

## Dates for the diary

### December

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rev Goodliff Assembly

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Nursery Christmas performances  
9.30am & 2.15pm

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Yr 1 Christmas performance –  
9.10am

Carol singing at Centenary Place

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Yr 1 Christmas performance –  
9.10am

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 Christingle - 9.10am

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Yr 2 Christingle – 9.10am  
Christmas Jumper Day

#### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Christmas dinner day

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Reception Christmas  
performance – 9.10am

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Flu immunisations  
Reception Christmas  
performance – 9.10am

#### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Last day of term  
Children are in school

### January

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

Children return to school

#### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Deadline for Reception 2020  
applications

### February

#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Yr 1 & Yr 2 E-Safety assembly

Wow! Another busy week at Hamstel. I really hope you had a chance to join us at the Christmas Fair and came away with lots of treats. It was fabulous to see the hall decorated with the amazing Class Christmas Hoops, they are a wonderful display of the children's handicraft and hard work. The children and staff have all worked very hard on preparing for the Fair and the new layout using the Junior Hall also this year worked well.

Christmas Celebrations: Reception Christmas Concert, Year 1 Production and Year 2 Nativity & Christingle – seat bookings for this are open on ParentMail. Please go to the main menu then Forms to complete.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

The week has flown by as the children have enjoyed singing 'Miss Polly had a Dolly' for our week's theme. The children have learnt and spoken about all the different people that can help us, such as; Doctors, Nurses, Teachers, Parents etc. They have been having lots of fun dressing up as Doctors and Nurses and helping the dollies to feel better.

We have all been enjoying our practice runs for our Christmas production and the children are very excited about seeing you there.

This week in Maths we have been focussing on positional language, the children have been using their words to explain where the bear is sitting. We have also been looking at counting out loud when counting objects.

This week's Makaton signs: Doctor, Nurse and ill.

**REMINDER:** Our Christmas production will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> December either at 9.30am or 2.15pm. You will receive your tickets on Monday, if not please speak to a member of staff. Thank you.

### Year R - Reception

This week we have been learning about sound. We have been reading the story Peace at Last and have identified all the sounds that kept Mr Bear awake. We enjoyed playing a game where we were blindfolded so we could only use our ears to point to where the sound of a musical instrument was coming from. We have enjoyed exploring different sources of sound and changing the sounds to make them quieter, louder, faster or slower. This week we have also been thinking about the importance of sleep. We have been learning about which activities are better to do before bed as they will help us to get to sleep, like listening to a bedtime story. In Maths this week we have learning how to measure time in simple ways, for example by counting in seconds, using sand timers and stopwatches. We have enjoyed timing each other and finding out how many different things we can do in a minute.

#### How to support your child at home

##### Phonics

Continue to practise the set 1 speed sounds lessons including the special friends sh, ch, th, ng, nk, qu, ck.

Red Words of the week: they, my

##### Maths

How many jumping jacks can you do in a minute? Have a go at timing how long it will take a grown-up to do 20 jumping jacks.

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 2nd**

Kingfisher

**Tuesday 3rd**

Woodpecker

**Wednesday 4th**

Owl

**Thursday 5th**

Peacock

**Friday 6th**

Swan

## Parent Council Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec @ 9am**

If you would like to add any items for discussion to the agenda for this meeting please speak to your child's class Parent Councillor or class teacher.

## Christmas Postbox

The Christmas Postbox will be open for business from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. If your child would like to send their friends a Christmas card at our school, they can pop them in the post box and during the week Christmas helpers will empty and deliver the cards to class. To help your cards get to the right person please clearly write the name of the child and their class on the envelope. Don't worry if you can't remember a surname.

## Weekly Attendance Award

Reception: Kingfisher – 96.8%

Year 1: Duck – 98%

Year 2: Hedgehog – 96.1%



## Handwriting

This week we have been practising the one-armed robot letters b and n. Practise writing b and n at home. Remember to start at the top of each letter and to finish in the right place.

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

## Year 1

This week Year 1 have been reading a new story 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We have looked closely at where the story was set, in a magical woods, and have been thinking about the different senses we could use to describe the setting. This has been supported in Outdoor Learning by exploring the different sights, sounds, textures, smells and taste we could experience. The children loved having the opportunity to have the fire on in the hobbit hut and even got to toast some marshmallows. In Maths we have been thinking about positional language such as first, second, third and using left and right to explain where things are. The children have been working hard on their Christmas performances and making their items for the Christmas Fair. Thank you for your support at the Christmas Fair to make it such a success. A new My Maths activity has been set to keep up their practise of addition.

## Year 2

This week we have been learning about some different events that had happened in the history of flight and making timelines. Did you know that in 1783 when the Montgolfier Brothers succeeded in the first flight of the Hot Air Balloon it was a sheep, duck and a rooster that travelled in the balloon and that in 1996 Concorde recorded its fastest ever flight from New York to London across the Atlantic Ocean. In 1903 The Wright Brothers made history with the first flight of the aeroplane, so as this was such a significant event in history, the children have been researching all about The Wright Brothers and writing about them. In Maths we have continued to develop our skills in solving division equations and problems. We have dividing by 2, 5 and 10.

## 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