



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our exciting new learning journeys are well underway and it has been wonderful to see the creative experiences throughout the school over the past two weeks. From diva lamp making in Hedgehogs and Foxes, to outdoor art lessons re-creating Goldsworthy style sculptures in Owls, our children are now fully immersed in their new topics.

We welcome back Mrs Peach, who will be working with Key Stage 1 this term inspiring their 'India' music curriculum, and Mr Munnery who is supporting our health and wellbeing curriculum.



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Badgers Class for winning the Attendance Trophy this week with 97.3% attendance. Our expectations as a school are for all pupils to achieve at least 97% attendance over the school year.

ATTENDANCE 
MATTERS



Call for submissions!

Magazine Club has started! Our editorial team is already busy asking pupils to submit their contributions. For your information, all submissions will be accepted, but pupils may be asked to make small changes to improve their work (as they would do for a professional magazine).

Magazine Club is run by Ros Howell on Fridays 12.30pm-1pm in Owls Classroom.

Year 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Event

Children from Badgers Class attended the Indoor Athletics cluster event at Chailey School this week. They worked really well as a team and showed fantastic sportspersonship.

Hamsey were crowned joint winners of this event so should be extremely proud of themselves! Well done to all those involved and to parents for helping with the event and transporting. Thank you also to Mrs Lilley for organising the team.



STEM at Chailey

Selected Year 6 pupils attended a STEM activity morning at Chailey today. STEM is a curriculum based on integrating aspects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and relating this to the real world. There will be further STEM opportunities for children over the next few months.

Alice in Wonderland Fundraising

Lou Ellis will be running the London Marathon in April to raise money for the NSPCC and MacMillan. As part of this fundraising, on Friday 10th February, there will be an Alice in Wonderland themed cake sale on the playground at 3pm.

Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be given to the Office on the morning of the sale. In addition to this, Lou has organised a fantastic event for 18th February:

**JUMP DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE
BACK TO THE 1930'S**
ALL SAINTS, LEWES
Sat 18th Feb

SWING the NIGHT AWAY to the SOUNDS OF
Zoot Zazou
and electro-SWING DJ. DON DAPPER

MASQUERADE AS AN ALICE IN WONDERLAND CHARACTER
(WITH A 1930'S TWIST!)

Capture your LOOK IN OUR PHOTO-BOOTH

Arrive at 7pm
For an INCLUDED SWING Dance
demo FROM JIM & SARAH.

tickets available FROM TIZZ'S or
VIRGIN JUST GIVING/LOU ELLIS FOR NAMES ON THE DOOR

£15 IN advance
£20 ON THE DOOR

ALL PROCEEDS FOR NSPCC AND MACMILLAN
IN MEMORY OF MATT ELLIS

Patina Fundraising

To raise funds for Patina, the charity are organising a 'Ditch the Detox' party at Lewes Town Hall on 11th February 2017 7.30pm-12.30am. Please see the flyer outside Reception for further details or follow Patina's Facebook page. Advance tickets can be purchased from the Office for £8 each.

Corelli Ensemble

Corelli Ensemble play some wonderful music! On Sunday 22 January at 4pm, you can hear the wonderful Saint-Saens Rondo Capriccioso, written for solo violin and orchestra. Young violinists will be amazed at the fireworks written for the soloist! Oboist, Owen Dennis, who played so fantastically with us last season, is playing Bach's Oboe Concerto. There will also be music by Corelli and the English composer Gerald Finzi.

Come to St Pancras Church, Irelands Lane, Lewes BN7 1QX. Tickets can be reserved by emailing info@corelliensemble.co.uk, £10 for adults, £12 on the door, children, free.

Piano Lessons

We are looking at organising piano/keyboard lessons for interested pupils within school time. These would be run by a qualified music tutor and would be payable for twenty minute sessions at around £10 per lesson. If you are interested in finding out more, please register your interest with the Office.

Dates for your diary!

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

January 2017	
Monday 23 rd	Parents Partnership Meeting 6-7pm
February 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	Hedgehogs and Foxes Indian Dance
Thursday 9 th	Badgers Kew Gardens Trip
Friday 10 th	Alice in Wonderland Cake Sale 3pm End of Term 3
Monday 20 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 22 nd	Swimming Gala for Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils Lewes (pm)
March 2017	
Friday 3 rd	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 8 th	Owls Voice in a Million – Wembley
Friday 10 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 14 th	Hedgehogs and Foxes Lewes Castle Trip Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 15 th	Parent Consultations 5pm-7pm
Friday 17 th	Badgers Class Assembly 9am
Friday 24 th	Owls Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31 st	End of Term 4
April 2017	
Tuesday 18 th	Start of Term 5

Finally, we look forward to seeing parents on Monday 23rd January at 6pm to discuss the consultation process for federating with Barcombe School.

With best wishes,



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Head of School



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