






Hamilton Academy Diary Dates

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<p><u>Thursday 2nd September</u></p> 	<p><u>Academy Open to Children.</u> Welcome back! Please remember that children need to bring into a water bottle and school book bag. School Fund of £1.00 per week should be paid via Parent Pay to help with our fundraising efforts.</p>
<p><u>Week Commencing 20th September</u></p> 	<p><u>GLD Year 1 & SATS Year 2 Zoom Meetings</u> These meetings are an opportunity to find out about the learning expectations for your child's year group. Teachers will provide further log in details.</p>
<p><u>Week commencing 4th October 2021</u></p> 	<p><u>Settling in Parents Evening (by telephone)</u> Throughout the week, your child's teacher will be calling you to let you know how your child has settled into school. Closer to the time, your child's class teacher will communicate a date and time slot for the phone call. Each phone call will last approximately 5 minutes. We encourage all parents/carers to speak to their child's class teacher, as this is an excellent way of ensuring that we are working together to ensure that we are giving your child the best possible opportunities and education.</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 5th October</u></p> 	<p><u>World Teachers Day</u> This is a day where we celebrate all of our wonderful teachers and to say thank you for all the amazing work they do. Children carry out little activities throughout the day to let their teachers know how special they are.</p>
<p><u>Thursday 7th October</u></p> 	<p><u>It's Good To Me Me Day</u> Children are asked to come to school dressed in something that makes them feel good. Please do not feel that you need to go out and buy a costume. This could be something as simple as their favourite outfit. Please ensure that children are still wearing suitable footwear and no jewellery, as children still access the outdoor environment and play equipment throughout the day.</p>

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	<p>There will also be a special menu on offer and all children are encouraged to have a school lunch on this day. If your child is in Nursery, the payment for lunch will be via Parent Pay. If your child is in Reception to Year 2 this is covered through the universal free school meals.</p>
<p><u>Friday 15th October</u></p> 	<p><u>RWI and Reading Watch Me Learn Videos</u></p> <p>Here at Hamilton we are very passionate about making sure that all children learn to read from an early age. For this reason, phonics is a key part of your child's learning journey. To help explain how phonics and reading is taught through RWI across the school, staff will be putting together short videos which will be posted out onto Class Dojo. We encourage all parents to watch these, as we understand that you as parents / carers play a key role in helping your child learn to read, by listening to them read each night.</p>
<p><u>Friday 15th October</u></p> 	<p><u>Year 1 Harvest Celebration</u></p> <p>Due to the uncertainty and rising cases of Covid19 within the local area, we have made the decision to keep our Harvest celebration a virtual event. We will, once again, be asking for food donations which will be passed onto the local foodbank. A letter will be posted onto Class Dojo closer to the event detailing the items of food that the Foodbank are in need of.</p>
<p><u>Thursday 21st October</u></p> 	<p><u>Pupil Flu Vaccines – Reception - Year 2</u></p> <p>All children in Reception to Year 2 will be offered a Flu vaccine, which is administered here at school within the school day. Closer to the date, you will receive more communication and a form which will need to be completed, if you wish your child to receive the Flu vaccine. Your child WILL NOT be able to receive the Flu vaccine if you do not complete the form. We encourage all children to receive the Flu vaccine to enable them to stay well and to be in school every day.</p>
<p><u>Friday 22nd October</u></p> 	<p><u>Half Term Holiday</u></p> <p>The academy is closed to all from Friday 22nd October 2021 and will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 2nd November 2021.</p>
<p><u>Thursday 11th November</u></p>	<p><u>Infant marketing evening</u></p>

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	<p>An opportunity for prospective parents to get to know more about the MAGIC that we do at Hamilton Academy. More information to follow. If you know anyone who has a child who is due to start school, please pass on the information and encourage them to join the event.</p>
<p><u>Thursday 11th November</u></p> 	<p><u>Year 2 Remembrance Day Assembly</u> Due to the uncertainty and rising cases of Covid19 within the local area, we have made the decision to keep our Remembrance Day celebration a virtual event. A video will be posted on Class Dojo.</p>
<p><u>Friday 12th November</u></p> 	<p><u>Children in Need</u> We will, once again, be raising money for Children in Need. Children are asked to come to school wearing something yellow or spotty for a small donation, which will be payable via Parent Pay. Throughout the day, the children will be taking part in exciting learning activities. They will learn about the importance of giving and helping others.</p>
<p><u>Week Commencing 15th November</u></p> 	<p><u>Anti-Bullying week</u> The key theme for Anti-Bullying week 2021 is 'One Kind Word'. Children will be invited to come into school wearing their odd socks on Monday, 15th November, to show how we are all the same, but different. Throughout the week, children will be learning about kind words and random acts of kindness.</p>
<p><u>Friday 26th November and Monday 29th November</u></p> 	<p><u>Inset Days</u> Academy closed to all and will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 27th November 2021</p>
<p><u>Tuesday 30th November</u></p>	<p><u>Virtual Book Fair</u> We are collaborating with Books for Bugs for our very first virtual book fair.</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parents/carers can order books during that week from the online store (https://booksforbugs.co.uk/) · All books are new and just £2.50 each.- The range covers all ages from 0-11 both fiction and non-fiction and all top titles and authors.- At the checkout stage parent/carers simply pop in their child's name and class in the delivery section along with your school's name and postcode. By doing this the postage will then be automatically removed. <p>At the end of the week, the company will send all the orders to school to hand out.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday 8th December</u></p> <p><i>Christmas</i> JUMPER DAY</p> 	<p><u>Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day</u></p> <p>On Wednesday, 8th December, Children are asked to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper or winter top. Christmas lunch will be on offer for all children. If your child is in Nursery, the payment for their Christmas dinner should be made via Parent Pay. The cost is the usual £2.30. If your child is in Reception to Year 2, this cost is covered through Universal Free School Meals.</p>
<p><u>December 2021</u></p> 	<p><u>Nursery Santa Trip</u></p> <p>This is always a much loved trip by both our children and staff, however, the usual venue that the children go to are no longer accepting visitors to see Santa. Our EYFS team are busy finding a different exciting venue. As soon as we have more details this will be communicated via Class Dojo. Payment for the trip will be via Parent Pay.</p>
<p><u>December 2021</u></p> 	<p><u>Christmas Concert</u></p> <p>Due to the uncertainty and rising cases of Covid19 within the local area we have made the decision to keep our Christmas Concert a virtual event. We will, once again, be asking for a small donation which will be payable via Parent Pay. A link to the video will then be posted out via Class Dojo to those parents / carers who have made a payment. All funds raised will be going towards our fundraising efforts.</p>
<p><u>Friday 17th December</u></p>	<p><u>Christmas Parties</u></p> <p>Children will enjoy a special Christmas party in school!</p>

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<p><u>Friday 17th December</u></p> 	<p><u>End of Term</u> The academy will close at the end of the school day on Friday, 17th December and re-open to pupils on Wednesday, 5th January 2022</p>