

Weekly News

Friday 11th October 2019

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Dates for the diary

October

Monday 14th

Yr 2 Nite Owls

Wednesday 16th

Reception Parent Workshop

Thursday 17th

Yr 1 Reading Workshop

Monday 21st

Yr 2 Hyde Hall visit

Tuesday 22nd

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Wednesday 23rd

Parents Evening & Book Fair

Thursday 24th

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Monday 28th - Friday 1st

November

Half term

November

Monday 4th

School individual photos

Tuesday 5th

Fireworks Display 5.30-7pm

Thursday 7th

Reception - Music workshop

Monday 11th

Remembrance service

Wednesday 27th November

Christmas Fair 3-5pm

December

Friday 6th

Nursery Christmas Performance

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th

Year 1 Christmas Show

Thursday 12th & Friday 13th

Year 2 Christingle

Wednesday 18th

Flu immunisations

Thursday 19th

Last day of term

Our Prospective Parent Tours have started this week and we have enjoyed welcoming a large number of visitors into school, during these visits the children have been an absolute credit to you and their class teachers. We have more dates coming up so if you know of anyone with children starting school next September please let them know. Booking on a tour can be made by contacting the school office.

Hamstel Schools Family Fireworks return again this year, keep the date Tuesday 5th November free to join us for this fabulous display, entertainment and food. Full details are on the attached flyer. Come one, come all!

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

This week our theme has been 'Our Favourite Food'. The children have been extremely busy cooking; Oaty raisin cookies, Apple and sultana muffins and Dotty banana fairy cakes. Whilst cooking the staff have been introducing numbers we use when we weigh the ingredients and talking about good hygiene whilst we cook. We have had discussions about our favourite foods and how we need to keep a healthy balanced diet. The children learnt that although some foods taste nice they might not be healthy.

Makaton signs this week: **Biscuit, apple and banana**.

A few parents have asked about how we gesture these signs, to see a video clip of these you can either look at www.singinghands.co.uk or google the sign.

REMINDER: Please can you encourage your child not to bring in toys from home, we don't want them to get lost or broken.

As the weather is now getting colder, could you please remember to bring in your child's coat and hat, clearly labelled with their name inside.

Year R - Reception

This week our topic has been 'Up, Up and Away!' We have been reading the story Sebastian and the Balloon! We have been learning to talk about the story and answer how and why questions about what has happened in the story. We have enjoyed making our hot air balloons. In Maths this week we have been learning to sort objects into groups using real life objects, toys and pictures. We have also been working out how objects already in sets have been sorted. In handwriting this week we have been learning to form the letter 'I'. We have been remembering to start at the top, go down the long leg and give it a curl at the end.

How to support your child at home

Phonics

Sounds of the week: e, I, h, sh, r

Red Words of the week: he, she

Maths

Can you sort some of your toys into two or three groups? How have you sorted them?

Go for a walk in the woods and find some natural objects such as leaves and sticks. Can you sort these into groups? How did you decide?

Handwriting

Practise writing the letter 'I'. You could practise in the air, in some sand, in the bath, on a grown-ups back and when you are ready have a go on paper. Please share any home learning on Tapestry for your teacher to see.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th October 9am: Phonics Workshop

Outdoor Learning

Monday 14th

Kingfisher

Tuesday 15th

Woodpecker

Wednesday 16th

Owl

Thursday 17th

Peacock

Friday 18th

Swan

Catering assistant required.

12.5 hours per week (Term time only)

11.30am – 2.00pm

Based in the infant school kitchens but may occasionally be required to cover in the junior school

Experience preferred but not essential. Must be hard working and reliable

To arrange an interview please call Keith Prince on 01702 413100

ParentMail.

Reminder: we have a number of events, club letters and especially Parents Evening bookings live on ParentMail at the moment. Some of which will be closing early next week.

If you need any assistance please contact the school office.

All Year 2 students will be coming home with a letter from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council regarding admission arrangements for their child transferring into Year 3. Please check your child's book bag.

Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Peacock – 99%

Year 1: Frog – 96.9

Year 2: Otter – 97.5%



Year 1

This week we have been writing a letter to our class dinosaur. We have been writing class letters and receiving replies from the dinosaur over the last few weeks and this week we wrote our own replies! We have also had lots of fun in Outdoor Learning; we made giant dinosaur sculptures out of natural materials and used our senses on a senses walk. In Maths, we have been looking at subtraction and focusing on different methods to subtract including: subtraction by crossing out, subtraction on a numberline and subtraction using number bonds. In RE, we have focused on belonging and have held a class discussion on the different communities and groups we belong to. We have continued our work on fossils and have been using charcoal to create observational drawings of them, thinking about pattern and texture.

REMINDERS: Year 1 Reading Workshop for parents – Thursday 17th October 9.00-10.00am.

Remember to check MyMaths for your weekly maths homework!

Year 2

In Year 2 this week we have been learning the classic poem 'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. As a class we have created a 'picture map' and put actions to it to help us remember the first verse. We then had great fun innovating the first verse by changing the animals and some of the nouns. We then wrote our new versions carefully. In Maths we have continued to develop our addition skills by adding multiples of tens to a 2-digit number, developing and discussing a variety of methods to support us. These methods including counting on in tens, partitioning the 2-digit number into tens and ones then solving the answer by adding the tens first and then adding on the ones e.g. $49+20=69$ so $40+20=60$, $60+9=69$ and the column method. The children have also enjoyed bringing all their 'natural' artwork together and creating a scrap book style page of all their fantastic art work with their own evaluations.

REMINDERS: Monday 14th October – The Nite Owls will be visiting

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Herby spaghetti & marinara meatballs with sweet tomato & basil sauce
G - Five bean chilli with lime infused brown rice
P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Carrots & garden peas
Caramelised apple & raisin crumble with custard

Tuesday

R - Mild chicken masala with yellow rice
G - Country vegetable cottage pie topped with herby sweet potato
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Broccoli & sweetcorn
Sticky ginger cake with custard

Wednesday

R - Slow roasted gammon, apple & rosemary chutney, traditional gravy with roast potatoes
G - Teriyaki noodles with stir fried vegetables & mixed beans

Wednesday continued....

P - Wholemeal pasta with tomato & basil sauce
Roasted seasonal root vegetables & seasonal cabbage
Vanilla shortbread biscuit

Thursday

R - British beef burger in a bun with homemade BBQ relish & new potatoes
G - Red lentil & cheese loaf with a rich tomato sauce & new potatoes
P - Jacket potato with cheddar cheese or tuna mayonnaise
Classic coleslaw & sliced tomato salad
Traditional lemon sponge with custard

Friday

R - Fish fingers & chips with tartar sauce
G - Free range egg, cheese & vegetable frittata
P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce & grated cheese
Baked beans & garden peas
Raspberry ripple ice cream