

## Dates for the diary

**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 3rd**

Bank Holiday –school closed

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Whole Class Photographs

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Friends of Hamstel - Raffle Draw

**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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Father's Day

## July

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

Gemma's Farm visit

## 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.



This week's school value focus has been 'Respect' and the dojo points awarded have been very high across the whole school. This has encouraged lots of discussion around such things as using our manners; being good role models; knowing the class rules and how we treat one another. We hope that this has also prompted family discussions at home and we would love to hear your feedback on this week's focus or any future ones. This week's year group winners are in the box on page 2. Next week's school value will focus on 'Effort & Resilience'.

Please continue to make space for each other and remember to bring your face covering to wear on the school site during drop off and pick up. This week the Government have asked us to reinforce their message on the importance of asymptomatic testing for staff and adults with children at school. Please follow the link on how to obtain test kits <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> If a LFD test gives a positive result, the person being tested and the whole household must self-isolate. This should then be confirmed with a PCR test taken within 2 days of the LFD test. Please keep us informed of any positive results or symptoms where you have decided to obtain a test.

There is an updated version of [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#) available as well.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have continued our story: 'Little Red Riding Hood'. The children have been re-telling the story using puppets and props. In Maths we learned the names of 3D shapes; the children have used shapes in the environment to build all kinds of structures. We have had such a great time this week heading over to the adventure trail in the big playground. We have used our gross motor skills to climb across all the equipment! It's been really good fun!

### Year R - Reception

This week we have been learning all about the story 'Handa's Surprise'. We tasted lots of different fruit from the story and learnt how to describe their taste and smell. Mangoes and pineapples were a clear favourite across the Reception classes. We have also been very excited to receive our caterpillars and the children are really looking forward to watching them grow over the next week.

We will be Outdoor Learning next week so please dress your child appropriately

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 26th**

Kingfisher

**Tuesday 27th**

Swan

**Wednesday 28th**

Peacock

**Thursday 29th**

Owl

**Friday 30th**

Woodpecker

## Whole Class Photographs

Tempest will be with us on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May to take the class photographs, if the weather is kind to us these will be taken outside. Keep an eye on ParentPay for more information nearer the time.

## Today's Celebration Assembly

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

Reception Year

**Swan Class**

Year 1

**Duck Class**

Year 2

**Squirrel Class**

## Friend of Hamstel Schools

### Super Prize Raffle

Please see the flyer attached with this newsletter for full details. You will need your ParentPay account activated to buy tickets

## Cool Milk

If your child is turning 5 soon, the free school milk subsidised by the Government comes to an end. If they would like to carry on having this you can arrange to pay the suppliers, Cool Milk, direct. Go to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) to set this up or for more information.

## Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London. The children have looked at key events during the fire and sequenced them on a time line. Using the information the children have written some amazing recounts about the fire. In Maths we have been learning to group and share equally, learning the early concepts of division. We have had fun making Tudor houses and it was amazing to see how quickly the fire spread along the rows of houses.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been working super hard this week continuing to develop our skills with re-grouping the ones in addition and moving on to subtraction at the end of week. In Literacy we have been thinking about adverbs and what adverb is. We have been turning adjectives into adverbs by ending -ly at the end and using adverbs in sentences. We have made some beautiful paper birds and then written instructions on how to make them, trying to include some adverbs. The children have also been exploring Brazil further by finding out about the city of Rio and comparing it to London.



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All letters sent home can also be viewed on our school website [www.hamstelinfants.co.uk](http://www.hamstelinfants.co.uk)

## Dinner menu

### Monday

R - Chicken Biryani  
G - Homemade vegan burger with baked sweet potato  
P - Pasta with tomato & vegetable sauce  
Broccoli florets  
Carrot & apple flapjack

### Tuesday

R - Spaghetti bolognese  
G - Carrot & pea risotto  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or bolognese  
Carrots & peas  
Lemon drizzle cake

### Wednesday

R - Roast Turkey with roast potatoes & gravy  
G - Lentil & bean vegan loaf with roast potatoes & gravy  
P - Wholewheat pasta with tomato sauce

Green cabbage & roast carrots  
Banana & sultana cake with custard

### Thursday

R - Beef burger in a bun with potato salad  
G - Margherita pizza with potato salad  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese  
Sweetcorn  
Chilled rice pudding with berry compote

### Friday

R - Fish Fingers & Chips  
G - Vegetable & lentil croquette with oven baked chips  
P - Pasta with tomato sauce  
Baked Beans & garden peas  
Chocolate 7 raisin shortbread  
Freshly baked bread is available every day.