

## Dates for the diary

### January

#### **Wednesday 29th**

Handwriting parent workshop  
9am & 2pm

#### **Thursday 30th**

NCMP for Reception

#### **Friday 31st**

NCMP for Reception

### February

3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

Maths parent workshops –  
details to follow soon

#### **Thursday 6th**

Yr1 & Yr2 E-Safety assembly

The 2 Johns –5.30pm

E-Safety Assembly for Parents

#### **Friday 7th**

Yr2 RNLI assembly 10am

SPSSA KS1 Football at Len Forge  
Centre

Yr 1 & Yr2 Quantum theatre

Maths assembly

#### **Friday 14th**

INSET DAY

#### **Monday 17th -Friday 21st**

Half term

#### **Monday 24th**

Children return to school

#### **Wednesday 26th**

SPSSA KS1 Cross Country

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

SPSSA Creative Dance Festival

### March

#### **Wednesday 4th**

Parents evening -3.30-7.30pm

#### **Thursday 5th**

Parents evening -3.30-6pm

#### **Friday 27th**

Music Festival

The Bug Man Workshop –Year 2

Our Spring Term is rushing along, it will soon be the half-term holiday and we will really start to notice the lighter mornings and evenings.

Thank you to everyone who took on board our request regarding parking in the local streets, let us all continue to be considerate of other road users, pedestrians and local residents.

On Thursday a very important invitation was sent out to all parents and carers on ParentMail regarding an on-line safety presentation by The Two Johns 'Keeping Your Child Safe in the Modern World', please do take the time to look at this and book your seat and childcare if necessary via ParentMail. We hope to see a member of each family there on the evening as this is such an important subject for us all.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

This week the children have been learning about Chinese New Year. The children have watched a few clips of the dragon and lion dances on the smart TV. We have read a book called 'The Great Race' to the children which explains why and how each animal got a year named after them. The children have been very creative by making beautiful Chinese lanterns and lucky trees.

In math we have been copying Chinese numbers, representing numbers and saying when two groups have the same amount.

Some of the children have been looking at rhyming books and have been encouraged to try to hear the rhyming words, whilst others have been focussing on initial sounds.

This week's Makaton signs: Snake, horse, monkey.

### Year R - Reception

This week our theme has been Dragons and we have been reading the book Zog. In English we have been exploring descriptions and have been writing our own Wanted Poster. In Maths we have been learning about the numbers 9 and 10. We have been counting objects accurately and using ten frames to help us recognise when we have 9 and when we have 10. We have been using the whole-part diagram to find number bonds to 10.

#### How to support your child at home

##### Phonics

Enjoy listening to your child read. Encourage your child to read their books several times until they are able to read it fluently, without sounding out the words.

Red Words of the week: **some, come**

##### Maths

Can you make 9 and 10? Can you find two numbers that make 9 and 10? What other ways can you make 9 and 10?

##### Handwriting

Practise writing the curly caterpillar letters c, o and s. Remember to start each letter at 1 o'clock.

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

## Outdoor learning

**Monday 27th**

Heron

**Tuesday 28th**

Duck

**Wednesday 29th**

Dragonfly

**Thursday 30th**

Frog

**Friday 31st**

Newt

## Year 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about Neil Armstrong. They have been finding out about his life, his passion for flying and that he was the first man to walk on the moon. The children have made a timeline of significant events in Neil Armstrong's life and made a Fact File about him. The children have been enjoying our Man on the Moon Theme and we have had some fantastic Home Learning bought in and shared with the class. In Maths the children have been working on finding more or less than a given number and completing number patterns.

My Maths home learning has been set and children should be working on week 3 of their Spelling Passports.

**REMINDER: Outdoor Learning - Please make sure your child is wrapped up warm for their day outside.**

## Year 2

This week Year 2 have enjoyed their time in the Wildlife Area making a large 'Titanic' out of crates and working together in some drama activities. The children also enjoyed working with a partner to make 'mini rafts' out of sticks, developing skills of tying string to join their sticks. In Literacy we have been putting all our knowledge of the Titanic together and writing fact files to inform others of our new knowledge. In Maths we have continued to think about Money, counting totals, making totals and calculating totals.

### Late Arrivals at the Start of the School Day

**Our Attendance & Punctuality Policy is being reviewed and as from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, if your child arrives at school after 8:50am they will receive a Late mark on the register.**

**We encourage parents/carers to make every effort to ensure their child is ready to enter their class on time. The class doors are open from 8:40am and will be closed promptly at 8:50am.**

**We have seen a very positive impact in the classrooms since closing the doors at 8:50am, the children are settled and ready to hear the class plan for the day ahead.**

**Late arrival is disruptive for the whole class and either means repeating information or a child missing out on important or exciting news.**

### Parking on the school site

**As you are aware the school car park is for staff who work at the school.**

**Parents should not use the car park unless they have a permit**

### Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Woodpecker – 97%

Year 1: Dragonfly – 98.9%

Year 2: Hedgehog – 97.6%



### Friends of Hamstel

Friends of Hamstel are a group of parents from our Parent Council and the Junior Schools Parent Forum. They recently held a joint meeting and one of the fabulous fundraising ideas from that is their Christmas Jumper Recycle, please see the attached flyer for details.

### 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

#### 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

#### Wednesday

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

#### Wednesday continued....

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

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

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