

## Dates for the diary March

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

All children return to school & nursery

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day gifts bought through ParentMail come home with child.

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Mothering Sunday

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Red Nose Day – wear something red

## April

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Summer Term begins

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

National Reception/Year 3 Offer Day

## May

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bank Holiday – school closed

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Half-Term Break

## June

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

INSET Day – school closed

## Breakfast Club

Is available from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45am £3.00 per child per session.

## After School Club

Available to book now on ParentMail for next week, session up to 4:30pm



All of us here at Hamstel are so excited to be able to welcome the children back to school on Monday, we know that there may be some first day back nerves for everyone but by all of us following the government's guidance and our own safety procedures we hope that at least in school we can get a sense of normality back. Please follow the guidelines. Please:

- Wear a face covering when on the school site
- Follow the route marked in yellow arrows & use them as a guide when keeping your distance between you and the next family
- Follow requests/guidance from the school staff
- Do not stop to talk with your child's class teacher, a message can be relayed through the school office
- Please don't arrive before 3pm to pick up as it can lead to queueing around the site
- Keep your distance
- Only ONE adult per child/children to drop off/pick up
- Please do not gather in groups on the school site or in the immediate area off site

### Asymptomatic testing for families with primary school age children

Please refer to the letter sent earlier this week from the Director of Health for Southend for how to access testing for your child before they return to school and ongoing twice-weekly testing at home for all family members. The aim is that by testing all families with school-aged children that asymptomatic cases will be found early and positive cases kept out of schools, helping to reduce the spread of infection. Information can be found on the government website <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please note that attendance at school is compulsory from Monday, all absences must be reported to the school office by 9am by leaving a message on the answerphone or via ParentMail. However your child should not attend school if they or any member of their household or support bubble are showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19. Please advise school straight away if their absence is due to this reason and we will follow up with you. Further information for parents can be found on the government website [here](#)

# Sneak peek at our week

## Year N - Nursery

We are so looking forward to welcoming the nursery children back to school and for those children that are new to nursery, welcome to Hamstel! This week on Seesaw there will be a video posted that shows the new nursery environment. There are some exciting changes and new resources that the children might like to see and know about before they return to nursery on Monday.

We have been so impressed with the wooden spoon characters created for Book Week – I think the competition is going to be very close! Please continue to create these and upload them to Seesaw.

Please remember to bring a change of clothes and wellies to nursery on Monday. We are really looking forward to seeing you all again and diving back into what we do best – which is play! Take good care and see you soon.

## Outdoor Learning

### Monday 8th

No class with outdoor learning

### Tuesday 9th

Squirrel

### Wednesday 10th

Hedgehog

### Thursday 11th

Otter

### Friday 12th

Badger & Fox

### Swimming in the Spring Term

We are pleased to share with you that we are hoping to start swimming lessons again when the children return to school. We will be starting with Year 2 classes and hopefully rolling this out to other Year Groups during the Summer Term. A letter with further information will be sent to Year 2 parents/carers in due course.

### Notes from the Office

Remember to let us know if you change **any** of your contact details: address, telephone, email. Keep us up to date with any medical changes, medication or dietary allergies.

[office@hamstel-inf.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@hamstel-inf.southend.sch.uk)

### Medicines

With children returning to school from the 8<sup>th</sup> please remember to bring any medicines i.e. asthma medication for your child to the school office. We are open Mon-Fri 7:45am – 4.15pm. Please wear a face covering when coming onto the school site and maintain social distance inside the school office waiting area. Please be mindful that we share this area with the Children's Centre and their service users. Please wait outside if there are already 4 people in the waiting area.

## Year R - Reception

Wow! Reception has had a fantastic book week. We received a special postcard from the illustrator Laura Hughes, she challenged us to become illustrators just like her. We also talked about our favourite animal books and why we liked them. Well done Reception, you have worked so hard at home. We have been really busy this week in school too, making sure our classrooms are ready for our return to school on Monday, we are all so excited to see you all.

## Year 1

Year 1 you have worked so hard again this week especially with all your lovely Book Week work. There has been some fantastic work linked to our text The Tiger who came to tea. Well done to all the children who have made a Story Spoon Book Character for our competition, they look fantastic! Don't worry you still have time over the weekend. Just remember to post your entry on Seesaw. The Year 1 staff are all looking forward to Monday when you return to school, we have lots of lovely things planned to do together.

## Year 2

Well done Year 2 on completing our last week of remote learning. There has been some lovely work linked to our text Little Red Reading Hood for Book Week. Well done to all the children who have made a Story Spoon Book Character for our competition, they look fantastic! Don't worry you still have time over the weekend. Just remember to post your entry on Seesaw. You have all worked super hard over the last few weeks at home and we all looking forward to filling up our classrooms again with everyone's smiley faces and being together in our classrooms.

### School Communication

We will soon be moving our communication and payment platform to ParentPay. To prepare for this please ensure that you have responded to the form on your ParentMail account. Thank you.

#### Dinner menu

##### Monday

R - Beef lasagne with garlic bread

G -Roasted squash & basil risotto

P -Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Carrots & green beans

Chocolate & beetroot sponge

##### Tuesday

R - Chicken tikka masala with rice

G - Chargrilled vegetable quesadilla with rice

P - Pasta with a choice of toppings

Lentil Dhal & broccoli

Courgette & orange cake

##### Wednesday

R -Gammon with orange & herb glaze served with roasted potatoes & gravy

##### Wednesday continued

G - Spiced Moroccan chickpea curry with lemon couscous

P -Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Green cabbage & carrots

Ice cream with fruit

##### Thursday

R - Beef burger in a bun

G - Crispy chickpea burger in a bun

P - Pasta with a choice of toppings

Sweetcorn & coleslaw

Apple & oat crumble

##### Friday

R – Fish fingers& chips

G – Mexican sweetcorn, carrot & courgette fritter with chargilled tortilla & Chips

P – Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Baked beans & peas

Chocolate & carrot brownie