



# Hamsey Community Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for coming to the Harvest service last week. It was wonderful to share the class performances with you and we are grateful for the food donations received. These have now been distributed to Food Banks in the local area.

## Attendance

Well done to Badgers for winning the attendance trophy this week with a fantastic attendance of 98%. After half term, children who have achieved 100% attendance in Term 1 will be celebrated in assembly and will receive a certificate.

Next term, we are running an 'Attendance Lottery'. Any child who achieves 95% or more attendance will be entered into the draw and the winner will receive a family pass to Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum.

## Parent Consultations

These will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> (3.30-5.30pm) and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November (4.30-7pm). Mrs Pryor will be available to meet parents and carers on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to book your appointment slot online after half term. Details of how to do this will follow. These ten-minute appointments are to discuss your child's progress. If you need to speak to the class teacher about something in more detail, please arrange an alternative time.

## Good Work Awards

Congratulations to Rafferty, Sylvie, Amelie O, Bonnie, Lulu, Rowan E, Luke and Luca for receiving Headteacher Awards for their fantastic, creative work this term.

## Clubs after half term

Cricket Club has now finished. KS2 DramaScape with Esther Egerton will begin in the Hall between 3-4pm from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Sessions cost £5.00 and are payable direct to the provider. Booking forms must be returned by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October please.

## Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be holding our Open Days for prospective new reception children for September 2018 on Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> from 9.30am to 11.30am and on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. If you know of anyone with children due to start school next September, please let them know when these open sessions are so they can come and visit our lovely school.

## Space Planetarium

Foxes and Hedgehogs enjoyed an afternoon with The Observatory Science Centre in the Planetarium to enrich their understanding of space and why Neil Armstrong is a famous person.

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



## Football Tournament

Well done to the Year 5/6 team who took part in the cluster tournament last week. They played well and should be very proud of their performance. Congratulations to the Year 3/4 team for receiving the Fair Play Award.

Thank you to the parents and carers who transported to and from this event to enable it to take place.

## ParentPay

Please note that school lunches will now be payable online via ParentPay. Instructions on how to do this, together with your logins, are being sent home today.

## Poppy Appeal

We raised a fantastic amount of money for The Royal British Legion last year. This year, our Year 6 Prefects will be selling poppies on the playground after school every day from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

## Author Visits

KS2 enjoyed their sessions with David Fuller last week. KS1 will take part in storytelling sessions on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November with Nickhola Susanne Le-Brooy, author of The Wonder Tails. Parents and carers are invited to join these sessions also. More information will follow after half term.

## Book Fair

Please support our upcoming Book Fair **9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November**. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone. If you can't make it to our Book Fair, you can purchase a discounted Gift Voucher available at [travellingbooks.co.uk/parents](http://travellingbooks.co.uk/parents). They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our school library!

## PTA Halloween event and non-uniform day

Don't forget that something spooky is happening at Hamsey on the first day back after half term, on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Children (and staff) are invited to come to school in non-uniform and can choose a Halloween themed outfit if they would like to.

The PTA are holding their annual Halloween Party at Beechwood Hall after school.

## Shoe boxes

Owls Class need shoe boxes for their science projects next term please. If you have any boxes to recycle, please hand them into the office. Thanks in advance.

## This week's Team Point winners:

1st	<b>Dragons</b>
2nd	<b>Unicorns</b>
	<b>Griffins</b>
4th	<b>Centaurs</b>

Next term, the children will be working towards a reward which will be chosen by the winning team early in December.

## Dates for your diary!

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

October 2017	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back Term 2
	PTA Halloween Party at Beechwood Hall Non- Uniform day
November 2017	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Class Phonics Session for Parents and Carers 3-4pm.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in Hall 3-3.30pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes Class Assembly 9.00am
	Parent Consultations 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Individual and family photographs 9am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 Cinema Trip 10.00am The Gruffalo & The Gruffalo's Child
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Storyteller visiting School
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Class Assembly 9.00am
	Patina Fundraising – Film Afternoon
December 2017	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Skylark's Super Sing at Barcombe Village Hall 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day back Term 3
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents and Governors Forum 9.00-9.45 am

We hope you enjoy your half term break and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

With best wishes,



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Head of School



Stewart James  
Executive Head