

**Diary**

**Dates:**

# Hamilton School

Striving to be a great school where people work together to transform lives

**Autumn Term 1:**

Thur 3 Sept to  
Fri 23 Oct

**Half Term:**

Mon 26 Oct to  
Fri 30 Oct

**Autumn Term 2:**

Mon 2 Nov to  
Fri 18 Dec

**Xmas Holidays:**

Mon 21 Dec to  
Fri 1 Jan

**Spring Term 1  
2021:**

Mon 4 Jan to  
Fri 12 Feb

**Half Term:**

Mon 15 Feb to  
Fri 19 Feb

**Spring Term 2:**

Mon 22 Feb to  
Fri 1 Apr

**INSET  
TRAINING DAY**

**MON 30 Nov**

**2020**

## Back to School



*Snapshot Edition*

# Newsletter

**Sept / Oct 2020**

**No. 32**

We are so pleased to have students back in school!  
The photos in this issue show how well our students and staff are doing at Hamilton during this difficult time.  
Everyone is a . . .

# Hamilton School Superstar



*social distanced exercise*



*Interactivity*



*working hard*



*working together*



*concentration*



*50p please*



*Drumming to a beat*



*Threading*





*Lookout*



*balancing*



*Goal...*

**Making the most  
of  
outdoor spaces**



*Catch me if you can*



*exploring materials*



*building*



*outdoors*



*getting creative*



*smile for the camera...*



*taking pride with my work*



*...and again!*



*Decisions, decisions*



*Dedication*





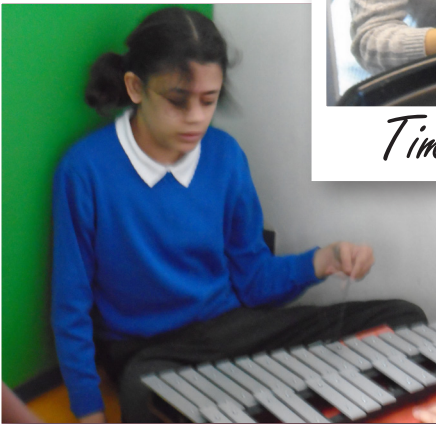
*Matching up*



*Pencil skills*



*Time to choose..*



*making music*



Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020 and the first one since February 2020!

We are doing our best to provide a high quality experience for all of our students, despite the many challenges we are facing. I am delighted with how well the staff and students have settled back in to our successful ways of working - in many ways school feels 'normal' and in other ways, very different!

### **COVID-19**

We are trying very hard to avoid disruption to your lives and those of the students. There has been some impact... and it is increasing in terms of students and staff having to isolate.

However, we do have to ask your children to be off if they are showing the signs of Covid-19. I am sure you understand why. No school can be 'Covid secure' but we are doing our best, within the constraints we have, to make school the place of happiness and learning it should be. Please continue to work with us and be patient when things do happen.

### **Staffing**

It is a challenge to ensure that we can keep the levels of staff in school where we need them due to Covid-19 and the need for members of households to isolate. Please bear with us in this regard.

### **Funding**

We are looking at a budget deficit and trying to save money. Clearly our costs have gone up even more – cleaning, staffing etc.

### **Ringling school if your child is not going to be attending school**

It really helps us to save money if you can let us know at school by 7.30 am if your child is not going to be attending school on the day. This is money we could spend on more resources rather than supply cover as we always re-deploy staff. Can I please urge your co-operation with this and thank people who do it.

### **Training Days**

Our next training day is Monday 30 November – school will be closed that day.

The new half-term will begin for students on Monday 2nd November 2020.

**Jon Harris**





To be drawn live  
on Facebook by  
Father Christmas  
on ...

**Tues 15th  
December**



Keep an eye on our Facebook page.

## PRIZES:

- 1hr climbing at Redpoint for 4 people
- Family entry for Thinktank
- One reflexology session
- 2 gift cards for Sandwell Leisure Trust (worth £25 each)
- Soap and glory gift set
- Daisy by Marc Jacobs Eau so Fresh
- Pamper party set
- Ted Baker body wash set
- No7 Beauty Vault
- Gucci by Gucci perfume
- Various beauty surprise bags (worth at least £5 each)
- Many more beauty products

**Tickets cost:**

**£1 a ticket**

**or**

**£4 for strip of 5**



**We'll send out a letter  
soon on how to buy them.**



**Good  
Luck**





*I like to ride my Tricycle*



*Making space*



*thought processing*



*musical vibes*





*Spinning around*



*Hi-De-Hi*



*having a quacking time*





*co-operation*



*feels funny*



*it's a square!*



*PSHE*



*Keeping warm*



*good balance*



*Maths*



*know your shapes*





# SLIME MAKING

*Instructions*

*add the goo...*

*mix it up...*

*Slimey!*



*sensory bottle*



*What next?.*



*computer club*



*outside play.*



# Could you be a Charity Trustee?



**Friends of Hamilton**

**Kate, Kiran, Iaina and Sophie are trustees of Friends of Hamilton charity and they help raise money for the school and to support families. We organised school Fayres each term and did fundraising events at Tesco, with the Lions on the Soho Road and in school too.**

**We're looking for more parents to get involved. The meetings are during the day and are friendly and supportive.**

**Don't worry if you never done anything like this before. You don't need any experience. Just be keen to support the school, our students and their families.**

**If you'd like to know more contact Sarah Eaton or Tonia Clark on 0121 464 1676**

## Trustees make sure that...



*Spring Fayre*



*Spring Fayre*



Building  
stronger  
families

magic  
breakfast  
fuel for learning

Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

After half term we'll be offering every pupil a free breakfast bagel, funded by the National School Breakfast Programme. We want to make sure that students have enough to eat during the day and we know that some students don't like to eat too early in the morning before they get on the bus.

This Programme means that they can have a toasted bagel when they arrive at school.



## Pastoral and Inclusion support at Hamilton School

At Hamilton school we have lots of ways in which we can support families. We know that the Covid-19 pandemic has been very challenging for lots of people. We are able to offer food parcels if needed or signpost you to food banks that are local to your area. We can work with you on a variety of issues including: behaviour management, sleep, sensory issues and toileting. Please contact the P & I team by phone: 0121 464 1676 or email: [pandi@hamilton.bham.sch.uk](mailto:pandi@hamilton.bham.sch.uk).



**Sarah Eaton**  
Pastoral Manager



**Lindsay Cotton**  
Inclusion Manager



## A NOTE ON NUTS



We aim to be a Nut-Free school. The school aims to protect students and staff who have allergies to nuts.

Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nut may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

We have a policy not to use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school.

Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

What types of food are nuts?

- Almonds (badam)
- Cashew nuts (kaju)
- Hazelnut
- Pistachio (pista)
- Walnuts
- Brazil nuts
- Nut oils
- Peanuts



Please let us know if your child has any known or suspected allergy to nuts and provide all medical and necessary information.

Homemade snacks or party food contributions must have a label detailing all ingredients present and the kitchen environment where the food was prepared must be nut free. If you are unsure, please speak to a staff member before bringing the food into school.

Please help us keep everyone safe and do not include nuts, or any traces of nuts, in packed lunches.

Join in the conversation

**#WakeUpWednesday**



As part of their **#WakeUpWednesday** campaign NOS add a new online safety guide every week for schools to share with parents for FREE.

The campaign was created to encourage the conversation about online safety and help empower individuals with the necessary information needed to help protect themselves and others from online dangers.

We have shared some of these via the Hamilton School Social Media pages over the past months. Please visit the NOS Website to view over 120 different guides including, Cyberbullying, Video Streaming Apps, Zoom and numerous games & Apps

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>



# Useful External Contacts:



## The Waiting Room

<https://the-waitingroom.org/mth>

*Birmingham and Solihull Health & Wellbeing services at your finger tips*

*TWR provides an alternative approach to taking control of our own health and well-being. It is a virtual bridge across "The Information Chasm" that connects support services to the recipient almost instantly.*

**If you're worried that a child is being harmed:**  
**Children's Advice and Support Service Birmingham**

**Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm**

**Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm**

**Telephone: 0121 303 1888**

**Emergency out-of-hours**

**Telephone: 0121 675 4806**

**For your nearest foodbank:**

**01722 580 180**

**Email:**

**[enquiries@trusselltrust.org](mailto:enquiries@trusselltrust.org)**



**If your family need help:**

**Family Support Duty Line**

**0121 675 3689**



**Tel:**

**Email:**

**Web:**

**0121 464 1676**

**[enquiry@hamilton.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@hamilton.bham.sch.uk)**

**[www.hamilton.bham.sch.uk](http://www.hamilton.bham.sch.uk)**