

Dates for the diary

October

Monday 21st

Yr 2 Hyde Hall visit

Tuesday 22nd

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Wednesday 23rd

Parents evening & book fair

Thursday 24th

Parents evening & book fair

Monday 28th - Friday 1st

November

Half term

November

Monday 4th

School photos

Tuesday 5th

Firework display

Thursday 7th

Reception - Music workshop

Monday 11th

Remembrance service

Wednesday 27th

Christmas Fair Day

Thursday 28th

Reception Christmas craft day

December

Monday 2nd

Rev Goodliff Assembly

Friday 6th

Nursery Christmas performance

Tuesday 10th

Yr 1 Christmas performance -
9am

Wednesday 11th

Yr 1 Christmas performance -
9am

Thursday 12th

Yr 2 Christingle - 9am

Friday 13th

Yr 2 Christingle - 9am

Monday 16th

Christmas dinner day

It has been another busy and varied week here at Hamstel, with us welcoming lots of visitors; for our Prospective Parent Tours, Reading, Phonics Workshops and the Nite Owls visiting in Year 2. Mrs Tracy's report 'Nite Owls swooped in ...' is attached. On Monday Rev. Goodliff from Belle Vue Baptist Church joined us for our Assembly, he spoke with the children about our feelings and emotions and they really enjoyed learning a lovely new song with him. This morning our Parent Council met with Mrs Morris and the minutes of this meeting will be available on our website soon. We have had an amazing response from you for interest in joining the Parent Council and we hope to be in touch with more details in the coming weeks.

Hamstel Schools Family Fireworks

Tickets are available NOW from the school office. Advance ticket prices are as follows: Adult £4.00 Child £2.50 Under 3's FREE. Cash only please. Tickets will be available to buy during the Parents' Evenings next week too.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week we have been focussing on 'Our favourite Animal'.

The children have all enjoyed talking about their pets they have at home or the pets they would like. We have been busy making animal masks, playing animal games and listening to stories about different types of animals.

This week we have introduced the children to our new balance bikes, this is the first step towards learning to ride a bike. This week's Makaton signs: dog, cat and bird.

REMINDER: Please can parents return any borrowed clothing, including underwear from Nursery.

Dress up day - Friday 25th October (last day of term)

Children can dress up as one of their favourite characters.

Year R - Reception

This week our topic has been 'On the Sea' We have been reading the story 'Who sank the boat?'. We have learnt to name the characters in the story and think of a range of adjectives to describe them. We have enjoyed learning about floating and sinking, predicting which things might float or sink and then testing them. We have used this information to help us use different materials to make a boat. We then tested our boats to find out if they would float. In Maths we have been learning to compare groups of objects, using the words more than, fewer than and the same as. In handwriting this week we have been learning to form the letter 'l and i'. We have been remembering to start and finish our letters in the right place.

How to support your child at home

Phonics

Sounds of the week: j, v, y, w, th

Red Words of the week: me, we

Maths

Can you sort some objects into two or three different groups? Which group has more, which has fewer? Do any have the same as? Can you use these words to compare the groups e.g This group of red cars has more than blue cars.

Handwriting

Practise writing the letter 'l and i'. Have a go at writing the letters on some plain paper. Your adult can write the letter first for you to trace until you are confident. Remember to start at the top.

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

Tuesday 17th

Reception Christmas performance - 9am

Wednesday 18th

Flu immunisations – whole school

Reception Christmas performance - 9am

Thursday 19th

Last day of term

January

Monday 6th

Children return to school

Parent's Evenings

If you have not booked already and would like the opportunity to see your child's class teacher please use your ParentMail account to book or contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

Book Fair

We will be hosting a Book Fair from 3.10pm at both Parents' Evenings next week, please pop by to have a look at what is on offer. A chance to pick up an early Christmas present and help boost our schools commission, which means more books for all!

ALDI's Kit 4 Schools

A huge thank you to everyone who has collected and sent in the Aldi vouchers – we are well on our way, the chart is almost half-full already! So please, if you shop at Aldi or have friends/family that do and they are happy to collect the vouchers for our school we would very much appreciate receiving them.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Peacock – 98.6%

Year 1: Duck – 98.9%

Year 2: Otter – 97.4%



Year 1

Our key text this week has been Gigantosaurus. Year 1 enjoyed sharing and discussing the story. They then used the book to identify verbs and look at adding the suffix 'ed' to make words into the past tense. After practising adding the suffix and generating their own verbs, they then wrote sentences based on Gigantosaurus. In Maths, we have continued to consolidate our subtraction skills and have been using different methods to solve picture problems, word problems and missing number problems. In Computing, we have been practising using the camera to take still images and upload them. In PE, we have been applying our ball skills to football and have practised dribbling and passing the ball.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week with a visit from the Nite Owls on Monday. The children really enjoyed the fantastic display the owls put on and finding out lots of interesting facts about owls. We then continued to research more about owls in class finding out about the owl life-cycle, their habitats, diet and lots of other interesting facts. We have then used this information to write and make our own Owl Fact books. In Maths we have been applying some of our new calculating skills to subtraction. We have also been thinking about habitats in our local environment and learning the term micro-habitat. Maybe have a look for some micro-habitats in your garden or in a visit to the park.

REMINDERS: Next Week There will be no Outdoor Learning Days in Year 2 due to our trips to Hyde Hall.

Monday 21st October: Hyde Hall trip – Fox, Badger, Squirrel

Tuesday 22nd October: Hyde Hall trip – Hedgehog, Otter

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Chargrilled Chicken
Enchiladas with hand cut potato wedges
G - Ultimate Mac & Cheese
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Chopped house salad & sweetcorn
Pear & Apple oats crumble with custard

Tuesday

R - Farm assured British beef lasagne with a garlic shard
G - Sweet potato & chickpea korma with citrus infused rice
P - Pasta with tomato and basil sauce
Seasonal shredded cabbage & carrots
Chocolate beetroot brownie

Wednesday

R - Honey glazed garlic & lemon infused British roast chicken, traditional gravy with roast potatoes
G - Roasted aubergine & sweet cherry tomato moussaka

Wednesday continued....

P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Roasted seasonal root vegetables & garden peas
Raspberry Ripple ice cream

Thursday

R - British Cumberland Sausages with bubble & squeak mash in a Yorkshire pudding with onion gravy
G - Green lentil & spinach dhal with coconut & lemongrass rice
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Broccoli & carrots
Traditional sultana sponge with custard

Friday

R - Battered cod & chips with tartar sauce
G - Mexican bean burger with lime yoghurt & salsa roja
P - Jacket potato with salmon mayonnaise or cheddar cheese
Baked beans & garden peas
Maryland cookies