



Children are the Future

# Hamilton Primary School - *hmail GA12*

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Dear Parents,

We are almost halfway through the Summer term and as many of you will be aware, most children are involved in testing to give us evidence of the progress they have made this year. The tests are only one form of assessment that goes to make up the teachers' professional judgment of what progress the children have made. There can be times where these tests do not reflect a pupil's ability and hence we do not share these particular results with parents. However, you would be contacted if there was a concern. Please refrain from asking class teachers for these results. These tests and teacher assessments will be collated over the next few weeks and end of year reports will be written. At the end of this process, the year groups will meet to discuss the pupils' class groups for next year. This is a very difficult process where the pupils' views will be taken into account to ensure that they go into a class with friends. We ensure that each class has a balance of boys/girls, academic abilities and cultures. We also make decisions about children who will work well with each other in lessons. As this process does take some time, the pupils will be informed of their classes close to the end of term.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Attendance

I must thank you all for the fantastic effort you are making in improving attendance in the school. A real point for celebration is that in the Autumn term we had 77 pupils with 100% attendance and in the Spring term it was 174 pupils. Well done and thank you, it makes a real difference to consistency of teaching and learning.

### Mayor Making

A big thank you to the Year 4 teachers, pupils and parents for putting on a superb display of Maypole dancing at the event last Saturday, 15 May. The children were a real credit to the school. I have submitted the video clip of myself to 'Britain's Got Talent!' and am awaiting a response!

### Summer Fete - Saturday 19 June

The Summer Fete is only a month away, and that includes half term. Thank you for those donations we have already received. Friends of Hamilton Committee and parent reps have been very busy with preparations. We have already had collection weeks for Tins & Bottles and Soft Toys, Books, CDs and DVDs. If you have missed any of these, you can still send contributions in, via the office.

Further collection dates are: week beginning 24 May, Tombola & Raffle prizes; week beginning 7 June, Toys & Lucky Dip and week beginning 14 June, Plants and Cakes.

With this *hmail* are raffle tickets. I am sending home four books per family. Each ticket has a face value of 20p, and each book contains five tickets, so each complete book will cost £1. Teachers will have reminded the children that they are not to sell them door-to-door. If you feel you are unable

to support the school in selling the tickets, please return them immediately. Alternatively, for more to sell, please contact either office. The first prize is £100 cash.

As usual, there will be a model competition and a cake competition. Please encourage your children to have a go. As we offered last year, any child bringing a donation of a plant, cake or £1 into school on the morning of Friday 18 June - Mufti Day - will be eligible to wear their own clothes that day.

Date and time for raising the marquee: Monday 14 June at 5.30pm Hampden Road field. We need some volunteers - please let the office know if you can assist - we much appreciate your help.

### EPSCA Chess Competiton

Over the weekend of 15-16 May, Mrs Saunders and her son David (Team Manager) went with Hamilton's Under 11 chess team and their families to Brean Sands, near Weston-Super-Mare to play in the English Primary Schools Chess Association semi-final competition. An enjoyable time was had by everyone and all the players behaved impeccably. The team came 27<sup>th</sup> out of 30 and won a bronze award for the school. Well done to all the players.

## NOTICES

### Calendar

There have been some amendments made to the dates given in the calendar published at the beginning of April for this term. Please note the date for Year 4's visit to Whipsnade is Thursday 8 July, and the KS2 reserve Sports Day is Friday 9 July. Dates for the second half of this term are at the end of this *hmail*.

### **New Instrumentalist Sign-up Evening**

If your child wishes to begin learning to play a musical instrument in school with one of our visiting instrumental teachers from next term, Ms McMillan will be holding sign-up evenings after half term. Children in Year 3 will get an automatic invitation on Wednesday 26 May, after watching visiting instrumentalists play. Interested children in Years 4 and 5 should collect an information letter which will be available from the office from Thursday 27 May.

### **Summer Uniform**

When we return to school after half term, the uniform code will be relaxed to allow our children to wear uniform without ties.

### **Sun**

We take protecting skin from the damaging elements of the sun's rays very seriously. For the rest of this term I would remind parents to ensure that all children wear sun screen to protect them from sunburn. I recommend using a suncream with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 30. Children should come to school wearing sun block, and bring with them a named sun-block stick for re-application if needed.

Please be aware that during the hot weather, it is important that the children bring plenty of water to drink to school each day.

### **Years 1 & 2 Outdoor Learning**

Over the coming weeks we are aiming to further develop the outdoor learning environment at Hampden Road (Years 1 and 2) and would greatly appreciate your help. We would warmly welcome any contributions that you no longer need and may stumble across in your garage, shed, tool box or other storage receptacle!

Among the resources that we are looking for are: milk crates, wooden planks, ropes, buckets, old tyres, fabric pieces or strips, paint brushes and rollers, windchimes, drainpipes/guttering, plastic bowls, ladles, spoons, white canvas/sheets, pots and pans, balls, boxes, rolls of wallpaper, puzzles, play people, puppets. Please bring your donations into Hampden Road to be passed onto Mrs Kemp. Many thanks in advance for your support.

### **Sickness**

There have been a number of children having to go home having been sick in school. We recommend that if a child has been sick, they are kept at home for at least 24 hours after the last bout of sickness. This is to help contain any 'bugs'. Thank you for your help.

### **Headlice**

Headlice are rife in school. An information sheet is printed on the back of this email. Please check your child's head and treat if necessary.

### **Lost Property**

We will be having a purge of lost property at the end of this half term. Any items not named will be taken to a charity shop at the end of next week. If your child has any missing property, please come into school to check the lost property boxes.

### **Parking - Reminder**

A reminder for parents with children at Hampden Road that the front car-park should not be used to park when collecting children at the end of the day.

We are encouraging parents who have any issues with incidents of poor parking to write to Parking Services, Wycombe District Council, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe HP11 1BB or phone 01494 421420.

### **Suggestion Box**

A suggestion box is in each office for use by parents and pupils. We are pleased to respond to suggestions, and will run a FAQ (frequently asked questions) column in the next *hmail*.

### **Bicycle for Hire**

One of our families has a tandem and child's trailer which they are not currently using and would be happy to hire out to another Hamilton family. If you are interested, please enquire at the office.

## **FRIENDS OF HAMILTON**

### **Yummy Mummies**

Thanks to Sarah-Jane Wellington and her team from FoH - Yummy Mummies was a thoroughly enjoyable evening - or so I have been told!

### **Reminders:**

The next **Hot Dog** day will be on Friday 25 June at both sites. Hot dogs are 70p each. I must remind you that cash must be sent into school at the start of the school day - hot dogs can only be served to children who have brought in their payment.

**Marquee Music Event** - Friday 25 June - a Johnnie Cash tribute band will provide the entertainment. Cost per ticket £5. A flier is being sent home separately giving full details.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Aldous  
Headteacher

## ADVERT

We are seeking to recruit a small team of parents/adults to walk children to Arts & Crafts Club from Hampden Road at the end of school each week day at 3.30pm.

A sheet of information about the job and remuneration is available from the school offices.

Safer Recruitment procedures will be used.

Calendar of dates for the second half of this term:

Thursday 10 June	Year 5 Selection Awareness meeting	Hampden Road hall 7pm
Monday 14 June	Raising the Marquee - volunteers needed	Hampden Road field 5.30pm
Sunday 13 June	Choral Tea Concert	Hampden Road hall
16/17/18 June	Year 5 trip to River & Rowing Museum, Henley	
Wednesday 16 June	New instrumentalist sign up evening for parents: Years 3,4,5 & 6	PR hall 7-9pm
Thursday 17 June	Y1 visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park	
Thursday 17 June	Secondary School Awareness meeting - Year 5	Hampden Road hall 7pm
21-24 June	Y6 to Green Park	
21 June 2P 22 June 2E 23 June 2G	Year 2 Tea Parties	
Tuesday 22 June	Nursery - Big Toddle	Hampden Road field during school hours
Wednesday 23 June	Year 3 Country Dance Festival	Hampden Road field 6-7.30pm
Friday 25 June	Year 6 Longridge visit	
Wednesday 30 June	Globetrotters - open afternoon and evening performances	
Thursday 1 July	Dismantling of marquee	Hampden Road field 5.3pm volunteers needed
Friday 2 July	Reports to parents	
Monday 5 July	KS2 Sports Day	am session/picnic (reserve Sports Day 9 July)
Tuesday 6 July	KS1 Sports Day	9.30am start (reserve Sports Day 7 July)
Thursday 8 July	Year 4 Whipsnade Animal Park	
Monday 12 July	Year 6 play	7pm Hampden Road hall
Monday 12 July	9am deadline for returning reports to school	9am deadline
Friday 16 July	Year 4 Day out to seaside	
Friday 16 July	Year 6 visit to Hughenden Park	
Friday 16 July	Year 3 Great Exhibition	Priory Road hall - pm parents invited

Note from Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

### VISION AND ETHOS

Earlier in the year we had an extremely useful meeting about the direction of the school and the vision for the future. In order to make sure that we are working together to drive the school forwards, I would like to set up a working party to review the school vision statement and aims. If you would like to be part of this group, please return the slip below.

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Please complete and return this slip to the school office

### *HmailGA12 Response Slip - Vision and Ethos*

I would like to be part of a working party to review the school vision statement and aims.

Name: .....(parent)

Child's name: ..... Class: .....

I am available for meetings    AM        PM        Evening

# HEAD LICE - Are happy to be on ANY head

## HEAD LICE - THE FACTS

Head Lice :

- Are small wingless six legged insects
- A life size adult louse is 3mm long
- Live only on human heads
- Like warmth close to the scalp
- Do not jump or fly
- Only move from head to head when there is close contact
- Live by biting the scalp and feeding on blood
- EGGS are laid close to the scalp and are pearl coloured oval shapes
- NITS are a dull colour and found further along the hair
- Are not fussy about the length of hair or whether it is clean
- Can be found anywhere on the scalp, but especially behind the ears and at the back of the neck
- Are often present for months before being detected

*If left alone they can infest many others.*

## PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

### DETECTION OF HEAD LICE

Control of head lice starts at home, children need supervision with hair washing and combing.

Wet combing, as described below, after washing the hair, is an excellent way of detection and treatment.

It is important to check regularly every week including school holidays.

### DETECTION METHOD

*You will need...*

Shampoo, conditioner, wide-toothed comb, head lice detection comb, towel, kitchen paper

1. Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo
2. Use conditioner to make combing easier
3. Lightly towel dry hair
4. Remove tangles with a wide-toothed comb
5. Using detection comb, part hair into small sections and comb hair from scalp to the end
6. Wipe comb each time with a piece of kitchen paper and check for live lice
7. Repeat step 5 and 6 and ensure the whole head is combed
8. Clean comb under running water, kill and wash away any lice found

*WHAT TO DO if a living head louse is found...*

- Check the whole family and advise anyone else who has had close contact with your child
- Treat all members of the family who have lice at the same time

## NON MEDICATED TREATMENT

*Wet combing method ...*

Repeat steps 1-8 of the detection method every 3 days for 2 weeks.

Combing every 3 days removes the lice before they are mature enough to lay eggs or transfer to another head.

**Carry on with routine weekly detection after all lice have been removed.**

## MEDICATED TREATMENT

Use only a medicated lotion recommended by a GP, pharmacist or nurse. Make sure you have enough lotion to treat all those with live lice (one bottle for each head to be treated). More may be needed for very thick hair.

Shampoos are not recommended as they are less successful in killing lice. For children under 2 years old and anyone with a medical condition, eg, pregnancy, asthma or eczema, consult your GP before using a medicated treatment.

## MEDICATED TREATMENT METHOD

*You will need ....*

Medicated lotion, detection comb, towel, kitchen paper

1. The room should be well ventilated (open window), with good light
2. Keep well away from naked flames, cigarettes or sources of heat; do not use a hair dryer
3. Apply lotion exactly as directed in the instructions
4. Ensure the lotion/fluid is applied thoroughly to the whole scalp
5. Leave the lotion on the head for the length of time recommended in the instructions to make sure the head lice are killed
6. Comb out the dead and stunned head lice with a detection comb
7. Repeat the treatment in 7-10 days using a second bottle of lotion
8. Check the hair 2 days after the second treatment. If there is still evidence of head lice ask your school nurse, health visitor, practice nurse or pharmacist for further advice
9. Keep a record of the treatment used and the result
10. Carry on with weekly detection combing after treatment

**Medicated lotions or shampoos should not be used to prevent infection with head lice. Only individuals who have live head lice need to be treated.**

## REMEMBER

*Anyone can catch head lice...*

- **But everyone needs to know how to manage and remove them**
- **Always check your contacts: parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, friends, baby-sitters and share information**

Some advice contacts:

Bug Busting helpline: 020 7686 4321

NHS Direct: tel 0845 4647, [www.nhsdirect.org.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.org.uk)

Community Hygiene Concern: [www.chc.org](http://www.chc.org)

Health protection unit for infectious disease who issue the guideline regarding head lice: 0845 2799879.