



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at this week's Curriculum Meetings. We do hope that you found these sessions useful and that you can further support your child at home.

Please keep up to date with your child's learning by regularly visiting the Class Blogs via the new school website. These pages include vital information about what's going on in school and celebrate the learning taking place in classes.

Parents and Governors Forum

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parents and Governors Forum on Tuesday 23rd January between 9.00-9.45 am. At Hamsey, we are committed to working closely with parents and carers. We are keen to further improve our communication with you to ensure we are providing the best experiences for our children to equip them for their next stage of learning and beyond. We feel that it is important that parents have a forum where they can express their views, know that they make a difference and learn more about how the school operates. Also, concerns can be resolved more quickly when parents have a good relationship with the school.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend this meeting. We want to hear your views on how we can work together.

Attendance

Well done to Owls Class for winning the attendance trophy this week. Not only is it important to come to school every day, it is equally important to make sure children are on time.

Breakfast club is open from 7.45am every morning. The gate opens at 8.30am and classes are open at 8:45am for children to be ready for registration by 8:55am.

School Admissions 2018-19

Don't forget that **15th January** is the closing date for applications for starting school for the first time in September 2018.

Please use the Synergy Parent Portal to apply online at <https://admissions.eastsussex.gov.uk/Enrol/Website/default.aspx>

Allocation decisions will be sent out from East Sussex County Council Admissions from 16 April 2018.

Derek Bastide

On Tuesday, we welcomed Derek Bastide into school for a celebration assembly to say thank you and good luck in his retirement.

Derek has been a valued member of the local community as Reverend of St Peter's Church, Offham and with a lengthy service as Chair of Governors at Hamsey. His last service at St Peter's Church will be at 10.30am on Sunday 14th January. We wish him all the best in his retirement.



Internet Safety

Do you talk to your child openly, and regularly about ways they can keep safe online?

The NSPCC parent resources can help you start a conversation with your child. There is also guidance to help you set parental controls to block upsetting or harmful content, to control in-app purchases or to manage how long your child spends online. Please see <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> or link via our new website.

As part of our commitment to keeping children safe online, we will be regularly sharing relevant links via our newsletters and our new website.

Charities

At the end of the Autumn Term, Foxes Class took part in a Reindeer Run to raise money for their class charity, Chestnut Tree House.

Chestnut Tree House is the children's hospice for East and West Sussex and South-East Hampshire. They care for life-limited children both at the House, and in families' own homes.

Well done to Foxes for raising over £300. A special mention goes to Amelie Osborne for raising a significant amount.

School uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms for the start of Term 3. Please can we remind you that we ask that children are to wear sensible, dark coloured shoes to school; trainers are to be worn for PE sessions only. It would be helpful if you could ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

PE kits

Please make sure your child's correct PE kit is in school every day. Some form of physical activity takes place every day, so trainers are a must! PE lessons may take place outdoors so jogging bottoms are a good option for those lessons.

Clubs

Term 3 clubs have now started. We would kindly ask all parents and carers collecting their children at the end of the day to have left the premises by 3.20pm when the gate closes. This will ensure that clubs can run smoothly and safely.

If you are collecting your child from a club, please wait by the side gate and the club leader will bring your child to meet you.

This week's Team Point winners

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

Lewes Girls Cricket Hub

Sussex Cricket Foundation are running a ten-week course for girls aged 8-11 years old at Plumpton College. This will take place on Thursdays from 18th January to 22nd March. The cost of the course is £35.00.

To book a place, please see <http://www.sussexcricket.co.uk/women-girls>

Coats and Wellies

Due to the recent cold and wet weather, it is important that your child brings a coat to school every day. The field is particularly muddy at the moment so please also ensure your child has a pair of named wellies so that they can access the field at all times.

Dates for your diary!

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

January 2018	
Friday 19 th	Swimming at Cumnor House – weekly until 2 nd March.
Tuesday 23 rd	Parents and Governors Forum 9.00-9.45 am
Tuesday 30 th	Professor Bubbleworks Science Day
February 2018	
Monday 5 th	Open Classes 2.30pm
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	
Wednesday 7 th	Badgers Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 14 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9am
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
Friday 23 rd	Sports Relief TBC
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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