

Hamilton School

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

Diary

Dates:

Summer Term 2:

Mon 7 Jun to
Tues 20 July

CPD Training Day

Wed 21 July

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Autumn Term 1:

Tues 7 Sept to
Fri 22 Oct

Half Term:

Mon 25 Oct to
Fri 29 Oct

END OF YEAR
Photo
Celebration!!



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FRIENDSHIP





WORKING TOGETHER





OUTDOORS





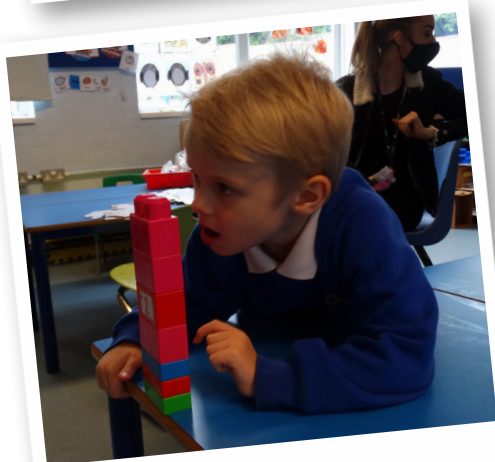


COOKING UP A STORM











**WORKING
HARD**





It has been an incredible school year. The challenges that we have all faced as a result of Covid-19 are beyond what any of us could have expected. I applaud families for what you have had to cope with and I know that we will continue to try to support you into the future. We haven't been helped by the approach from Government and some of the media. We will continue to try to do the 'right thing' and manage things sensibly. There is obviously still a lot of uncertainty as to what situation we will be in come September.

Staffing

We are saying goodbye to a lot of staff at the end of this year. They are leaving for a number of reasons; teacher training, travel, working for autism advisory service. We recruit ambitious, talented people and it is no surprise that some of them will move on. I would like to thank the following people for their contributions:

Deborah Parker, Holly Pike, Zoi Tsokanou, Sukbir Sahota, Shibly Khatun, Tajinder Bhandal, Nefeli Schoina and Bobby Plahe who is retiring after 31 years as a teaching assistant. Her dedication and love for the school has been exemplary and she will be missed.

We have recruited lots of new staff to join us and I am sure that they will all be successful.

Once again, I have spent most of this half-term in my role as Interim Head teacher at Langley School. My thanks to Katie and the Extended Leadership team for keeping things running so smoothly. Tonia has also been supporting at Langley for 2.5 days.

I will be leaving Hamilton at the end of the December 2021. I will be taking on a new post as CEO of The Education Impact Academy Trust (EIAT). It was a very difficult decision to make but, by then, the school will be in a position to keep moving forward without me. Leaving will be a really emotional time but the new role gives me the opportunity to influence the provision for more children and young people with SEND in Birmingham.

Year 6 leavers

We will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers. They have been a pleasure to have at school and I wish all the families every success in the future. Hopefully, next summer you will be able to come back and see us on one of our family fun days!

Final thoughts

I really hope that you can have a great summer. We are providing a holiday club once again that many of you are accessing. The students have been so resilient during this time and I know hard it has been for everyone. Thank you for your

co-operation – especially when you are told at the last minute that your child has to isolate. We have followed the guidance closely but also in a way that has limited the impact as best we could. ‘Normal’ school life is so much easier for us all.

I would like to thank the staff for their incredible dedication and commitment. Many of them have been impacted by Covid and they have been determined to do their best for the children.

**Jon Harris,
Headteacher**



YEAR SIX SCHOOL LEAVERS 2021

Everyone at Hamilton School would like to send their best wishes to: Mustafa A., Raquib, Mustafa A., Subhan, Simrut, Khadeejah, Rohit, Jaden, Rahain, Bilal, Alan, Aaliyah, Subhaan, Cody, Zareen, Aasiyah, Anees & Archie.

You have worked so hard, learnt so much, grown so much and progressed so much throughout your Hamilton years. Do your best, be your best and we know you can achieve your best.

All school staff think every one of you has been and always will be a...



Online abuse can have a severe impact on people's lives and is often targeted at the most vulnerable. Cyberbullying has been shown to have psychological and emotional impact. In order for us to develop empathy for others we sometimes need to move away from fulfilling our own needs and think about the needs of others.

In the guide, you'll find tips such as understanding the impact of your actions, disassociating from pack mentality and developing self-empathy.

Download here: <https://hubs.ly/H0S1pMF0>



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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Here are some links for activities during the summer holidays:

Resources for Autism:

<https://resourcesforautism.org.uk/holiday-play-schemes/>

Birmingham PHAB Camps:

<https://www.bhamphabcamps.org.uk/www/holidays/ourholidays.shtml>

Autism Friendly Family Fun Sessions - Sutton Coldfield:

<https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/birmingham/listing/autism-friendly-family-fun-sessions-381743>

Seven Up run summer playschemes:

<https://seven-up.co.uk/>

Check out SEND SOCIALS BIRMINGHAM on Facebook for lots of fun days out and activities throughout the holidays:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/472087749930348/>

Inflatanation:

<https://www.inflatanation.com/classes/disability-friendly/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All the school uniform for Hamilton is available online. Here is the link:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/HamiltonSchoolB218AH>

If you are having any problems buying school uniform this way please phone the school on 0121 464 1676

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Spotlight Interview

Alison Double

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST



What is Occupational Therapy?

Occupational Therapy is a very broad profession and Occupational Therapists can work with anyone who feels limited by a physical or mental health condition or has limited cognitive abilities. Many Occupational Therapists work in hospitals or in the community and are employed by the NHS. Our professions main philosophy is to support people to be able to do the occupations (things in their everyday life) that they need or want to be able to do.

Hamilton School employ me in my role as an Occupational Therapist to work with the children, the teachers and also parents to enable the children to access their lessons and the activities at school and support their learning. I will often use a sensory processing approach as this is often a significant reason why the children are finding the activities or environment challenging.

What do I normally do at Hamilton?

When I am at Hamilton I spend lots of time watching the children in class, or sometimes working individually with the children in the sensory integration space at school. This helps me to understand the children's sensory needs and how they best learn. I can then work with the teachers and parents to problem solve how we can either adapt an activity, teach a child a different way to do something, add in another activity to make them more regulated before their learning, or sometimes to change the environment.

So remember - Keep moving!

Free School Meals

Pupils that are eligible for free school meals have been getting £15 food vouchers for every week in the school holidays.

Birmingham City Council are paying for the vouchers again for the summer holidays.

Even if you don't have to pay for your child's school meals or you choose for them to have a packed lunch and you are eligible for free school meals it's worth claiming.

There are vouchers in the holidays during the pandemic and if your child is isolating due to covid and the school also gets some extra money too.

Anyone who claims:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided the parents are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on, which is paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax credit
- Universal Credit – for those applying on or after 1 April 2018, their household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits they get)

Is eligible for free school meals. Please let school know and bring in or send in proof of benefits.

It's definitely worth doing

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