

## Dates for the diary

### September

#### Wednesday 30th

Year 1 Harvest celebration focus in class groups

### October

#### Thursday 1st

Year 2 Harvest celebration focus in class groups

#### Monday 19th

Year 2 Owl visit tbc

#### Thursday 22nd

Individual photos

#### Monday 26th - Friday 30th

Half term

### November

#### Monday 2nd

INSET Day

#### Wednesday 4th

Flu Immunisation

#### Thursday 5th

Flu Immunisation

#### Thursday 11th

Remembrance event

#### Friday 13th

Children in Need

## Home Learning

If your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolating and they are well enough to then you can find home learning work and links on our school website under the 'Self-Isolate Resources' tab. Follow the links to your child's Year Group information.

## Privacy Notice

Please find attached our school Privacy Notice, this forms part of the Admission Form you complete when your child started school and we send it out annually for your information.



Our Reception Classes have really enjoyed their first outdoor learning sessions in the Wildlife Area with their class teachers and Mr Bailey. The weather has been perfect for them.

We continue to urge you all to follow the government guidance on social distancing, please be aware of the space around you when you are on the school grounds and wear a face covering. Everyone is now becoming familiar with the new routines, just a couple of reminders: please do not arrive too early when collecting your child from class, especially for Reception classes as queues are building up during the time that Junior School parents are collecting their children and we aim to keep movement around the site flowing smoothly. Secondly, we have seen an increase in the number of parents dropping their child off late into school, we have a 30 minute window from 8.30-9am, which should be more than sufficient to arrive on time, except for in exceptional situations.

Our Harvest celebrations will be a little different this year as we cannot hold large group assemblies. Each class will celebrate harvest time and multi-cultural week together in their classrooms. I am sure the children will have lots to share with you about this next week.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

This week we have listened to the story 'Sunk!'. The children have been busy drawing treasure maps and learning to draw directions. We have also been exploring 2D shapes and making pirate ships from these. In Maths we have been learning how to use a five frame and our focus this week was to count up to 4 objects.

The children have been exploring colours by painting pictures of pirate ships and a desert island.

Well done Nursery children for another fantastic week!

[REMINDER: Nursery doors will be open from 8.50am-9am. Please bring your child between these times and not too early, thank you.](#)

### Year R - Reception

This week in reception we have been looking at our growth! Our story has been 'I'm Growing' which looks at how we have changed and how we may develop in the future. The children have been learning new vocabulary for our body parts and some organs! We have done this in many ways such as painting our own portraits, cutting and sticking labels onto bodies and exploring different things about ourselves such as our ages and names. We have also started looking at the differences between each other and discussing this. Their RWInc lessons have begun with this week's main focus sounds being M, A, S, D, T. the children have really enjoyed looking at their baby pictures and how they have changed! Our first outside learning days have been a great success, allowing the children to explore our fantastic outside area!

## Outdoor learning

Please see the attached timetable for your child's Outdoor Learning day. Children should come to school dressed in comfortable casual old clothes. They will need their wellies and a waterproof/outdoor coat.

### Monday 28th

Fox

### Tuesday 29th

Squirrel

### Wednesday 30th

Hedgehog

### Thursday 1st

Otter

### Friday 2nd

Badger

## Important Information for our current Year 2 Parents & Carers

It is now time to apply for your child's place in Year 3 for September 2020. Although Hamstel Junior School is just next door, you must still apply through Southend Council's Admissions service. The link to the online application is [here](#). Or a paper application can be downloaded from [here](#). Further information will be sent out on ParentMail.

### Pupil Premium Funding

This is extra funding that schools receive where family circumstances make them eligible. If your household income is less than £16190 and/or you receive means-tested benefits your family may qualify. We know that during the last few months many have been affected financially. There is a quick and easy way to check your family is eligible on the Southend Council website. You can find the link [here](#)

### ParentMail

We send home almost all our information for Parents/Carers using our ParentMail platform. If you are not yet registered you can contact the school office to update your details. Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store.

REMINDER: Please can ALL clothes and shoes be labelled with names, some children are struggling to remember what they have brought to school and things are getting lost.

Please can the home school book be written in if your child is reading at home, this way we can ensure their books are changed regularly - otherwise they may have the same book for a while. A simple date and 'we read together' will inform us this is happening.

## Year 1

In Literacy this week Year 1 have enjoyed the text 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs'. In the story Harry leaves his dinosaurs on a train. The children have described the dinosaurs using adjectives and written their own 'Missing Posters' for Harry. In Maths the children have been busy adding numbers together up to 10 using different methods such as a number line and objects. The children have also been learning about Dinosaurs, which were carnivores or herbivores, as well exploring and labelling a simple structure of a Dinosaur.

## Year 2

Year 2 have been making 'Shrinking Potions' this week linked to 'Alice in Wonderland'. We used all sorts of natural items to put into our potions such as petals, coloured leaves, herbs, lavender, conkers, acorn cups and much more! With a good mix they were ready! We then wrote our own instructions on how to make a 'Shrinking Potion' using time conjunctions and imperative verbs to start our sentences e.g. **First, sprinkle....** In Maths we have continued to think about the values of 2-digit numbers and have been finding different ways to partition them into tens and ones. We used our ten sticks and ones to help us. We have also been thinking about number patterns and adding 2 more or 10 more in a sequence, exploring what happens to the numbers.

REMINDER: Outdoor Learning next week, please see the chart on the left.

### Dinner menu

#### Monday

R - Mexican Chicken Fajitas  
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings  
Coleslaw & carrots

Sticky toffee pudding

#### Tuesday

R - Classic spaghetti beef bolognese  
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings  
Peas & cauliflower

Carrot & ginger sponge

#### Wednesday

R - Herby chicken breast with roasted new potatoes, stuffing & gravy  
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings  
Carrots & green cabbage

Chocolate orange cheesecake

#### Thursday

R - Cumberland sausages with mashed potatoes & onion gravy  
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings  
Roasted season vegetables & sweetcorn

Peach sponge cake

#### Friday

R - Battered fish with homemade tomato ketchup or salmon fishcake in a bun & chips  
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings  
Baked beans & garden peas

Banana flapjack

Freshly baked bread is available each day.

Our caterers are hoping that the third menu choice (Green) will be available within the next few weeks.

**The Spring/Summer menu will continue up to the Easter break**