

ACADEMY UPDATE

NEWS FOR
HAMFORD

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Hamford Academy Friends need you!!!
Could you spare a little time to be a part of our wonderful PTA? Might you have an hour or two a month spare? If so Claire Hand would love to speak to you. Claire can be found near the gate most afternoons selling Circus tickets, why not grab her and find out a little more or speak to Mr Smith and he will happily provide more info.

Another Great Week at Hamford!

Another week has breezed by and the children are now settling in for a fantastic year of learning ahead. This week we shared the new behaviour structure and expectations with the children, that they helped to shape- and I have to say they have responded marvelously! The focus on learning and maximising the opportunities presented to them are now established and pupil progress will follow over time!

We also shared our new partnership with the organisation 'aquinas' who will help to improve pupil attendance. Aquinas work in line with government expectations and targets and are here to support school, parents and children make the most of the education we provide. Children need to attend and be on time in order to reach their true potential, and we hope that you will support us in ensuring this.

Meet the teacher parent meetings also began yesterday and will continue to run over the next few weeks. This will give you a chance to learn a little bit more about your child's teacher and give you essential information and strategies to drive the learning this year at home and in school. We want to know your views, so please ensure you fill in the feedback forms provided to support our school improvement drive.

Our reading scheme 'Accelerated Reader' is also officially back! Children have started testing today and should now come home with targeted books that they can quiz on in school to show what they know and develop their comprehension skills effectively. We encourage you to support and ask questions about the AR texts, but also believe that children should be able to access other books outside of the reading scheme that are of interest to them. The more the children can read, the more they will learn to understand and make progress across the whole curriculum.

Phew... What an exciting time to be part of Hamford at the start of our new journey of raising standards, improving the education we offer and preparing children for tomorrows world!
Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Joy--Principal

Secondary School Applications

Can parents please note that the cut off date for applying for a secondary school place for Year 6 children is Wednesday 31st October 2018. Your child **will not** automatically be given a place. Applications need to be made online at www.essex.gov.uk

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming in to school on Tuesday 2nd October to take individual photographs. Can all children please come in to school in the correct uniform and wearing their biggest smiles.

Parent Courses

Please support some of our up and coming **FREE** courses we have available in school this year, if you would like to sign up to a course contact the office.

18th October - Family First Aid - 1pm-3pm

A two hour course introducing basic first aid

29th November - K'nex - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

A two hour workshop to give parents and children the opportunity to develop their number skills by using K'nex.



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday September 25th - Hamford Academy Friends AGM
Tuesday 2nd October-Individual Photographs
Wednesday 10th October-HAF Circus
Wednesday 17th October-Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 31st October-Crucial Crew for Year 6
Half Term-Monday 22nd October-Friday 26th October

Dinner Menu Next Week is overleaf...

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