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Spring Term 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a short but busy term with lots of extracurricular and sporting events taking place (and of course lots of snow!). We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you all for the start of the summer term – time is flying by!

Key dates for the summer half term



Week 5 - 19.3.18 No clubs last week of term	
Mon 19	Parents evening 15:30 – 18:00 – Rearranged to 16 th April
Wed 21	Parents evening 15:30 – 19:00 Cross-country event at King Alfred's School
Fri 23	Sports Relief – sporting activities throughout the day – sports kit can be worn. 50p donation Year 5 trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum
26 th March – April 6 th	Easter Holidays - return to school Monday 9 th April
April	
Week 1 - 09.04.18 - No clubs this week	
Tuesday 10	Year 2-3 transition – break time together
Week 2 - 16.04.18 clubs start	
Monday 16	Year 3 trip to Fyne Court Rearranged parents evening 15:30 – 18:00 – same appointment times (drama club only this night)
Wednesday 18	Jo Cronin maths consultant visiting the school
Thursday 19	Year 2 over for music assembly with Year 3 10:40-11:00
Week 3 - 23.04.17	
Wednesday 25	Year 4 Orienteering 10-11:45 RBSC on the field
Friday 27	Year 5 putting up tents (1610) 1-3pm (TBC)
May	
Week 5 - 07.05.18 Year 5 Hestercombe residential	
Monday 7	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9	Year 5 residential – Hestercombe 3 days, 2 nights
Week 6 - 14.05.18 SATS WEEK Breakfast for Year 6	
Tuesday 15	Year 5 Strike and field Festival RBSC 10-11:45 on the field
Friday 18	Year 6 BBQ
Week 7 - 21.05.18	
Tuesday 22	School disco 17:30 – 19:00
Wednesday 23	Sports Day
Thursday 24	Reserve Sports Day
HALF TERM 28.05.18	
June	
Week 1 - 04.06.18 - Careers Week	



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Monday 4	INSET DAY
Wednesday 6	Great Wood Camp meeting (parents) 5:30pm
Friday 8	Yr 2 staff handover with Year 3 team
Week 2 - 11.06.18	
Monday 11	M&M productions Yr 3 + 4 AM / Yr 5+6 PM (Charlotte's Webb)

YEAR 5 WW1 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

A huge congratulations to the year 5 children and staff, (and Mrs Davis, drama teacher), for putting on a fantastic performance to all of the children in school during the day and parents in the evening. The children have worked extremely hard showing enthusiasm, dedication and collaboration. Special mention to Leyland and Karim for singing together by themselves.... in German! We would also like to thank parents, family and friends for coming to the performance- one of the best attended shows we have put on.

MR MANLEY WW1 ASSEMBLY



As part of Year 5s topic on WW1, Mr Manley brought the Battle of the Somme to life for the children by showing video clips, photographs and getting the children to act out scenes such as conscription. A special thank you to Mr Manley for all his hard work and effort – the children found this really interesting.

SOMERSET'S CHILDREN PARLIAMENT EVENT

Many congratulations to Olivia, Joe, Maddison and Eddie who represented Hamp Academy at the annual Somerset's Children Parliament Event held in Taunton's Shire Hall on **Friday 16th March**. They have been working hard to create a 5 minute presentation, without the use of power-points, on a topic of their choice. They have decided to focus on an aspect of **'Young People as Part of the Community'**.

The presentations were awarded points against the following criteria:

- organisation of materials and clarity of argument
- demonstration of knowledge and understanding of the subject matter
- appreciation of the counter arguments to the views presented
- presentational skills and delivery
- correct timing of the presentation.



They did fantastically well and were positioned just outside the top 3 out of 10 schools – well done, we are very proud of you.

Here are some quotes from the team:

'The presentation was a bit frightening to do but in the end it was fun. I learnt to be louder when speaking and to make eye-contact with the judges'.

'Our presentation was a big success with the title 'Make Hamp Safer'. Unfortunately, we did not come first but it was a really great experience.'

BOURNMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Wednesday 14th March Year 3 and 4 were treated to an interactive concert given by Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Three musicians, playing flute, horn demonstrated their instruments and played a range of classical and popular music. The ensemble represented three different sections of a traditional orchestra (wind, brass, strings), giving the children a unique opportunity to compare different ways of producing sound. The double bass was nearly 300 years old and the children had to guess some of the theme tunes to films.

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Friday 9th March, the children and staff dressed up to celebrate World Book Day. We would like to thank the children and their parents/ carers for the effort they put in to their fantastic



costumes! During the day, the children took part in lots of book related activities - Year 3 made some fantastic Gruffalo biscuits! It was truly wonderful to see all of the children sharing their favourite books/stories. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



British Science Week 2018 was all about exploration and discovery. Year 4 designed and tested their plan in order to find a way to help the Nepalese transport their tomatoes down a mountainside without bruising them so that they could be sold. The children used problem solving skills and worked collaboratively to create different ways of achieving the task.



SAFEGUARDING

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. Please do visit our website and click on the safeguarding link for more information about how we can all work together as a community to protect children.

Here is a really useful link that gives good advice to parents about staying safe online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/start-school-safe-online/>

If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: Mrs Taylor, Mrs Powell, Mrs Clutterbuck, Mr Adfield or Ms Valeur. Alternatively, you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email **childrens@somerset.gov.uk**

STAFFING

In the coming half-term, Sam Finch Deputy-Head from BCA will be working alongside our leadership team. This is part of our joint working across the Bridgwater College Trust academies.

SPORTING EVENTS

Sports Relief – Friday 23rd March

This year we will be supporting Sports Relief with a range of activities taking place throughout the day. These will include a continuous rowing competition, Zumba and running golden mile around the field.



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Cross-Country

A super effort again from our cross-country runners (Thomas, Megan, Nancy, Jayden, Archie, Eden, Gow, Chelsea and Anna) at Brymore on the 21st February. The course was much more challenging but fun was had by all – we are proud of you all for representing Hamp so well. A special mention to Anna in Year 6 who is currently 3rd best girl out of all the Year 6 girl competitors after 2 events. The next cross-country event is tonight (Wednesday 21st March) 4-5.30pm at King Alfred's School. Good luck to all of you who are representing Hamp.

New football Kits

We have been very fortunate to have been provided with a brand new football kit – kindly sponsored by the Hamp Community Association



Year 4 Net and Wall event – RBSC

On Tuesday 20th March, Year 4 spent the morning developing their skills at RBSC playing a variety of different sports. The children worked really hard and showed great sportsmanship throughout.

Fencing Sessions



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Next term we will be offering fencing sessions as an alternative sport. This will be provided by trained external coaches and will last for 12 weeks (starting be limited to 20 places so if your child is interested then please do return your slips promptly – places will be on a first come first served basis.

Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 swimming begins in the summer term on the first Tuesday back after the Easter break. Please do remember to bring in kits.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have recently seen an increase in the number of girls wearing boots to school. A gentle reminder that these do not form part of the school's uniform policy (shoes only please) and the children will be asked to wear daps. We have also seen bright tights being worn which are not appropriate. We are happy for children to wear jogging bottoms during PE but these need to be dark blue or black without logos please.

Please do write the name of your child on all items of clothing – this makes it so much easier to locate property when items go missing.

Friends of Hamp PTA

The friends of Hamp do a fantastic job in helping to raise vital funds for the children in our school, contributing to purchasing new equipment such as cameras and subsidising coach journeys for school trips. Currently the PTA is mainly made up of dedicated staff members who run the school discos, tuck shop and bingo evenings and co-ordinate events such as the Christmas Fayre. To ensure this continues we really need your support and would warmly welcome any parents who would be able to give some of their time to help the school community. If you are interested then please do pop into the office.

Please remember that no **Year 6 absence can be authorised between Monday 14th May and Friday 18th May 2018** as the children will be taking their SATs.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D Adfield".

Mr D Adfield
Head Teacher





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