registered email or mobile phone number. If you are not yet linked with ParentMail contact the school office as soon as possible.

A reminder that The Friends of Hamstel Schools will be holding Mothers Day Gift Sales next week, all gifts are priced at £2, one gift per child and money can be sent into school from Monday. In a named envelope please.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

The children have been very fascinated with the experiments that we have explored each day. The children have watched what will happen to an egg left in vinegar, how to make an egg float, making sweets dance, mixing oil, water and syrup and lastly our favourite; the coke and Mentos experiment.

Within all our experiments the children have made their own predictions as well as recalling the experiment after. There will be lots of photos uploaded on to Tapestry.

Once again we would like to thank those parents that attended our carpet session this week.

Through out the week we have also been building towers and estimating how many bricks we have used before we count them,we have also planted Sunflower seeds.

This week's Makaton signs: Bubbles, explore, what and where.

REMINDER: Can you please ensure your child has spare clothes on their peg. Thank you.

Year R - Reception

This week we are continuing with our Animal theme. We have been reading the book Billy's Bucket, learning about different sea creatures as well as floating and sinking in science. Over the next few weeks the children will have the opportunity to be rewarded with taking home Billy's Bucket and having exciting adventures with the sea creatures. Enjoy spending some time with your child and writing about the adventures you have. In English this week we have been learning to write descriptive sentences about sea creatures, trying to use a range of adjectives to make our writing interesting. In Maths we have been learning about making number bonds to 10 in different ways. We have been using part-whole models, bead strings and number sentences to show all the different ways of making 10.

How to support your child at home

Phonics

Continue to practise speedy sounds. Listen to your child read at least 5 times a week. Read each book several times, trying to build speed and fluency.

Red Words of the week: were, there

Outdoor learning

Monday 16th

Heron

Tuesday 17th

Duck

Wednesday 18th

Dragonfly

Thursday 19th

Frog

Friday 20th

Newt

Hamstel Nursery

We are now accepting applications for children to join our Nursery in September 2020. If your child is due to turn 3 before 1st September please contact the school office to arrange a tour of the nursery or to collect an application pack. The remaining tours are on Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th March. Pre-booking is essential as places are now very limited.

Book Week – Book in a Jar Competition

On Monday we had a wonderful display of all the competition entries in our whole school assembly and the winners were presented with their certificates and prizes. There will be photos and more information in our end of term Newsletter.

Book fair

A huge thank you to everybody that supported our Spring Book Fair, we hope there were lots of satisfied customers. Your generosity has raised a whopping £797.00 in commission for our school and the teachers will soon be busy choosing lots of wonderful new books for classes and the school library.

Thank you again.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Peacock – 98.3%

Year 1: Duck – 99.7%

Year 2: Hedgehog – 97.9%



Maths

How many different ways can you make 10? Can you show the number bonds on a part-whole model or in a number sentence?

Handwriting

This week we have been revisiting the Zig, Zag Monster letters. We have been practising the letter z, w, x, v. Have a go at home, remember to start at the top and go across.

Please share any home learning on Tapestry for your teacher to see.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday 20th March, 2020, 2pm – At the Zoo parent involvement session

Year 1

In Year One we have been learning about butterflies. We have been looking at a non-chronological report about butterflies, learning the structure and the facts. We have put actions to the words to help us remember all the information. In Maths we have been sorting and collecting data. The children have made tally charts and pictograms to show the information they collected. They were then able to see which group had the greatest and least amount in. The children have continued to practise their drawing skills in art trying to draw Peter Rabbit. They have been looking closely at the shapes they need to draw and evaluating their work so they can improve it.

This week the children should be working on Week 3 Spellings and a new My Maths activity has been set.

Year 2

In Year 2 we have read the story of Cinderella. We have looked at what kind of character Cinderella was and thought about adjectives to describe her feelings and personality. We have used this knowledge to write a detailed character description. In Maths we have been developing our knowledge of time and learning the time to quarter past, quarter to and 5 minute intervals. This is something your child can continue to practise at home. The children have also enjoyed designing their plans and starting to make their vehicles. The children will be evaluating their end product as well.

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Spaghetti bolognese with a garlic bread shard
G - Vegetarian lasagne with a garlic bread shard
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Garden peas & sweetcorn
Ice cream

G - Spinach, feta & tomato quiche with roast potatoes
P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas
Waffle with chocolate sauce

Tuesday

R - British chicken & vegetable pie with mashed potato & gravy
G - Sweet & spiced potato & chickpea curry with lemon infused rice
P - Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
Carrots & broccoli
Apple & cinnamon crumble with custard

R - Farm assured British beef lasagne with a garlic bread shard
G - Chilli non carne & Mexican rice with a taco shell
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or salmon mayonnaise
Carrots & green beans
Jam sponge with custard

Wednesday

R - Honey glazed slow roasted gammon & roast potatoes with traditional gravy

R - Battered Fish or fish finger & Chips
G - Falafel wrap & minted yoghurt with chips
P - Pasta with vegetarian bolognese sauce
Baked beans & garden peas
Chocolate & beetroot brownie