

Dates for the diary

September

Monday 14th

Reception children start

Wednesday 30th

Year 1 Harvest assembly

October

Thursday 1st

Year 2 Harvest assembly

Monday 19th

Year 2 Owl visit

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

December

Friday 11th

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

School Drop off is between

8:30 – 8:50 am

School Pick up is between

3:00 – 3:20pm

Please keep to these times to restrict movement through the school with late arrivals.

All absences should be reported to the school office by 9am



It has been quite a week, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils have completed a full week and will probably be feeling quite tired this weekend. They have come into school really well and settled to their learning, their teachers are all very proud of them as they have needed to learn new procedures, new routines and get back into the swing of things. We have also welcomed lots of new Nursery children and the Reception children have completed their stay & play sessions. It has been an unsettling end to the week and we would like to reassure you that we follow all procedures and have taken full guidance and were able to act promptly in response to a developing situation.

From Monday 14th the government has introduced new further guidance with the aim to reduce the spread of the virus. Working together with the Junior School we would now encourage all parents/carers/others who are dropping off/picking up to please wear a face covering/mask while on the school site. We are aware that the site becomes very busy, particularly at certain points. A huge thank you to all those who are following the instructions. It is absolutely vital that each of us take responsibility for our behaviour. Please:

- Follow the route marked in yellow arrows.
- Use the yellow arrows as a guide of the distance to keep 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 be too early 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

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation, we all have an important role to play in keeping schools open and safe for our school and the whole community.

Sneak peek at our week

Year N - Nursery

The Nursery children have had their first full sessions this week and have made a great start. There were a few tears and not just from the children I'm sure, but the children seem to be settling very quickly in to the Nursery routine. We have had lots of fun exploring the garden and enjoying the lovely weather while making new friends.

REMINDER: Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are named clearly and that we have enough spare clothes, pull-ups or nappies where needed.

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 14th

Heron

Tuesday 15th

Duck

Wednesday 16th

Dragonfly

Thursday 17th

Frog

Friday 18th

Newt

Swimming

Swimming starts for all children in **Year 2** next week:

Monday

Badger Class

Tuesday

Hedgehog Class

Wednesday

Otter Class

Thursday

Fox Class

Friday

Squirrel Class

PE Days

Please check your child's classroom door for details of their PE days. PE kit should be worn on their PE days. PE kit should be a school yellow t-shirt, burgundy shorts and/or plain coloured (grey/black) joggers and sweatshirt. Please no jeans shorts/cropped tops etc

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

Year R - Reception

The Reception team have really enjoyed meeting all our new children and families. The children have done so well on their stay and play days and have all had a fantastic start to school. We have started learning all about ourselves by drawing our faces and talking about our families.

REMINDER: No PE for the first week of school – full uniform each day, especially on Monday when we will be having our photo taken for the Echo New Starter supplement.

Year 1

A big well done to the Year 1 children, who have settled in beautifully into their first full week back at school. The children have started their theme 'Dinosaur Roar' and have been exploring the text 'Dinosaurs love Underpants' by Claire Freedman. They have been thinking about describing dinosaurs from the story and writing simple sentences. In Maths the children have practised their counting skills and representation of numbers. The children have also enjoyed finding out who Mary Anning is and searching for dinosaur fossils.

REMINDER: Outdoor Learning starts from Monday, check your child's class on the timetable. Please wear appropriate clothing.

Year 2

Year 2 have settled back into school routines in their new classes really nicely this week. We have started our class text 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lesley Sims. It is a lovely picture book version of the classic fantasy text. Using the text we have been thinking about adjectives to describe the character, Alice and then writing a character description about her. In Maths we have been thinking about numbers to 100 and what each digit in a 2-digit number stands for. We have been counting in tens and ones and beginning to partition a 2-digit number into tens and ones. We have also been starting to think about maps and learning what an aerial view is. In classes we have been creating aerial perspectives of our classrooms.

Dinner menu

Monday

R - Beef & vegetable cottage pie
G - Jackfruit Katsu curry with rice
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Broccoli & mixed salad
Caramelised pineapple sponge

Tuesday

R - Mild jerk chicken with rice & peas
G - Vegetarian spicy special fried rice
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Sweetcorn
Apple pie cinnamon roll

Wednesday

R - Roast chicken served with roasted potatoes & gravy
G - Tofu & vegetable noodle stir fry
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings

Cauliflower & peas
Ice cream with fruit

Thursday

R - Chicken & sweetcorn meatballs in a sweet & soup sauce with noodles
G - Pitta pizza topped with humous & roasted vegetables
P - Pasta with a choice of toppings
Green beans
Chocolate shortbread biscuit

Friday

R - Fish fingers with homemade tomato ketchup & chips
G - Homemade crispy vegetable nuggets with chips
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
Baked beans & garden peas
Lemon drizzle cake