



Children are the Future

# Hamilton Primary School - hmail GA13

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Dear Parents,

## Summer Fete

I would like to offer a huge vote of thanks to all those who gave their time and effort to help organise and run the Fete, both before and on the day. We made an amazing £6,300, which will go a long way towards providing additional play equipment for the pupils and funding projects in the near future. I am in the process of discussing a number of my plans with the Friends of Hamilton. When these are finalised I will be writing to you to confirm where the money will be spent.

## Attendance

We are still making lots of improvement in our attendance and I am looking forward to reviewing the figures at the end of the term. A big thank you to all those parents who are keen that their children are here right to the end of term. I am a little disappointed about the number of applications for absence in the last few days of term. In those days, the children will be meeting their new teachers, settling into new classes and getting ready to start the new school year with confidence.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Globetrotters

Thank you to all those parents who came into school during the day to see the pupils' work. I felt that this really brought the occasion to life and the children appreciated being able to share the week with their families. Thank you also to those who donated wonderful food for the feast and those who supported by coming to the evening event. I felt that the children performed fantastically and were a credit to the school. If you do have any feedback at all it would be lovely to receive it, either by post or email so that when we review future events we can strive to make further improvements.

### Staff News

At the end of this term we have several long-term members of the teaching staff who will be leaving: Mrs Milburn, who joined Hamilton in 1987, and has been Year 4 leader and PSHCE Co-ordinator for many years, will be leaving as she wishes to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Miss Newman will be taking on the role of Science teacher at St Piran's at Maidenhead. Miss Newman has taught at Hamilton for the last 19 years and has been Science Co-ordinator for the past 10 years. Mrs Lake is off to pastures new at Godstowe. Mrs Lake, who has been our French Co-ordinator and School Council Co-ordinator joined Hamilton in April 2003.

We are sad to see each of them move on, and wish them all the very best for the future.

News about new classes and staff appointments will be in the next hmail.

### School Crossing Patroller

I am pleased to say that after a long search, a school Crossing Patrol Officer (CPO) for Priory Road started yesterday. The officer is called Sue West

and she will be on patrol weekdays from 8:20 to 8:50am and again at 3:10pm at Priory. She is an experienced CPO who has transferred from another area.

When the CPO is on duty please ONLY cross the road when she says it is clear - this applies to adults and children!

We will be introducing the new CPO to the school, particularly the younger children, so that everyone is aware of her role. The service is run and paid for by the Bucks County Council Travel Team so there is no cost to the school!

Please make the new CPO feel welcome if you have the opportunity to meet her. This will hopefully improve the safety on the roads around the Priory Road site which are particularly chaotic in the mornings.

### Summer Fete - Saturday 19 June

Poster Competition winners:

Reception/Nursery	Jake Oliver	REA
Year 1/2	Rathurjan Rajakumar	1Y
Year 3/4	Archie Morley-Smith	4M
Year 5/6	Ian Sukovoy	6D
Parent/adult	Mr P Saha	

## MUSIC

### Choral Tea Concert

The Choir performed to parents, relatives and friends on Sunday 13 June and then enjoyed tea and cakes. Many thanks to all those who came and supported the Choir - it was an enjoyable afternoon.

### Instrumental Tuition - Music Lessons

Uptake of tuition on brass instruments is very low for September. We would like to encourage potential starters to take up brass instruments by offering free hire of French horn, trombone, trumpet or baritone horn. Please contact Ms McMillan via the school office.

## NOTICES

### Free School Meals /Access Fund

Free School Meals are available to any child whose parents are receiving Income Support, Child Tax Credits with income less than £16,190, or Job Seekers Allowance. I believe that there are families who are eligible but not claiming. Even if you do not want your child to have free school meals but you are eligible, it would be useful to the school to have the full picture of the school's population. From September we will be using Bucks County Council's Eligibility Checking Service, which with details of the parents applying will mean an end to having to bring in evidence of eligibility as this will be done by Bucks CC. An application form is attached - if you think you may be eligible, please complete the form and return it to the school office.

### Parent Questionnaire

In the next few weeks we will be building our development plan for the school. The better the feedback and the more people who contribute the more accurate that plan will be for the future. Please complete the attached questionnaire to make a contribution. Thank you.

### Arts & Crafts Club

There will be no Arts & Crafts Club on the last day of term - Wednesday 21 July.

In September, Arts & Crafts Club will start on Monday 6 September. We have also added to our provision for next term and will be employing walkers to bring the pupils from Hampden Road to Priory Road at the end of the day for the Club.

### Lost Property

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

## TRAVEL PLAN NEWS

### Parking - Reminder

Another 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.

REMINDER - Calendar of dates for remainder of this term:

Thursday 8 July	New Reception parents visit	2.30/7.30 Priory Road
Thursday 8 July	Year 4 Whipsnade Animal Park	8.45-5.15
Monday 12 July	Nursery closed	
Monday 12 July	New Nursery children visiting and New Reception visit	Priory Road 9.15-10.45
Monday 12 July and Tuesday 13 July	Year 6 play	7pm Hampden Road hall
Wednesday 14 July	Transition meeting for Yr2 parents	7pm Priory Road
Thursday 15 July	Friends of Hamilton thank you evening	8pm Priory Road
Friday 16 July	Year 3 Great Exhibition - Year 3 parents invited to view 1.30-2.30	Priory Road Hall
Friday 16 July	Year 4 Day out to seaside	8.15-6.30
Friday 16 July	Year 6 visit to Hughenden Park	

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.

### Walk to School

Well done to the 409 children who received a certificate for walking all, or part, of the way to school for the whole of the Walk to School Week.

### Go For Gold

Well done to the 177 KS2 children who managed to achieve a completed Go For Gold card by travelling to school for three weeks using environmentally friendly travel i.e. by walking, cycling, using the bus or train or car sharing with another family. They have all received a certificate and a golden ticket which allows them to choose a prize from a variety of activities including swimming, golf and ten-pin bowling.

### Scooter Rack at Priory Road

Any Priory Road children wishing to ride to school on their scooters may park them in the new scooter rack on the patio area outside the entrance to the office. You will need to provide your child with a padlock so that the scooter can be secured to the scooter rack.

### Riding Scooters to the Hampden Road site

Please be reminded that it is not appropriate to ride scooters in the cemetery. Children have been noticed riding their scooters down the road in the cemetery leading to the gate on Hampden Road and into the path of cars accessing the entrance.

### Biking Basics

A letter has been sent home asking for volunteers to help with running the Biking Basics course in the Autumn term. Please volunteer if you can - we believe the course, which gives information on the rudiments of cycling, road safety and avoiding accidents, is invaluable for our 6-10 year olds to learn new and important skills.

Yours sincerely



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