

Hamsey Community Primary School



Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for attending our Open Classes and Tea Party last week. The children are very proud of the work they have produced as part of our Take One Monarch learning journey and they enjoyed sharing their learning with you.



We are pleased to introduce our Class Charities for this year. Hedgehogs are supporting The Sussex Wildlife Trust, Foxes are raising money for The Chestnut Tree House children's hospice, Badgers are ambassadors for RNIB and Owls are fundraising for Patina.

Harvest Service

Don't forget it's the annual Harvest Service at St Peter's Church in Offham on Monday 9th October at 2pm. We will be walking to the church at 1.15pm and would be very grateful for help with this. We would ask for children to be collected from the church at 2.45pm unless they are walking back to school. If your child wishes to bring a gift to our Harvest Festival, they should bring it to school on the **morning of 9th October**. The contributions are distributed by St Peter's Church and non-perishable goods such as pasta, rice, tinned fruit, biscuits, etc are always particularly well received.



Attendance

Congratulations to Badgers and Owls for a fantastic attendance of over 96% last week. Please help us to achieve 96% across the whole school every week by ensuring your child is in school as much as possible.

Weald and Downland Museum Trip

As a 'Stunning Start' to their new learning journey about Anglo Saxons and Vikings, Owls and Badgers enjoyed a day out at the Weald and Downland Museum in Singleton. Owls took part in workshops to learn more about a child's life through the ages and Badgers learned about food through the ages.

Thank you to the PTA for contributing towards the cost of this experience.



Forest School

Owls Class enjoyed their first Forest School session this week. As part as of their Viking learning journey, they created catapults, used tapestry looms and drank medicinal herbal tea.



Author visit – David Fuller

We are excited to welcome David Fuller, author of the 'Alfie Jones' series of books, into school on Wednesday 11th October. David's passion is football - playing, watching and coaching. He currently manages a youth team in Sussex. The Alfie Jones series of books is a natural progression from these loves. The Alfie Jones series is perfect for any football mad youngster who yearns for football success.

Badgers and Owls will enjoy a workshop with David, where he will discuss what inspires him as a writer. He will also be reading a chapter from his first book and asking the children to engage in some role-playing activities. David will be in the Hall after school to sign purchased books. There will be books available on the day, or you can reserve one using the pre-order form sent to classes this week.

Cross Country

Congratulations to the pupils in Badgers and Owls who took part in the Cluster Cross Country event at Chailey yesterday. We would like to thank parents and carers for transporting children to the event and for helping to ensure the event ran smoothly. Well done to Ava and Rosie for achieving 1st and 2nd place in the Year 3 and 4 Girls' race respectively and to Luca for qualifying for the next round of the competition.

Reading Journals

Your child will have brought home their new reading journal and we would ask for your help to ensure these are kept up to date. Please record any reading that you do with your child so that we can keep up to date with the book levels that are appropriate for them and include any comments that may be useful for the class teacher. Older children may manage the journals and include their own reading logs. We ask that reading journals are in book bags everyday please.

First Class photographs

Our new Hedgehogs will be featuring in The Argus to celebrate their start to school. The First Class supplement will be published on Wednesday 1st November 2017.

Lewes Light

Lewes Light takes place between Friday 13th-Sunday 15th October. This is a festival of light unlike any other, now in its third year. Its theme celebrates the history of this fascinating ancient market town. The festival has expanded to include highly imaginative performance art, poetry and music, specially commissioned for the event. The Festival is free for all to attend, but advance booking is essential to join a guided walk. Please see <https://www.leweslight.uk/> for more information.

This week's Team Points:

1st	Griffins
2nd	Dragons
3rd	Centaur's
4th	Unicorns

Dates for your diary!

Please note these dates are not exhaustive and can be subject to change.

October 2017	
Monday 9 th	Harvest Service at Offham Church 2.00pm
Tuesday 10 th and 17 th	Owls Class Forest School
Wednesday 11 th	David Fuller – Author Visit KS2
Thursday 12 th	Peacefields Football Tournament KS2
Friday 13 th	PTA Meeting 9am
Thursday 19 th	Last day of Term 1
Friday 20 th	INSET DAY
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31 st	First day back Term 2
	PTA Halloween Party at Beechwood Hall Non- Uniform day
November 2017	
Wednesday 8 th	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 14 th	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 15 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9.00am Parent Consultations 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 21 st	Individual and family photographs 9am
Wednesday 22 nd	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 23 rd	KSI Cinema Trip 10.00am The Gruffalo & The Gruffalo's Child
Tuesday 28 th	Open Morning 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 29 th	Owls Class Assembly 9.00am
December 2017	
Tuesday 5 th	Open Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 8 th	Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 13 th	KSI Nativity 1.45pm
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th	Year 6 Skylark's Super Sing at Barcombe Village Hall 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of Term 2
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	First day back Term 3
Tuesday 23 rd	Parents and Governors Forum 9.00-9.45 am

With best wishes,



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Head of School



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