

Dear Parents

## Summer Fete - Saturday 20 June

I am very pleased with the donations received so far in preparation for the Summer Fete. Thank you. This week is Collection Week 5: Plants and Cakes. Any child who brings a donation of a plant or cake into school on the morning of Friday 19 June - Mufti Day - will be eligible wear their own clothes that day. Please return any raffle ticket stubs before Friday 19 June. All families should by now have received a copy of the leaflet 'Is there anyone out there?' giving detailed information of the Entertainments Programme and the Fete competitions. I do hope you will all be able to support the school on Fete day. Thank you for all the support you have already given.

## Inconsiderate Parking

I was embarrassed for the school recently when I learnt about incidents of inconsiderate parking and driving in the roads close to both sites. Not only that, but the attitude of some parents when approached by local residents seems to be insensitive and selfish and might well be described as offensive. As a school we have just been awarded Gold Level 3 for our School Travel Plan, and we are dedicated to improving the traffic problems which arise at both sites at the start and end of the school day. I ask all parents driving their children to school to park in a sensible manner, in an appropriate bay, and be aware that our neighbours should be treated with respect and not need to have to ask a parent to move because they have parked across the neighbours' drive or in the restricted bays without a permit.

## Parking on Zig-Zag Lines

The zig-zag markings that are found on the road outside the school gates are there to help protect the pupils. These mean: **No Stopping**. *Zig-zag markings are there for a purpose - to provide a clear area in which children can cross more safely.* Because of their size, children cannot see if the road is clear from behind parked cars. Drivers cannot see small children hidden by parked cars. When children go to and from school, there is usually a lot of traffic. The markings outside Hamilton have a Traffic Order relating to the time that the markings apply. This is either 8.00am to 4.00pm, or 8.00pm to 5.00pm Monday to Friday. This means that you cannot stop your vehicle on the zig-zag lines during the times stated.

Our School Travel Plan team has issued this statement: *"Parents who indiscriminately jeopardise children's safety by stopping outside school entrances should be prepared for being fined. Mums and Dads come up with all sorts of excuses as to why they insist on parking right outside school gates. But parents themselves pose the biggest threat by blocking the view of other motorists who cannot see youngsters crossing between parked cars. We need to educate parents about this issue. We are committed to improving safety, with children at the top of our agenda. We are also reminding taxi drivers that they are not entitled to stop on the yellow zig-zags. Quite frankly, there is no point in having a parking restriction to keep children safe unless we enforce it. The school is constantly working with the Parking Enforcement Officers to issue the offenders with tickets, and if necessary we contact the local Police office to notify them of the worst offenders."* If you have to drive your child to school, do not park on the zig-zag lines.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Guinness Trust

We were very pleased that Room 101 is now looking good, thanks to being spruced up by members of the Guinness Trust who voluntarily came in and revitalised the décor. Room 101 is mainly used as a music practice room and since a leak in the roof had been looking dull and tired. It is now clean and bright.

The Guinness Trust team also did a fantastic job clearing out the terrace in the lower playground at Priory Road and have built planters which will be well used by the pupils over the coming weeks and years. Very many thanks.

### Class Moves

I have received some requests for information on the class moves for September. These details will be available for the end of term.

Although only having been here a short time, I will be sad that both Mr Wilson and Mrs Comber will be moving on at the end of the school year. Mrs Comber to take on a leadership role at Hughenden, and Mr Wilson moving closer to home to teach at Newtown Early Years and Infant School. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

## NOTICES

### Globetrotters

**Thursday 25 June - Hampden Road**

Once again, we are looking forward to this exciting event. Anyone who could make a contribution of finger food, representing a particular country, for this evening should contact the school office. Contributions will be gratefully received. A letter giving you the opportunity to buy tickets for Globetrotters will be sent home later this week.

### Parking Permit application forms

Wycombe District Council has changed the system for applying for On-street parking permits - see a) below. The system for applying for Playground parking permits remains as previously - see b) below

a) The school will no longer issue these permits. The new system is that parents will have to apply direct to the Parking Services Department at Wycombe District Council, tel 01494 421417 or email 'parking@wycombe.gov.uk'. The permits will be issued on an annual basis, starting in September through to the end of the Summer term. A permit will allow parking in marked bays, as before, and is in the form of an 'On Street School Clock Permit'. On application to Wycombe District Council, applicants will be sent Terms and Conditions of Issue. The annual permit will cost £25. Should you have any questions about this scheme, please call the Parking Services telephone number as above. Applications already received in school will be returned via pupils if payment was made by a cheque. If payment was made in cash, please ask in the school office at the end of the school day. Thank you.

b) Playground Parking Permits will be issued by the school in the same way as in previous terms. The forms for the Autumn term Playground Parking Permits are now available from both school offices. The deadline for receipt of completed forms is noon on Friday 26 June at the Priory Road office.

### Wearing of ties

The children are allowed to wear uniform without ties for the rest of this half term. Please be aware that during the hot weather, it is important that the children bring plenty to drink to school each day.

### Vouchers

The voucher schemes for both Tesco and Sainsbury are coming to an end. Please send into school by Friday (the day before the Fete) any vouchers you may still have. The vouchers have to be counted and sent off before the end of term. Thank you.

### Sea Cadets

I have received some information about a recruitment exercise being run by the High Wycombe Sea Cadet Unit (TS Jaguar) which meets in Chestnut Avenue. Sea Cadets starts for young people of the age of 10. Activities are mostly free, as is the uniform. Cadets pay a small weekly subscription of £1. Activities include sailing, rowing, power boating, rock climbing, engineering, music and bandsmanship, cookery, IT and communications, and many more. If you are interested, please phone 450887 for more information.

## FRIENDS OF HAMILTON

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## REMINDER

### Lost Property

Both sites have a large amount of lost property which is mostly not named. Please ensure that all items of clothing, PE Kit, shoes and anything else brought into school is clearly named with your child's name and for lunchboxes, class. At the end of term we will be having a clear out and all unclaimed items will be disposed of.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Aldous  
Headteacher