



Children are the Future

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We have had a fantastic start to the year. The pupils have settled well to their lessons and learning their new routines and even the weather has been kind to us recently. It has been really encouraging to see so many parents at the open evenings and I thank you for your positive feedback. The staff have worked extremely hard to put these evenings together, on top of their teaching commitment. I am glad to see that everyone has found the evenings extremely useful.

SCHOOL NEWS

School Council

Members of the School Council have been elected for this school year. This is an opportunity for children to represent their year group and put forward ideas and suggestions for what they want to do and how we can improve our school. The children usually come up with some amazing ideas and in the future we will include a report from the School Council meetings.

Maths Resources – Working Party day

Thank you so much to those parents who gave up their time on Wednesday this week to help to make resources for learning in Maths. Having hands on equipment makes a big impact on moving children's understanding forward and the more equipment the better!

NOTICES

Uniform

PE

Just a reminder that due to health and safety regulations, no earrings or jewellery may be worn for PE or games. This means that your child should come to school on the day of their PE lesson with their earrings and jewellery removed. Earrings may not be taped up for PE lessons. Watches must be removed and given to their teacher for the duration of the PE lesson. If you do not know which day your child has PE, please ask your child's teacher. This rule also applies to extra-curricular sports activities.

Naming uniform

We have already had a number of lost uniform items this term which have not been named. You must name every item of uniform so that if an item gets mislaid it can be returned to its owner. If you hand write your child's name in their uniform, please check that the name remains visible after washing. At the end of each half term all lost property items are donated to a charity shop.

Playtime – suitable coats



We nearly always go outside at playtime and lunchtime even if the weather is cold or there is a little rain. Please ensure that your child has a suitable coat at school so that they are protected from all weathers.

Child Protection Questionnaire

Caroline Oliver, a psychologist working in the area of child protection, will be asking mums and female carers to complete a short questionnaire about their perceptions of risk. She is planning on being in the Priory Road playground to hand out questionnaires on the afternoon of 10 and 11 October, and the Hampden Site on 12 October. If you don't manage to get a questionnaire from Caroline on one of these dates you can pick one up from the office at either site.

Please try and complete one of these questionnaires as the safety of our children is obviously of paramount importance. The questionnaire will be anonymous, so you won't need to write your name on it.

There will be a post box left in the playground (Priory Rd) for return of completed questionnaires for a couple of weeks afterwards, or alternatively you can just pop it in the sealed box in both school offices or post by Royal Mail.

Your assistance with this research would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Harvest dates

Hampden Road Harvest will be on Wednesday 19 October

Priory Road Harvest will be on Thursday 20 October.

This is a popular event for the local residents and groups who are invited to our harvest assemblies. Please be generous with items of produce which will be shared with our visitors. Suitable items, which would be gratefully received include:

Fresh fruit and vegetables; dried food such as rice, pasta or sugar; fresh bread; flowers; fruit juice,

If you are donating fresh produce, please send it into school on the morning of the assembly. Thank you for your help.



Dates when there will be no hot meals

Please note: there are some dates this term when there will be no hot meal service, due to school events or visits. The following are these dates:

No hot meals on either site:

30 November and 7 December

14 December (Parties)

15 December (visit to Pantomime)

There will be no hot meals at Hampden Road on:

19 October (Harvest)

8, 9, 12 and 13 December. (KS1 play)

There will be no hot meals at Priory Road on:

20 October (Harvest)

If your child usually has hot school lunches, they will need to bring a packed lunch on these dates. If your child has free school meals, a packed lunch will be provided on these dates.

Staff Governor appointment

I am pleased to announce that Ms Frances McMillan has been elected as Staff Governor.

TRAVEL PLAN NEWS

Walk to School Week

This event will take place between 17 – 21 October. Details will follow shortly.



Parentmail

As a school we are aware of the need to be eco-friendly and not waste resources. By sending communications home by Parentmail we save using substantial quantities of paper, and also ensure the communications arrive at home! If you have not already enrolled, I would urge you to ask in the office for a form to do so. If you are already registered for Parentmail and change your email or telephone numbers, please log-on to the Parentmail website and update your contact details.

Parking in Maitland Drive

I have received an email from a family who live in Maitland Drive and would ask parents to be considerate when dropping or collecting children from school: "We have a constant problem with school parents parking down the very small road between the two blocks of Hamilton Court, Maitland



Drive. It is very important that parents do not park down this small road as emergency services would be unable to get to Hamilton Court if needed and is the only way to access Hamilton Court. "

We will continue to report anti-social parking to the authorities. School pick up does not entitle any driver to ignore the Highway code.

FRIENDS OF HAMILTON

REMINDER -Swish Event – Thursday 20 October

All friends and family are welcome at this evening – shopping for clothes without spending lots of money. Simply sort out those ladies and children's clothes from the back of your wardrobe which you bought but never wore. The items must be good quality and clean. Accessories, bags, shoes and jewellery are all welcome. Tickets for the evening are £5 each in advance or £6 on the door. This price includes complimentary drink on arrival, canapés, and choosing up to 5 'swishing' items. Additional 'swishing' items can be purchased for £1 an item.



Fireworks Display

Friday 4 November is the date for the FoH fireworks display at Hampden Road. The gates will open at 5.30 and the display will start at 6.30pm. Family tickets are available until 19 October - for up to 5 people for £17 each, and advance single tickets will cost £6.50. Tickets on the gate will cost £7 each. No family tickets will be available on the gate. Under 4s free entry but must be accompanied by an adult.



Refreshments will be available and it will be a sparkling evening!

The flier has been sent home – please remember to order your tickets by Wednesday 19 October to take advantage of the best prices.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Aldous".

G Aldous
Headteacher