



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of this busy term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for supporting the school. A big thank you goes to the PTA for organising fundraising activities that benefit the whole school.

We are sad to say goodbye to Ms Jackman, who has been a valued member of the school community for the last 4 years. Ms Jackman is moving to a school closer to her home and we wish her the best of luck. Mr Dean has already been in to meet children and parents of Foxes Class and we look forward to warmly welcoming him to the school in January.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Pryor who is leaving to start new life adventures. Mrs Pryor has been a key member of the Senior Leadership Team at Hamsey and has worked tirelessly to help Hamsey achieve Dyslexia Friendly Status in recent weeks (see below). In January, we welcome Ms Shannon to the school as our new Inclusion Manager and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator.

Dyslexia Friendly School

At Hamsey, we are fully committed to ensuring that we give the best possible opportunities to all of our children. Last week, we gained Dyslexia Friendly School status.

A dyslexia friendly school is a school that is able to identify and respond to the difficulties that a dyslexic learner may encounter and ensure their needs are met. We are committed to ensure that if children do not learn the way we teach, we will teach the way they learn, enabling them to achieve their full potential.

Attendance

Well done to Owls Class for winning the attendance trophy this week with an attendance of 96%. At the beginning of Term 3, we will be drawing the winner of the Term 2 'Attendance Lottery' to win a family day ticket to Bentley Wildfowl and Motor Museum. Any child who has had an attendance of 95%+ in Term 2 will be entered into the draw.

Nativity

We enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'It's a Cracker!' from Hedgehogs and Foxes this week. Thank you to parents for helping with costumes and to the teachers for their hard work in putting it together.



House Afternoon

The House Teams enjoyed an afternoon making Hamsey look festive! In their teams, they created decorations such as presents, angels, wreaths and bells. Please see 'Class Blogs' for photos.

PTA Christmas Fair

Many thanks to the PTA for their fantastic teamwork in organising the Christmas Fair on Friday. Over £450 was raised on the day.

Christmas Dinner

Children and staff enjoyed a fantastic Christmas dinner yesterday. It was lovely to see children wearing their Christmas jumpers, enjoying the Christmas music and pulling crackers with their friends. A big thank you to Emma for putting together a Christmas Dinner for over 100 people. That's no easy task!



Reindeer Run

Foxes Class will be taking part in the Reindeer Run on Monday in aid of Chestnut Tree House at 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to come along and support!

Calling all Reception Parents...

If your child is in Reception, please join us on Tuesday 19th December between 8.45am-9.30am to share your child's Learning Journey with them from this term.

Wishworks

Thank you to the PTA for treating the children to a WishWorks Puppet Show afternoon on Tuesday. The whole school will be enjoying this experience.

Term 3 Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 8th January. Please complete the booking forms for each club and any costs are payable direct to the provider.

This week's Team Point winners

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

Dates for your diary!

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

| December 2017 | |
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| Monday 18 th | Foxes Class 'Reindeer Run' in aid of Chestnut Tree House 2.30pm. |
| Tuesday 19 th | Reception parents – Learning Journey Sharing 8.45-9.30am |
| | WishWorks Puppet Show for whole school (pm) |
| Wednesday 20 th | Last day of Term 2 |
| January 2018 | |
| Tuesday 2 nd | INSET DAY |
| Wednesday 3 rd | First day back Term 3 |
| Monday 8 th | Hedgehogs Curriculum Meeting 3pm |
| Tuesday 9 th | Foxes Curriculum Meeting 3pm |
| Thursday 11 th | Badgers Curriculum Meeting 3pm |
| Friday 12 th | Owls Curriculum Meeting 3pm *Change of date* |
| Friday 19 th | Swimming at Cumnor House commences for Badgers Class. |
| Tuesday 23 rd | Parents and Governors Forum 9.00-9.45 am |

Wishing you all a happy and festive break. We will see you on 3rd January 2018!

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Executive Head

