

## Dates for the diary

### w/c Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Parent/Teacher Conversation  
Zoom Meetings

### w/c Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Parent/Teacher Conversation  
Zoom Meetings

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>

International Dance Day

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council Meeting

## May

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bank Holiday –school closed

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

Whole Class Photographs

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> –Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Half-Term Break

## June

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

INSET Day –school closed May

## July

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Gemma's Farm visit



This week's school value focus has been 'Aspire', your child may have shared some of the ways this has been talked about in school and their aspirations for the future. This week's year group winners are in the box on page 2. Next week's school value will focus on 'Respect'.

We have had some concerned reports regarding young children on scooters on the way to and from school, if your child uses a scooter or bike please keep a close eye on them and maintain their and other path users safety, thank you.

It is wonderful that we are able to continue with the planned road map out of lockdown, please do still keep making space for those around you, use a face covering at all times when on the school site and respect the guidelines set out for us all at each stage. Please continue to advise the school office if any member of your household is showing symptoms or has tested positive for Covid 19.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

The children have settled so well back into Nursery this week. We have been reading the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' and learned all about the story and how BAD the wolf is. During our play, we have been re-telling the story using the puppets and book.

We have also been learning all about 2D shapes. We noticed that Grandma's house was built of lots of different shapes. We have been making our own houses using the shapes and naming them!

We also had our first Phonics group time this week – how exciting - and learned the new sound mmmm. We have been saying words with the mmmm sound and starting to read it in the environment too! What a great week we have had in Nursery!

**REMINDER:** Please bring wipes in for your child if they need pull ups changed. Please make sure all your child's belongings are labelled.

### Year R - Reception

This week we have been looking at the story Billys Bucket, the children have really enjoyed exploring the sea animals which appear in the book and have all come up with lots of great adjectives to describe them and to then use in their writing! We have been making under the sea diorama's which look amazing and made our very own class books of what we would each like to see if we looked into Billys Bucket. The children have been working extremely hard in their new Read Write Inc groups and getting to know their new teachers and class friends- Well done Reception.

**REMINDER:** Please continue to practise the children's RED words at home, they each received a RED word pack to take home before half term

## Nursery Places – Sept 2021

Does your child turn 3 before Sept 2021? Our Nursery is now taking applications for places to start from September 2021. Please contact the school office for more information or to get an application pack.

30 hour and 15 hour funded places available.

The deadline for applications is 30/04/21.

Please share this information with any family members or friends that may also be interested, thank you.

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 19th**

Heron

**Tuesday 20th**

Duck

**Wednesday 21st**

Dragonfly

**Thursday 22nd**

Frog

**Friday 23rd**

Newt

## Year 1

A big welcome back to Year 1! This week the children have been listening to and developing their language for writing their own Fire poems. The children have learnt what a simile is and have written some great sentences, then applied this new knowledge to their fantastic poems. In Maths, the children have been exploring the early stages of multiplication and looking at equal groups. We have also started to look at London a long time ago and comparing it with London today, discussing what is similar and different. The children have also looked at how fire engines and fire equipment have changed over time.

## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we have had a great first week back. We have been enjoying our new text 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward. The children have been learning what an exclamation sentence is and writing descriptions about some of the beautiful illustrations in the story. In Maths we have been moving our knowledge on when solving addition calculations and learning how to regroup when we have too many ones e.g.  $45 + 8 =$  or  $35 + 18 =$ . We have carried out some great exploration work in the Wildlife Area looking for things that are alive, dead or never been alive as well looking at micro-habitats for animals and plants. The children also enjoyed starting to find out about Brazil, locating the continent of South America in an atlas and finding out some facts about Brazil.

## Friends of Hamstel Schools

'Friends of Hamstel Schools' are planning to hold a virtual raffle and we already have some wonderful prizes, if you work for a company that could offer a prize or donation to this worthwhile cause please email into the school office.

Further details on how to enter the raffle will follow shortly – keep an eye on your ParentPay emails!

## Today's Celebration Assembly

This week's focus value has been 'Aspire'. Classes that received the most dojo's for each year group are:-

Reception Year

**Woodpecker Class**

Year 1

**Frog Class**

Year 2

**Hedgehog Class**

## Parent/Teacher Conversation Meetings

Your child will have come home with a letter today giving full details of how to join your booked Zoom meeting with the class teacher. Please take the time to read this before your appointment and download the Zoom platform. An electronic version of this letter will be sent out on ParentPay soon.

Not yet booked an appointment, pop over to your ParentMail account and there is still time.



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## Dinner menu

### Monday

R - Cheesy leek & bacon pasta bake with a herby crust  
G - Sweet chilli & soy vegetable fried rice  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese  
Green beans  
Coconut & Jam sponge with custard

### Tuesday

R - Beef lasagne  
G - Vegan mince & vegetable pasta bake  
P - Pasta with tomato sauce  
Sweetcorn  
Berry crumble slice

### Wednesday

R - Roast Gammon with roast potatoes & gravy  
G - Potato & leek frittata  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese

Roasted butternut squash & kale  
Orange & poppy seed sponge

### Thursday

R - Chicken & vegetable curry with steamed rice  
G - Lentil & vegetable lasagne with garlic bread  
P - Pasta with tomato & basil sauce  
Carrots & Cauliflower  
Cherry cookie

### Friday

R - Fish Fingers & Chips  
G - Roasted vegetable & chickpea wrap  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese  
Baked Beans & garden peas  
Vanilla & sultana sponge with custard

Freshly baked bread is available every day.