



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a good half term holiday. It has been great to see all the children back to school and ready to learn this week.

Parent Consultations

Hopefully, you have all had the opportunity to complete your request for an appointment with your child's teacher on 15th and 16th November. We are looking forward to meeting you to discuss their progress to date. The focus at this point is very much on attitudes towards learning and how they have settled into their new classes.

Halloween Spooktacular!

It was wonderful to see so many of the children (and staff) dressed up in Halloween attire yesterday. Their costumes were extremely scary and we hope that everyone had a great time dancing the night away at the HSF Halloween Disco.



Bonfire Night

Thank you to the parents and carers of Hedgehogs Class who came to share their Class Assembly today. Their theme was Bonfire Night and it has been wonderful to see the illuminating fireworks and bonfire ideas that have been flowing through the classroom this week.

We would like to say a big thank you to Pete Lilley and Harry Stewart who visited us from Barcombe Fire Station earlier this week. They came to share an assembly on keeping safe with fireworks and sparklers, and the children were encouraged to create firework safety posters to be sent back to the Fire Station.

Community Projects

Thank you to the Year 6 Prefects who helped Dinah Pryor, the liaison for the School/Station Partnership, plant bulbs at Cooksbridge Station this afternoon. They were fantastic ambassadors for the School and it was a pleasure to be asked to take part in a community project.



Lest We Forget.

Armistice Day



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To continue with their responsibilities, Prefects will be supporting the Poppy Appeal 2016 by selling poppies and merchandise before and after school in the playground every day next week.

We will also be holding a two-minute silence on Armistice Day on Friday 11th November at 11am.

Patina Arts Club

Thank you to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Hamilton for running an Arts Club for children in Year 3-6 with all proceeds going towards Patina. The club will run on a Thursday afternoon starting on 10th November at a cost of £4 per session and this will run for 4 weeks until 4pm. There will be a meeting for parents and carers in Badgers Class at 3.30pm on Thursday 10th November for anyone interested in being part of the Patina Committee.

Rainbow Theatre Reminder

Owls and Badgers are looking forward to dressing up in our togas for the Child in Ancient Greece workshop next Friday. Please can you return your slips and contributions as soon as possible to enable this experience to go ahead. We will return to school by the normal time for children to be collected as usual.

Attendance

Parents are encouraged to take a family holiday not in term time. Leave of absence is only allowed in exceptional circumstances.

If you consider that your request falls into this category you will need to complete a form from the office. A response will be sent to you as soon as possible. If the absence requested is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance, and you nevertheless take your child out of school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised in line with County Council guidance. Therefore, in the case of an unauthorised absence the Education Support, Behaviour & Attendance Service will be notified and a Penalty Notice will be issued. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued to each parent for each child taken out of school. A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 which increases to £120 if not paid within the first 21 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid this will result further legal intervention.

Colder weather

As the weather is getting colder, please ensure children are bringing a warm coat to school. We would like to be able to use the school grounds throughout the year, therefore named wellies need to be in school for this purpose. If you have any old wellies that you are able to donate to the school, please leave these with the office.

November 2016	
Thursday 10 th	Patina meeting – in Badgers 3.30pm
Friday 11 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9am (Parents Welcome)
	Foxes and Hedgehogs Fire Service Visit
	Badger and Owls Greek Day with Rainbow Theatre Workshop pm
Tuesday 15 th	Forest Schools for Owls Class – running for 3 weeks.
Tuesday 15 th (5pm-7pm) Wednesday 16 th (3.30pm-6pm)	Parents Meetings with Teachers
Thursday 17 th	Individual and Family Photographs
Friday 18 th	Badgers Class Assembly 9am (Parents welcome)
	Children in Need
Thursday 24 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
December 2016	
Thursday 8 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th	KSI Christmas Performance (am)
	KS2 Music Concert (pm)
Thursday 15 th	Christmas Lunch
	HSF Christmas Fair 3.15pm-5pm Beechwood Hall
Friday 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Flu Immunisation Y 1, 2, 3
Monday 19 th	Christmas Pantomime at Barcombe School pm
Wednesday 21 st	End of Term 2
January 2017	
Tuesday 3 rd	Start of Term 3
Friday 13 th January	Swimming starts for Y3, 4 and 5

On a final note, we hope that you all enjoy the local bonfire celebrations this weekend and stay safe!
Best wishes,



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Head of School



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