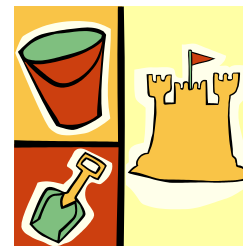




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Dear Parents,

Before the end of the term I wanted to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and safe summer break. For those in Year 6, I wish all the very best for the future, they have certainly had a busy year and leave the staff with very fond memories. The production of 'What a Knight' was outstanding last week and a real credit to all the children.

I would also like to say again about the staff who are leaving that I wish them all the best in their new schools and new countries. I especially want to say a fond farewell to Mrs Flint and Mrs Walker who retire, but will leave many many pupils, parents and staff with very special memories.

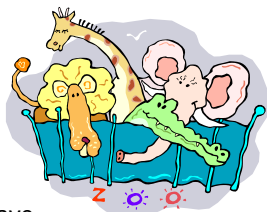
You will have received a newsletter from the Friends of Hamilton outlining all that they have achieved this year, which is quite remarkable. I would like to thank all the committee members for their support and their time to organise and run events. I would also like to thank all those parents who, although not on the committee, still give much of their time to support at the many events during the year, and of course all the other parents who have supported all of the events this year.

I would like to thank parents for their support and comments following our Ofsted report. It has been extremely hard work for the staff not only this year, but especially this term and positive comments have been welcomed. As I mentioned in a previous letter, the staff at Hamilton are extremely dedicated to the children and work tirelessly to raise standards. I have spoken and written to parents who wanted further explanation about the report and my subsequent letter, but it is extremely busy at the end of term, so if you still feel that you want to discuss any areas please let the school know and I will contact you.

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 4 trips to Littlehampton and Whipsnade Zoo

The children had a fantastic time on both of these trips. Having accompanied the trip to Littlehampton it was delightful to see the expression on the children's faces as they paddled in the sea. A great time was certainly had by all! I have been extremely impressed with the behaviour of our children during these visits. On more than one occasion members of the public and staff from the venues comment on how well behaved and polite the children are.



Easter will still join the Nursery at this time. We are planning to improve our provision in the Nursery for September 2012 by offering places for the whole year before the children start school and also offering 15 hours provision. We need to discuss the finer details with the Local Authority and will inform you when details are formalised.

School Shop

The School Shop will be open at Priory Road between 10.00 and 12.00 on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

Attendance below 95%

As you will be aware from my many correspondences about attendance, below 95% is not satisfactory. As attendance was highlighted in our Inspection Report for improvement, the Education Welfare Officer has insisted that we inform parents by letter, of all those pupils who's attendance has been less than 95% this year. If your child's attendance has been less than this for any reason, authorised or unauthorised, you will receive a letter explaining that we will be monitoring the situation. I would appreciate your support in this as it is very clear that the pupils whose attendance is higher have made far greater progress over the year.

Nursery Provision

You may not all be aware that in September 2011 the Reception Classes all start at the beginning of September. We will no longer have two classes starting in September and REC starting in January. This means that next term there will be no Nursery as the children will be in the Reception classes. Children who would normally go in to the Nursery after Christmas and after

	Open on the morning of	Close at end of afternoon of
Autumn term	Wednesday 7 September	Friday 21 October
	Monday 31 October	Friday 16 December
Spring term	Wednesday 4 January	Friday 10 February
	Monday 20 February	Friday 30 March
Summer term	Monday 16 April	Thursday 31 May
	Monday 11 June	Friday 20 July

Term dates for 2011/12

194 days have been set for the term dates due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (5 June 2012).

Five in-service training days for teachers have been included.
Inset days when the school is closed to children:

Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 September 2011
Tuesday 3 January 2012
Friday 1 June 2012
Monday 23 July 2012

Bank holidays during the school year: 26 and 27 December, 2 January, 6 and 9 April, 7 May, 4 and 5 June

