



Dear Parents / Carers

I am looking forward to holding my 'consultation evening' tomorrow, Wednesday 7 October, at 7.30pm in the Hampden Road hall to which all Hamilton parents and carers are invited. You should by now have received a letter giving information about the evening - please contact the office if you need further information. I realise that there is a secondary school open evening tomorrow evening, so if you are not able to attend the consultation evening I am holding another 'consultation' at 7pm before the Friends of Hamilton AGM on Monday 12 October in the Hampden Road hall.

Below is a message from Mrs Woolgar on the sad occasion of the death of a former Chairman of Friends of Hamilton who many of you will have known.

Chris Senior

It is with great sadness that I write on behalf of all the Hamilton community to pay tribute to Chris Senior who passed away suddenly on Saturday 26 September. Chris' association with Hamilton began when his two children, Sophie and Harry joined the school in 2002. From the beginning both he and Miranda, his wife, supported the school with Chris soon becoming involved with Friends of Hamilton. Chris took on the role of class representative, a role which, in my experience, very few men have volunteered for over the years and he was conscientious in working to encourage other parents to contribute by supporting FOH activities whenever possible. Chris joined the committee after several years as a class representative and in September 2006, when we were having difficulties and struggling to keep the organisation going at committee level, Chris stepped up and volunteered to take on the job of Chairman, a position which he held for two very successful years (during the second year he fulfilled the secretary role as well) until Harry left Hamilton in July 2008. Chris always said that he got considerable of pleasure out of being a part of FOH and he certainly worked tirelessly to ensure the success of everything that the committee planned. Bonfire Night is a Health and Safety minefield through which Chris, sharing his expertise, helped us to navigate - a very time consuming activity. On a lighter note, a large number of people benefitted from Chris' culinary skills enjoying both chilli con carne and lasagne on a Quiz night. Chris had both a lovely sense of humour and a caring and compassionate approach to life and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with Miranda, Sophie and Harry at this time.

SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Governor Election Result

The result of the voting for three Parent Governors was as follows:

Kate Needham 240
David Jefferies 131
Mohammed Akeil 126
Sean Sworm 103

Therefore, Kate Needham, David Jefferies and Mohammed Akeil have been elected as parent governors.

Children's Centre

The news about the proposed Children's Centre on the Hampden Road site is that the Local Authority has pulled out of the scheme for various reasons. This is a great disappointment as we saw the Children's Centre as offering a community service.

Terrapin

As you may know, the Terrapin at Hampden Road was condemned as unsafe last term. The Terrapin was not new when it came into service at Hamilton, and it has been used for longer than intended. It will be demolished over half term. Plans for use of space at Hampden Road are currently under consideration.

NOTICES

A reminder from the Deputy Headteachers

Celebration Assemblies

We would like to invite families to our sharing/celebration assemblies.

At Priory Road these will take place on a Thursday afternoon starting at 2.50, seating from 2.40. Parking will be available on the lower playground from 2.40pm.

At Hampden Road these will take place during Monday assemblies for Key Stage 2 children and Friday for Key Stage 1 children, starting at 3.00pm, families to be seated by 2.55pm.

Each class will be responsible for one week's assembly and the parents and families of these children are warmly invited to attend and watch the celebration of their good work.

We do remind you that pre-school children are required to sit quietly, so that everyone can be heard easily. Assemblies will end at approximately 3.10 at Priory Road, and 3.20 at Hampden Road allowing school to finish at the normal time. The timetable is below so that you have good notice for your child's assembly and will be able to attend:

Celebration Assemblies

Priory Road	Classes	Hampden Road	Classes
Thursday 8 Oct	4M	Mon 12 Oct	6N
Thursday 15 Oct	REB	Fri 16 Oct	2P
Thursday 22 Oct	3C	Mon 2 Nov	5B
Thursday 5 Nov	4G	Fri 6 Nov	2G
Thursday 12 Nov	3F	Mon 9 Nov	6D
Thursday 26 Nov	4W	Fri 13 Nov	2E
Thursday 3 Dec*		Mon 16 Nov	5P
* Music with Ms McMillan - class unknown as yet		Fri 20 Nov	1Y
		Mon 23 Nov	5J
		Fri 27 Nov	1K

We really look forward to you attending.

Shoe Aid - reminder

Collecting boxes are now at both sites for any shoes you no longer need, which can be used by Shoe Aid for Africa. Thank you for your help.

Voucher Schemes

We are collecting vouchers for a variety of schemes, including Morrisons 'Let's Grow', Nestle's Box Tops for Books scheme as well as for the Times Books for School voucher scheme. Please send any vouchers you collect into school - thank you.

Free School Meals

A letter will be going home this week to all families who we know are eligible for Free School Meals, asking them to update their evidence. If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the office for further information.

TRAVEL NEWS

Parking at Priory Road

It has been noticed that a number of parents have been parking in the staff car park to collect their children at the end of the school day. This car park is very busy and children are walking through the car park at the end of school. Parent parking in this area is therefore not allowed. **Please be aware that this area is for staff parking only.** Thank you for your co-operation

Walk to School Week

There will be a walk to school week for the week before half term. Please try to walk to school for that week as we measure the results and all schools send them to the BCC Travel Choices Team who publish the results for the whole county. More details will be given to the children in due course. Thank you to Mrs Saunders for organising this.

Parking

Parking is again an issue. One parent even parked and left their car on the yellow zig-zag lines across the school entrance! This is dangerous and illegal and we have asked the Police and Parking Authorities to make spot checks at drop-off and pick-up times.

On a positive note the parking in Priory playground at the end of the school day has improved significantly since we put our

parking "supervisor" on duty at the entrance. Thank you to the parents using this facility for driving and parking carefully and making it safer for the children.

Crocodile

Last year we had a Crocodile that went from Priory to Hampden in the morning. The co-ordinator had to step down and we now cannot run the Crocodile. We know some parents already make the walk anyway and would help, but have you considered that you could become the new Crocodile coordinator? Please call in at the school office and leave your contact details if you would like to know more.

Seatbelts for Children

It has become noticeable in the vicinity of school, that a number of children are not wearing seat belts when they are in moving cars. All children should be in a suitable seat and seatbelt for their size and age. Even at slow speeds a sudden stop can cause serious injury to a child or the person they hit when they fall off the seat. We can only remind you of the danger, the police may prosecute you, but if your child is hurt or worse you cannot undo that!

FRIENDS OF HAMILTON

Friends of Hamilton AGM

Friends' Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 12 October at 7.45pm in the Hampden Road hall. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Bonfire & Fireworks Evening

A notice has been sent home giving information about the Bonfire and Fireworks evening to be held at the Hampden Road site on Friday 6 November. Tickets will be £16 for a family ticket of up to 5. Single tickets will be £6. Children aged 3 & under will have free entry. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The gates will open at 5.30pm, the bonfire lit at 5.45pm and the fireworks will start at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Aldous
Headteacher

REMINDER

Hamilton School Admissions 2010

Applications for school places for the school year starting in September 2010 need to be made for those children whose date of birth falls between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006. If you have a child of that date, your school application needs to be submitted to the Local Authority by 13 November (paper applications by 5pm, on-line applications by midnight). The Guide to Parents and application forms - are available for collection from the Priory Road office.