

HAMSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Edition 1



Headteacher Update:

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first half term. I would like to say a massive well done to all of the pupils who have settled into their new classes. A special mention to our Nursery and Reception children who have settled into their new routines so well.

My thanks to the staff and governors for all of the positive work that has already taken place in what has been a busy half-term. We have enjoyed our recent work on Black History Month and World Mental Health Day. We are also looking forward to the up and coming Continents Day on the last day of half-term.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many parents at this week's Parents Meetings. We really appreciate your support and interest in your child's learning!

PARENTS IN SCHOOL

We have enjoyed having so many parents join us for many different events over this half-term. Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who joined us for the MacMillan Coffee morning and the different assemblies involving Reception, Year 2 and Year 4. We look forward to welcoming many other parents for other events in the lead up to Christmas!

YEAR 3 STONE AGE DAY

Year 3 children recently enjoyed an exciting day exploring the Stone Age period. They became scavenger hunters for the day, creating clay jewellery and building shelters. Using natural resources, they produced land art and excavated to discover Stone Age artefacts!



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Please continue to respect all school users and local residents by parking respectfully around school. Please do not block pavements, walk ways and resident driveways. If there is no space, please park away from school and make the short walk in order to keep everyone safe!

POLITE REMINDER: Please inform the office of any changes to any personal details for you or your child —this includes new addresses, contact phone numbers or email addresses. This allows us to have the most up-to-date details on record.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

We aim to have the highest possible attendance across school so that the children enjoy all of the benefits of being in school every day! Our whole school attendance for this half term is 95.5% (we are aiming for above 96%).

1st Place: 4KM (97.9%)

2nd Place Class: 3SW (97.6%)

3rd Place Class: 3PL/4JB (97.2%)

Thank you for your support with this. If you need any support with your child's school attendance, please contact the school office.



OUR YOUNG LEADERS!

Congratulations to all of the children who were voted into our Leadership roles in school. We now have our School Council, Wellbeing Champions, Sports Crew and Librarians. We look forward to your contributions this year and being the 'voice' for your classes.

SPORTS CLUBS

We have had over 45 children attend our Sports Clubs this half term. We hope the children have enjoyed Year 3 Basketball, Year 4 Tennis and Year 6 Football.

If you have not already booked your place for next half term's clubs and you are interested, please contact the school office to check if there are any spaces!

AWARDS!

We are delighted to share that we have achieved our first official award as Hamstead Primary School. We have been awarded the **Sandwell Wellbeing Chartermark** to recognise the work that we have invested in supporting the wellbeing of pupils, staff and Governors at HPS!

Thank you to all of those children, parents, staff and governors who met with the team.

KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Training Day – School Closed

School opens

Y6 Remembrance Assembly

Y5 Children in Need Day Assembly

Y4 Ukulele Performance (9.15am)

Y6 Rockband Performance (2.30pm)

EYFS Christmas Play (9.15am/2.30pm)

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

KS1 Christmas Play (9.15am/2.30pm)

KS1 Christmas Disco

Y3/5 Christmas Play (2.00pm)

Y3/5 Christmas Play (9.15am)

Christmas Party Afternoon

School Closes for Christmas

Monday 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November

Tuesday 11th November

Friday 14th November

Thursday 4th December

Thursday 4th December

Tuesday 9th December

Thursday 11th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

Monday 15th December

Tuesday 16th December

Wednesday 17th December

Thursday 18th December

Friday 19th December