

## Dates for the diary

### July

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup>

Rainbows for Heroes Dress Up Day

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> & Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Gemma's Farm visit

#### Friday 9<sup>th</sup>

Class swap day & reports home

#### Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

End of year Class Parties

#### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Last Day of Term

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

INSET Day – school closed

### September

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

INSET Day – school closed

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Autumn Term begins: Years 1 & 2 children return to school



HM Government

**COVID-19**  
Let's take this next step, safely.

**HANDS** **FACE** **SPACE**  
**FRESH AIR**

We have had an amazing end to this week, the Reception classes have been full of Super Heroes, with teachers joining in too. Our Year 2's dedicated rehearsals for their end of year performance 'Croak!' have culminated in the finale which has been filmed by our Trust media. Both the Reception and the Year 2 children looked fabulous in their outfits and we can't wait to share the Year 2 video with their parents and carers. Huge thanks to everyone involved. This week we have also had First Aid training taking place in Year 2 and tennis coaching for our Year 1's has continued. Earlier this week we sent an important letter from the Director of Public Health for Southend regarding the need to self-isolate if you or a family member is showing possible signs of Covid. Please advise the school office asap if you have any concerns or any member of your family is isolating or waiting for the result of a PCR test.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

We have had a fantastic week in Nursery. We have continued to learn through the text 'Super Duck' and spotted rhyming words in the story. Some children have even been able to suggest new rhymes and then share them with the group!

In Maths we have been matching quantities to numerals and started to write some of the numbers too!

In Phonics we have learned the l, h and r sounds. We have also sorted objects into their initial sounds – the children have got really good at this. We have been creative this week; making kites and Super Hero masks. Our cutting skills have really improved! 😊

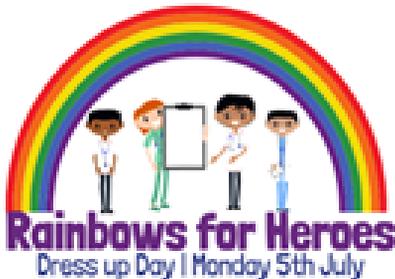
### Year R - Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading the story 'Eliot Midnight Superhero!' The children have enjoyed writing about their favourite heroes and getting creative. We have been looking at instructions and how important they can be to help us know what needs to be done. The children have also had a go at writing their own instructions on how to save the world!

We have been looking at reading and writing number sentences and adding in Maths, which the children have been great at, they have been working very hard.

We have enjoyed our opportunities to be out in the sunshine during our garden time, and enjoying our time together in the lead up to the end of term!

**REMINDER: Next week is outdoor learning week, Peacock and Woodpecker will be having outdoor learning together on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>- this is due to the children having a morning session with their new teachers on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>- please dress according to the weather eg, coats/wellies or hats/sun cream, thank you.**



**Rainbows for Heroes Dress Up Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July**, we are looking forward to seeing the children, and staff, dressed up in their most colourful outfits, donations for the Mid & South East NHS Charity can be made through ParentPay. On Monday we will also be having a visit from the charities mascot 'Polly Parrot' who will visit all the classes from outside the doors. We are celebrating along with the nation for the NHS & Social Care's birthday. The NHS Big Tea is back again and there are lots of events happening around the country and if you would like to find out more information please follow this [link](#).

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 5th**

Kingfisher

**Tuesday 6th**

Swan

**Wednesday 7th**

Peacock & Woodpecker

**Thursday 8th**

Owl

## Today's Celebration Assembly

This week's focus value has been 'Caring'. Classes that received the most dojo's for each year group are:-

Reception Year

Swan Class

Year 1

Dragonfly Class

Year 2

Otter Class

Please see the attached Celebration Assembly form with some of the best examples of just how the children have shown how they care for one another this week.

## Race for Life

Our Race for Life event is fast approaching. We recently sent an email home with information on how our whole school will be taking part in Race for Life on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July and your child should have brought home a T-shirt 'I'm running for...' label and a sponsorship form already. All monies raised should be paid direct to the charity using this link

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hamstel-infant-school-1>

\_Thank you.

## Gemma's Farm

Thank you to all those parents/carers who have already made a contribution for this visit through ParentPay.

We would be extremely grateful if anyone who hasn't made a contribution could do this as soon as possible. We completely rely on your contributions to be able to offer this kind of exciting opportunity to all the children.

## Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been enjoying their time in the Wildlife Area despite the weather! The children enjoyed going out on their local walks and spotting 'street furniture' and important buildings in their local area. They used their geographical language to describe some of the human and physical features they saw. They plotted their routes and made simple maps following up with a recount of their trip. In Maths they have been exploring capacity and using containers to measure volume using language such as full, empty, half full and making simple comparisons.

## Year 2

It's been such a busy week in Year 2 again! This week we have been working so hard in rehearsals for our show. We can't wait to share it with all the families. We have also been very lucky to have some visitors from Mini First Aid South Essex to teach us about some of the basic skills and knowledge to help us if anything happened to us or if someone we know falls over and doesn't wake up. The children all received a well-deserved certificate. In Maths this week we have been learning about 3D shapes and describing their features as well as matching their names. The children have enjoyed designing and making their own pizzas, finishing off eating them and evaluating them.

**REMINDER:** The children will be heading over to their new Year 3 classes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>.



**JOIN MILLIONS OF PARENTS ON PARENTPAY**

Please remember to check your emails for notices from us. Don't miss out on important information and using ParentPay to pay for clubs and other items. All letters sent home can also be viewed on our school website [www.hamstelinfants.co.uk](http://www.hamstelinfants.co.uk)

### Dinner menu

#### Monday

R - Chicken & vegetable Paella  
G - Sweetcorn & courgette fritter with side salad  
P - Pasta with tomato sauce  
Peas  
Apple & cinnamon sponge with custard

#### Tuesday

R - Beef Meatballs with mashed Potato & Gravy  
G - Squash & Lentil curry with Steamed Rice  
P - Jacket Potato with cheese or Salmon Mayonnaise  
Chinese Cabbage  
Strawberry Cheesecake

#### Wednesday

R - Roast Chicken Fillets with Roast Potatoes & Gravy

G - Vegan Cornish pasty with Roast Potatoes  
P - Pasta with Roast Tomato & Pepper Sauce  
Green cabbage & carrots  
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate sauce

#### Thursday

R - Cumberland sausages with Mash & Gravy  
G - Lentil & Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread  
P - Jacket Potato with baked beans or cheese  
Green Beans & Cauliflower  
Fruit Burst Jelly

#### Friday

R - Fish Fingers & Chips  
G - Vegetarian Finger bap with Homemade Ketchup & Side Salad  
P - Pasta with Tomato Sauce  
Baked Beans & Sweetcorn  
Chocolate & Orange cookie

Freshly baked bread