



Hamsey Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the parents and carers who recently returned questionnaires for school governors and the staffing team to have a clearer understanding of your views about the school. The feedback will help in reviewing, writing and adapting the school vision statement.

Thank you also to those that attended the Parent and Governor Forum this week. Your views were gratefully received.

Attendance Early Bird Week

Well done to Badgers Class for winning the attendance trophy this week with a fantastic attendance of 97%.

For Term 3, we would appreciate your support as we introduce our **Early Bird Week**.



Between Mon 29th January – Friday 2nd February, we are encouraging children to attend fully and punctually for the whole week. We will be awarding children with a sticker for each prompt attendance at the 8.45am registration.

At the end of the week, pupils who receive a sticker everyday will be given a certificate to celebrate their achievement. They will also be entered into a prize draw to win a family ticket to see a film of choice at The Depot, Lewes.

In addition to this, the class with the highest attendance and punctuality across the week will enjoy a fun games session with Mr Munnery the following week.

Science Day

We are very much looking forward to our Science Day on Tuesday 30th January. Many thanks to the PTA for providing Professor Bubbleworks, who will be bringing an early British Science Week to Hamsey! The theme is 'Discovery and Exploration' with a Rocket Investigation Workshop perfect for the whole school!



RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

Hamsey are proud to be taking part in the 2018 RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch this year. We will be getting into position to observe and count the birds in our school grounds for the survey, which is the biggest wildlife survey in schools. We will be watching and recording the birds in their outdoor space, then sending the results to the RSPB.

We will advise you of the date we will be doing this in our respective classes. Please ensure wellies and warm coats are in school for this experience and binoculars are welcomed.



Open Classes

We are looking forward to welcoming you into classes on Monday 5th February from 2.30pm. The children are excited to share their recent learning with you and the PTA will be providing refreshments.

Calculations Workshop for Parents

We are delighted to invite you to a Parent Workshop on Monday 5th February in Badgers Class. This follows our Open Classes at 3.15pm.

Mr Wright will be sharing the progression of calculations that we teach children across the school, as well as demonstrating some of the resources that we use to support your child's understanding. We look forward to seeing you there. Children are welcome to join you.

Our Calculations Policy is available to download on the school website under 'Policies'.

Fitness Fun

As part of our commitment to the health and wellbeing of all members of the Hamsey community, we would like to thank Nini and Zac in Owls Class for being fantastic 'Fitness Ambassadors'. They have dedicated their own time in the mornings to ensure a fun and energetic start to the school day for the whole school. Please ensure you are on the playground as soon after 8.30 am as possible to enjoy the new fitness focus.

Code Club

Get hands on with coding at Lewes Library! Code Club is a nationwide network of after school coding clubs for children aged 8 - 12 years old. Using specially created Code Club materials, the sessions are designed to build confidence and encourage creativity in 3 different coding languages.

Attendance is free of charge, but places are limited. For more information, or to register your interest as a volunteer please email code.clubs@eastsussex.gov.uk

This week's Team Point winners

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



Whether you're puzzled by parental controls or would like to know more about gaming, **Childnet** can help. On <http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers> you'll find a whole host of useful ways to keep your child safe.

Dates for your diary!

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

January 2018	
Tuesday 30 th	Professor Bubbleworks Science Day
February 2018	
Monday 5 th	Open Classes 2.30pm with PTA refreshments Maths Calculation Workshop for Parents 3.15pm-4pm in Badgers Class
Tuesday 6 th	Internet Safety Day
Friday 9 th	Last Day of Term 3
Mon 12 th – Fri 16 th	*HALF TERM*
Monday 19 th	First day of Term 4
Thursday 22 nd	KS2 Swimming Gala pm
Wednesday 28 th	Owls Class Assembly 9am
March 2018	
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day- Non - Uniform Day TBC
Friday 2 nd March	Sebastian Hockaday – Author Visit
Wednesday 7 th	Badgers Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 14 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9am
Friday 16 th March	Year 6 Patina Fundraiser and Non-Uniform Day.
Monday 19 th – Fri 23 rd	Sports Relief Week TBC
Tuesday 20 th	Owls Trip to Houses of Parliament
Wednesday 21 st	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am Parent Consultations 4pm-7pm
Thursday 22 nd	Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm
Thursday 29 th	Last day of Term 4
April 2018	
Monday 16 th	First day of Term 5

With best wishes,

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