

Dates for the diary

November

Thursday 11th

Remembrance event

Friday 13th

Children in Need

December

Friday 11th

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 21st - Friday 1st

January

Christmas Holidays



Having returned after half-term we would like to say a big thank you to all those who are helping to support our school community by wearing their face-coverings, even using their scarf when realising they have forgotten their mask. Just a reminder for those waiting near the main gates on Hamstel Road to please keep to either side of the lampposts to allow others to have plenty of room to come in and out of the school site.

The children's flu immunisations went really well, the nurses were very complimentary about how well the children behaved and the support they received from staff. The take up of the immunisation was very high this year and they wanted us to pass on their thanks for supporting the scheme.

Reminder: with the days getting colder please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat each day and have a look at their label over the weekend to make sure the coat is clearly marked with their name. This way any coats that go astray can be quickly reunited with their owner.



Children In Need

We are really excited to share with you that we will be supporting this year's Children in Need Appeal. Classes will follow along with a Joe Wicks workout and we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 13th – we hope to see a colourful display of spotty clothes and the 'fee', a £1 donation will all go to this very worthwhile charity. This year we are asking that the £1 donation is paid using ParentMail and the payment item will be available from next week.

Thank you on behalf of the Children in Need Appeal in anticipation your support.

A letter with full details will be sent out on ParentMail soon.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

Our topic this term is 'Light and Sound'. This week we have listened to the story 'A Very Lonely Firefly' and spoke about all the different lights that were in the story. We have collaged pictures of a firefly and made drawings of fireworks. The children have thoroughly enjoyed making their own 'firework' with their junk modelling.

In Maths we have continued to look at positional language and recognising when there are 1, 2 and 3 objects without counting.

Each week, the children will be learning Makaton signs. This week our signs are: hello, goodbye, please, thank you, firework and bonfire.

REMINDER: Please ensure you have signed up to Tapestry. If you have not done this, please speak to the Nursery staff as soon as possible. Thank you.

Year R - Reception

This term, our topic is 'Light and Sound.' Our learning this week has been focused around the story, 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson. The children listened to the story and were excellent at joining in with the repeated phrases and guessing what will happen next. Reception have been learning how to sound out, blend and write CVC words using 'Fred talk.' In Maths, the children have been practising forming their letters to five correctly.

The children have been exploring shapes and making their own wands with repeated patterns. In Art, the children created their own colour for their Dragon by mixing primary colours together (red, yellow and blue). Reception have also explored their new Role Play areas in their classrooms: 'Potion Shop', 'Vet Surgery', and a 'Wizard School.'

Outdoor learning

Monday 9th

Kingfisher

Tuesday 10th

Swan

Wednesday 11th

Peacock

Thursday 12th

Owl

Friday 13th

Woodpecker

Paul's Uniform Offer

From today Pauls School & Work Wear will be operating online with a click & collect service only. They are offering 10% off ALL online purchases - use the code **WASHYOURHANDS** in the checkout area (offer expires after lockdown). The shop is open for Click & Collect Monday to Thursday 10am till 5pm with limited staff.

Contact Details

Have you moved, changed mobile number or have a new email? If you need to update any of your contact details, including for ParentMail please contact the school office. If we update detail for you on ParentMail this needs to be verified by the user, you have 7 days to accept/reject the changes otherwise it will revert to the old detail, so in these cases please look out for the verification messages, thank you.

Tempest Photographs

The proofs and order form were delivered to school today and will have been sent home with your child. Orders can be placed online or by completing the order form and returning this to school with payment details/cheque/cash.

[The deadline for all orders is Tuesday 17th November](#)

REMINDER: Next week, Reception will be having their Outdoor Learning. As we are approaching Winter, please can you ensure your child wears wellies, a thick coat and old clothes. Children also need to come into school in trainers as they will change into their wellies just before Outdoor Learning. Due to your children all learning at different levels in RWInc, we will send some revision videos of sounds that your child has already learnt. This Home Learning will be sent through your child's Tapestry account on a Monday. This week, we will be sticking in Red words that we would like you to practise with your child at home.

Year 1

Welcome back Year 1 children! We hope you had a fantastic half term break. Our new theme in Year 1 is 'Down in the Swamp...' but we have been focussing on fireworks in Literacy and writing our own firework poems. In Maths the children have been exploring the value of a 'teen' number by partitioning the number into tens and ones. The children have also enjoyed looking at the art work of the famous artist Georges Seurat and have started exploring different techniques to create pointillism artwork.

Year 2

A big welcome back to Year 2, we hope you had a lovely half term break. Our new theme for this half term is 'Let's Explore' and we have started the week off looking at Scott's expedition to the South Pole. We have undertaken research to answer questions and made a timeline of his race to the South Pole. In Maths we have been thinking about subtraction and have started applying the crossing off tens and one's pictorial method and the column method to help solve these calculations. In Computing we have been thinking about keeping safe on the internet.

REMINDER: Please remember to take earrings out and ensure that long hair is tied back on PE days. Thank you.

Have you completed your application for a Year 3 place for your child? It is time to apply for your child's place for September 2021. 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](#).

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Mexican Chicken Fajitas
G - Mexican 5 bean & vegetable tostada with pomegranate
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Coleslaw & carrots
Sticky toffee pudding

Tuesday

R - Classic spaghetti beef bolognese
G - Sweet potato topped vegetable pie
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Peas & cauliflower
Carrot & ginger sponge

Wednesday

R - Herby chicken beast with roasted new potatoes, stuffing & gravy
G - Mediterranean vegetable tart

P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Carrots & green cabbage
Chocolate orange cheesecake

Thursday

R - Cumberland sausages with mashed potatoes & onion gravy
G - Vegetarian sausages with steamed new potatoes
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
G - Falafel & carrot wrap with salsa & chips
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Baked beans & garden peas
Banana flapjack
Freshly baked bread