

## Dates for the diary

### June

**28th, 29th & 30th**

First Aid training for Year 2 classes

### July

**Monday 5th**

Whole school Rainbows for Superheroes Dress Up Day

**Thursday 8th & Friday 9th**

Gemma's Farm visit

**Friday 16th**

Race for Life Event

**Tuesday 20th**

Last Day of Term

**Wednesday 21st**

INSET Day –school closed



Midsummers day came and went this week and at times it's felt more like Spring or Autumn! With the weather so changeable please continue to put sun cream on your child before school each day and make sure they have their sun hat with them, thank you.

We said goodbye to our Happy Chicks on Thursday but we have all really enjoyed seeing them develop and they all looked super healthy as they went to their next home. A massive well done to all the children for caring for them so carefully during their visits.

**Monday 5th July we will be joining in with the National NHS, Social Care & Key workers' Day** by supporting our local NHS charity, Mid & South Essex NHS. Everyone is invited to dress up in colourful clothes for Rainbow Heroes Dress Up Day and we ask if you would like to kindly donate £1 towards this charity. There will be a payment item on ParentPay for you to use to donate and we will pass all monies onto them. We are really lucky to have been chosen for the charity mascot 'Polly Parrot' to visit us during the day, they will visit all the classes – from a distance of course and we hope to have a few photos to share with you.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have held the chicks and talked about how they feel. All the children were so gentle with the chicks and demonstrated such care and kindness.

We have read the story: 'Super Duck' this week and used the story to make kites and explore how they work. The children have loved being creative and have learned that the force of the wind keeps the kites in the air!

In Maths, we have learned to read numbers to 5 and match them to the correct amounts. In Phonics, we have learned the sounds: b, f, and e. Some children were so excited about the sounds work that they decided to try writing them in their free play time – this is fantastic!

### Year R - Reception

Reception have had a brilliant week using the book 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke. The book tells the story of a bus who enjoys creating mischief and breaking the rules. After listening to the story, each child had the opportunity to use the naughty bus to create mischief in their classrooms. They used the bus to spill water, knock over pencils and mess up small areas of the classroom. Reception visited the chicks again this week and were given the opportunity to stroke or hold a chick. All the children were kind and gentle and had been very inquisitive about the chicks when in the library. In Maths, Reception have been practicing counting beyond twenty and recognising the pattern of the number system. The children have used tens frames, counters and number fans to practise making numbers above ten and ordering numbers up to twenty. In our daily Maths Meetings Reception have been working hard to remember double facts up to ten and the four seasons of the year.

**REMINDER: Next Friday (2nd July) Reception will be having a Superhero Dress up day to support our theme of Superheroes. So don't forget to come to school wearing your Superhero outfit or dressed as your favourite Superhero.**



## Hares About Town

This week, two members of staff and two students attended the launch event for the Hares About Town trail. It was very exciting to have a preview of the beautiful designs created by local artists. It has been lovely seeing photos from those who have already been to visit our leveret at The Forum. Keep sharing these with your teachers on Seesaw and out Twitter @Hamstel\_Inf

We have a small stock of Hares About Town Trail Maps at the school office, which are available for a £1 donation to Havens Hospices.

## Outdoor Learning

**Monday 28th**

Heron

**Tuesday 29th**

Duck

**Wednesday 30th**

Dragonfly

**Thursday 1st**

Frog

**Friday 2nd**

Newt

## Today's Celebration Assembly

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

Reception Year

Peacock Class

Year 1

Newt Class

Year 2

Hedgehog Class

Please see the attached Celebration Assembly form with some of the best examples of just how the children have shown this week's

## Race for Life

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, your child should have brought home a T-shirt 'I'm running for...' label and a sponsorship form this week. 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

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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

Year 1 have had a lovely week using the book 'On The Way Home' by Jill Murphy exploring the different characters the little girl 'meets' on her way home after falling over. The children have used this as inspiration to plan their own simple versions by changing a character they might meet on the way home and wrote their own short story. In Maths the children have been thinking about simple division and exploring sharing into equal groups. We have also looked at Southend seafront and the pier and how it has changed over time. The children have completed a timeline by sequencing some images of how the pier has changed and exploring the different events that have occurred over the years. What experiences of the Pier have you had that you could share with your child? Can you remember any of the changes or events that have occurred?

**REMINDER: Year 1 Classes have Outdoor Learning next week, please remember sunscreen, sunhat, waterproof coat etc**

## Year 2

Where has this week gone! It's been another super busy week in Year 2 with outdoor learning and practising songs and words for our end of year show 'Croak!'. The children have also been learning and performing the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We have then used the poem to plan and write our own poetry and to think about what we might put in our own magic boxes. We have used similes and adjectives to describe the items we have put in our boxes. In Maths we have been learning about 2D shapes. We have looked at their properties and learnt the correct Maths words to describe them.

**REMINDER: We will be filming next Friday so please come into school dressed in the colours sent home.**

## Dinner menu

### Monday

R - Chicken Biryani  
G - Homemade vegan burger with baked sweet potato  
P - Pasta with tomato & vegetable sauce  
Broccoli florets  
Carrot & apple flapjack

### Tuesday

R - Spaghetti bolognese  
G - Carrot & pea risotto  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans, cheese or bolognese  
Carrots & peas  
Lemon drizzle cake

### Wednesday

R - Roast Turkey with roast potatoes & gravy  
G - lentil & bean vegan loaf with roast potatoes & gravy  
P - Wholewheat pasta with tomato sauce

Green cabbage & roast carrots  
Banana & sultana cake with custard

### Thursday

R - Beef burger in a bun with potato salad  
G - Margherita pizza with potato salad  
P - Jacket potato with baked beans or cheese  
Sweetcorn  
Chilled rice pudding with berry compote

### Friday

R - Fish Fingers & Chips  
G - Vegetable & lentil croquette with oven baked chips  
P - Pasta with tomato sauce  
Baked Beans & garden peas  
Chocolate 7 raisin shortbread

Freshly baked bread is available every day.