

## Dates for the diary

### October

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th**

Half term

### November

**Monday 2nd**

INSET Day

**Wednesday 4th**

Flu Immunisation

**Thursday 5th**

Flu Immunisation

**Thursday 11th**

Remembrance

**Friday 13th**

Children in Need

### December

**Friday 11th**

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

**Monday 21st - Friday 1st**

January

Christmas Holidays

## Reception Intake 2021

If you or a family member/friend have a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 they will be due to start school in September 2021. Applications can be made online or by a paper form and are coordinated by Southend Borough Council [www.southend.gov.uk/admission](http://www.southend.gov.uk/admission). See their website for full details. The application deadline is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Our school website has all our information available and links to apply.

We will have a virtual tour on our website soon.



It has been a busy week here at Hamstel, we had a wonderful visit to Year 2 from the Nite Owls team to start the week off and all the children who were in school on Thursday will have had their photo taken. Tempest will be sending us the proofs of the photo's after half-term.

We have sent out an email today on keeping school informed where a child or their family have coronavirus symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test, please use our office email: [office@hamstel-inf.southend.sch.uk](mailto:office@hamstel-inf.southend.sch.uk) Remember to regularly check your ParentMail account as we use this to share important information and updates.

We hope that you all have a wonderful relaxed half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Remember clocks go back this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, lots of time to get used to the change before the school run starts again.

## Sneak peek at our week

### Year N - Nursery

This week the children have loved reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. In the garden we have had lots of fun going on our very own bear hunts and building caves.

In Maths the children have been using the hurdles to learn to follow and use positional language, such as 'under' and 'over'. We have started to look at patterns and trying to repeat them. In Literacy we have continued to focus on listening to and recalling stories. We have also been learning that print has a meaning, with this in mind we wrote our own warning sign about the bears.

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Gibbs, we wish her all the best in her new adventures. She will be greatly missed.

**REMINDER: Don't forget it is half term next week and we are back on Tuesday 3rd November. Please feel free to add photos on to Tapestry of all the lovely things you do.**

### Year R - Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at the story 'Whatever Next!'. The children have really enjoyed focusing on the characters and the story. Throughout the week we have been acting out parts of the story, thinking of questions to ask the characters as well as beginning to explore outer space! We have all created our own rockets made from a variety of shapes. We have practised our sounds and hand writing while writing our own lists of things to take to space!

## Outdoor learning

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

Duck & Heron

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Dragonfly

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Frog

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Newt

## Flu Immunisations

The Flu Immunisation team will be with us on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> November, please make sure that you complete the online Consent Form before 5pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Full details are on the email sent to you via ParentMail or alternatively the Consent Form can be accessed [here](#).

Our school code is 143340

If you would like help with completing the form you can contact the immunisation team on 01702 482830

## Pupil Premium Funding

This is extra funding that schools receive where family circumstances make them eligible. If your household income is less than £ and/or you receive means-tested benefits your family may qualify. We know that during the last few months many have been affected financially. There is a quick and easy way to check whether your family is eligible on the Southend Council website. You can find the link [here](#).

## Important Information for our current Year 2 Parents/Carers

It is now time to apply for your child's place in Year 3 for September 2020. Although Hamstel Junior School is just next door, you must still apply through Southend Council's Admissions service. The link to the online application is [here](#). Or a paper application can be downloaded from [here](#).

The children have also been working extremely hard with their RWInc sounds and we are sure they children would be very excited to show you all how well they are all doing with this at home, using the speed sounds booklets you have now all received.

REMINDER: On Tapestry we have sent out home learning tasks for the children to complete over the half term, these are fun activities for you to complete together, as well as getting to grips with the use of Tapestry and home learning. The activities include Autumn Hunts, sorting activities and designing spooky pumpkin faces!

## Year 1

Year 1 have been busy continuing to work on their story writing using their plans they created last week. The children have worked really hard at putting their ideas together and the children have produced some great writing. Well done! In Maths the children have been revisiting some of the skills they have been learning during their first term. This includes their doubles to 10, counting with numbers up to 20 and writing their teen numbers correctly.

## Year 2

Wow! What a busy week Year 2 have had! The children really enjoyed the Owls swooping in for a visit and having their photo taken. The children have been learning lots of facts about Owls and using this information to write and make fact files about Owls. Year 2 have also enjoyed their week in the Wildlife Area. The children have been exploring micro-habitats, collecting different autumn leaves and objects and making a 'bookmark'. We have used sticks and leaves to build a shelter for a small animal such as a hedgehog. In Maths the children have been thinking about length and using a ruler to measure in centimetres (cm) and to compare different lengths.

## Dinner menu

### 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  
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 with homemade tomato ketchup & chips  
G - Mexican sweetcorn, carrot & courgette fritter with chargrilled tortilla & chips  
P - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings  
Baked beans & garden peas  
Chocolate & carrot brownie

Freshly baked bread is available each day.