

# **The Parsons Post**

#### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to all! I hope you have had a relaxing and restful break and are fully prepared for the term ahead.

With the deadline for school admissions looming I am appealing to all to encourage anyone you may know who has yet to make a decision on school places either at Lightwater or Hammond to choose us! In these times of school funding challenges, securing school places is the main way for us to ensure we can provide the best possible education for our children across the federation, so please wave those Hammond and Lightwater flags as far and wide as possible!

#### Fitbits and similar devices

We have noticed that Santa has delivered a number fitbits and similar devices over the Christmas holidays and I would like to clarify the schools' position on their use as I have been informed that they have been banned in the past.

As we continue to promote the importance of physical activity for our children, I am very happy for these devices to be worn by the children in school as another way to encourage this. I must however stress that the responsibility for them remains solely with the pupils and families when the decision is made to wear them into school. There may also be times where we will ask the pupils to remove them for health and safety purposes or where they may be causing a distraction during lesson time and will obviously encourage the children to store them safely when not being worn.

I look forward to hearing about how many steps have been completed by the children as I certainly notch up a fair few over the course of a week at school myself!

Mrs Parsons

### Week Commencing: Friday 11th January 2019

Dates for the Diary		
Friday 11th January		
Monday 14th January		
Tuesday 15th January	Last date for Applications for Primary & Junior Schools	
Wednesday 16th January		
Thursday 17th January	NSPCC + O2 Online Safety Workshop for Parents Hammond School, 1.45-2.45pm	
Friday 18th January		

Enrichment Clubs 2019			
Day	Club Name	Time	
Monday	Year R Football Computer Xplorers Years 1+2 only	3.00pm – 4.00pm 3.00pm – 4.05pm	
Tuesday	Cooking Club Drama	3.00pm – 4.00pm 3.00pm—4.00pm	
Wednesday	Keyboard Years 1&2 Creative Art & Relaxation Strategic Games Taekwondo – Hammond School	Lunchtime 3.00pm – 3.45pm 3.00pm—4.00pm 3.15pm - 4.15pm	
Thursday	Tag Rugby	3.00pm—4.00pm	
Friday	Football Year 1 & 2 French Years 1 & 2 only	3.00pm – 4.00pm Lunchtime	

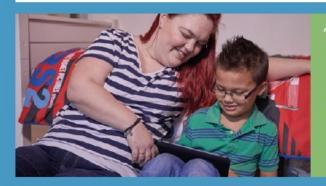
## **Online Safety Workshops for Parents**

Our free hour-long workshop will help you understand your child's online world and know how to keep them safe.

Location: Hammond Junior School

Date: Thursday 17th January 2019

Time: 13:45pm - 14:45pm



"It was very informative and I feel more confident about where to find and talking to my son."

To book your place, or for more information:

Pls Call 01276473972 or email info@hammondjuniorschool.org

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Let's keep kids safe online

