



# Hamsey Community Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards the end of our Term 3 learning journeys, it is fantastic to see the children engaged in experiences to enrich their understanding. This week, it was Hedgehogs Class and Foxes Class who wowed us with their Bhangra dancing skills.



Hamsey School believes in promoting positive attendance within our school to build a strong culture that 'attendance matters'. For our pupils to gain the greatest benefit from their time with us, it is fundamental that they attend every day as **every day matters**.

Good timekeeping and punctuality is equally important: this ensures that your child does not miss any lessons and causes less disruption to themselves and other pupils.

As from next term, we will be running a half-termly attendance lottery. Pupils with 97% attendance or above for the whole half term will be entered into a raffle and a winner selected at random.

The prize for next half term will be a **£25** voucher for a family to enjoy a cinema trip.

## French Club

Letters have been sent home this week to sign up for the forthcoming French Breakfast Club which is being run by Caroline Jepp after half term.

The first session will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please ensure you have advised the office of your interest as soon as possible.



## HSF Seedy Saturday Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Please support the HSF with their fundraising at Lewes Town Hall between 10am -3pm this Saturday. Seedy Saturday is an annual horticultural gathering and Hamsey HSF are running the café there. If anyone can help volunteering during the day or can donate a cake then please speak to a member of the HSF.

## Bhangra Dancing

Many thanks to Sheila who came into school to share her dancing prowess with the children. The children learned a routine to 'Jai-Ho' and performed it in the Hall.



## Extreme Reading Photos!

Don't forget to email us your photos of 'Extreme Reading' for our display. So far, we have had reading on walls, on walks and even in battlefields!

Email your photos to [office@hamsey.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@hamsey.e-sussex.sch.uk) by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February please.



## Sun Rise Breakfast Club

In response to feedback from parent commuters, Breakfast Club will be opening from 7.45am as from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The cost will be £3.00 if attending from 7.45-8.30am or £2.00 if attending from 8.00am-8.30am. Additional siblings will be charged at £2.50 if attending from 7.45-8.30am or £1.50 if attending from 8.00am-8.30am.

If your child attends regularly, payment can be made in advance by cheque or cash. We regret no cash is available on the day for change purposes but any monies due will be sent home via the office later that day.

### Alice in Wonderland Cake Sale reminder

Please remember that on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Lou Ellis will be holding a cake sale to raise money for the NSPCC and MacMillan.

Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be given to the Office on the morning of the sale. Thank you in advance.

### BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition 2017

This competition is now open for entries until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity.

There are two age groups in the 500 Words competition - one for children aged 10-13, and another for children aged 5 -9. There are Gold, Silver and Bronze prizes up for grabs in each age group!

See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1> for more information.



### Exterminate the lice!

Please can we ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair when we break up for the holidays. If everybody checks and exterminates any lice on the weekend of 11-12<sup>th</sup> February, this means that we can all come back after half term lice free!

### Sun Downers – After School care

Would you be interested in wrap around care, after school until 5.30pm, Monday to Thursday in term time? Please circle the days you would be interested in your child attending and return to the office by **Fri 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wild Maths <http://wild.maths.org/>

Wild Maths is aimed at 7-16 year old exploring maths beyond the classroom. The website aims to provide an environment where every child is free to roam and develop as a creative mathematician. The site provides games, investigations, stories and spaces to explore. The activities have been designed to encourage your child to become more mathematically creative by making choices, developing their own ideas and using anything they like to help them.

#### Dates for your diary!

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

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

With best wishes,

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