



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Y4 Jasper** who are this week's winners with **98.8%**

attendance.

**Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 9th Oct: School Photographs (individual)
- 12th Oct: Y6 Dance Workshop
- 12th Oct, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Calculations Evening for parents
- 16th Oct: School Photographs (Siblings)
- 17th Oct, 3:45—6:00 pm: Parents Evening
- 18th Oct, 3:45 pm—7:30 pm: Parents Evening
- 20th Oct: Harvest Festival
- 23rd Oct—27th Oct: Half Term, school closed
- 1st Nov: Rec Sunstone, Forest Schools
- 6th Nov: Forest Schools—mixed groups
- 10th Nov: Y3 Celtic Harmony trip
- 13th Nov: Anti-Bullying week
- 14th Nov, 3.30pm—4.30 pm: Math evening for parents
- 23rd Nov, 2.45 pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 28th Nov: Reception to Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccination

Dear Parents and Carers

The last couple of weeks have had an amazing family feel to the school, where we have come together to make big differences, it was lovely this week seeing so many Year 1 parents making gingerbread biscuits with the children as part of their literacy work.

I hope you have all found our online parent consultation booking much easier. I must say this has been very smooth our end and the office team are delighted with the response. If you haven't made an appointment yet, perhaps you can do so over the weekend?

I would also like to draw to our School Family Support worker. Becky Smith from Links Family Services is now based at Hammond every Wednesday morning. Further details have been emailed to you all as well as information in this newsletter. Becky is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter. You can come in for an informal chat about anything! All you need to do is phone the school office to arrange an appointment with her. Of course we still have the wonderful Mrs Pollard who you can also make an appointment with on other days. Please use these wonderful and supportive ladies as we are all here to work in partnership with you to get it right for the children.

Finally some fantastic news which should have been shared a few weeks ago. Mrs Radomska has had her baby! I am pleased to announce that baby Oliver and parents are doing well!

Looking forward to seeing you all next week as we continue to "Grow, Believe, Achieve".

Kind regards

**Denise Kennedy, Principal**

## Applying for a school place—Deadline dates

Apply for Reception (September 2018) by 15th January 2018. (apply from 6th November)

Apply for Secondary School (September 2018) by 31st October 2017 (apply now)

**LINK Family Services**  
Drop in Surgery at Hammond Academy  
Wednesday Mornings 9.15—12.00

WE OFFER FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FAMILIES. WE CAN HELP YOU WITH:

- Managing your child's feelings & behaviours
- Parenting Advice
- Family Wellbeing
- Routines & Boundaries
- Making Positive Changes
- Linking with other Services

Becky is a positive, approachable and proactive person who is able to support you and your family to make the changes that really matter. She is available via a referral or you can drop into one of her surgeries for an informal chat.



For more information please call LINK Family Services on 01442 401222 (option 5) or speak with your school.



## Club cancellation reminder:

Year 5-6 Dodgeball Club (before school) and Boys Football Team Training Club (after school) will be cancelled on Monday 9th October, due to Mr Rickman attending the Bronze Ambassador Training in Hatfield.

## Our Y6 Dance Workshop 'Dancing through to Decades'

takes place on 12th October. Please ensure the payment of £1.50 is made to the office (in a named envelope) by no later than 10th October.

**Individual Photographs** take place on Monday 9th October. Please ensure your child comes to school looking their absolutely best in their smart Hammond uniform. Sibling photographs will be taken on 16th October.



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## Green Council



We are very pleased to announce that the newly formed Green Council is now up and running. The first meeting got off to a great start, with all members being able to discuss what made them want to join and the issues that are important to the school. Keep on watching for all the good work the council will be doing to make our school even greener!



## Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Gianna  
 Nursery Opal: Nehir  
 Reception Sunstone: Kasper  
 Reception Coral: Elisei & Lucy  
 Y1 Pearl: Maria  
 Y1 Jade: Matthew  
 Y2 Diamond: Sophia  
 Y2 Emerald: Emily  
 Y3 Amethyst: Max  
 Y3 Moonstone: Charlie  
 Y3 Sapphire: Luke  
 Y4 Jasper: Finley  
 Y4 Citrine: Thomas  
 Y4 Quartz: Alexa  
 Year 5 Garnet Sharon  
 Y5 Tigers Eye: Scarlett  
 Y6 Crystal: Daisy  
 Y6 Aquamarine: Vishnu



As part of our remembrance day events, KS2 will be making plastic poppies to build a whole school outdoor display. The aim is for every child to make their own individual poppy to be placed in the ground or hung up. In preparation for this, please can you provide your child with an empty, clean clear plastic bottle by 9<sup>th</sup> October. This can be the large or small plastic bottles.

We are also looking for parent volunteers to help with this project and so we'd love to hear from anyone who might be able to help. As always, thank you for your support.



Drivers who don't stop when signalled by a School Crossing Patrol can face a fine of up to £1,000 and three penalty points on their driving licence.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE: PARKING

We are currently experiencing many people waiting for the gates to open at 4.30pm to pick up their children from after-school clubs, which is causing quite a queue outside the school and subsequently on Cambrian Way – the latter is extremely dangerous.

Please be reminded that the office is closed at 4pm and there is nobody available to open the gate, the opening time for which has now been changed to 5pm.

You must not drive into the school at all unless you have a disability badge and have received permission by Mrs Kennedy.

Please ensure you park sensibly outside the school and walk in to pick up your child. We receive frequent reports from concerned parents regarding poorly parked vehicles outside the school. *We ask again that you please consider how and where you park. The risk of an accident is considerably high if pedestrians cannot clearly see the road when they are attempting to cross.*



## Match Report

*"Tough start for our A Team, losing to St Paul's in their first league game. We will brush ourselves off and get ready for the next game!"*

04/10/2017 @MrRickmanPE