



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2! We have lots of fabulous events planned and are excited to begin our new learning journeys. Hedgehogs and Foxes will be 'Ice Explorers' this term, identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK and the location of hot and cold areas of the world. Badgers and Owls will be focusing on 'Trading Posts', looking at economic activity, trade links and the plight of refugees.

Attendance

Well done to Hedgehogs Class for winning the attendance trophy this week. We are aiming to achieve attendance of at least 96% consistently.

Congratulations to the following children who achieved **100% attendance** in Term 1:

Henry, Casey, Esme, Robin, Sammy, Rosie, Rosa, Tino, Max, Arthur J, Francis, Kitty, Isabel, Oscar B, Finley D, Rowan J and Poppy P.

This term, we are running an 'Attendance Lottery'. Any child who achieves 95% or higher 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 14th (3.30-5.30pm) and Wednesday 15th November (4.30-7pm). Mrs Pryor will be available to meet parents and carers on Wednesday 15th. 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.

Please use your logins sent home this week to book your appointments via e-schools. All appointments must be booked by Monday 13th November as last minute appointments may not be available.

Open Morning and Afternoon

We will be holding our Open Days for prospective new reception children for September 2018 on Tuesday November 28th from 9.30am to 11.30am and on Tuesday December 5th 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.

ParentPay

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

Book Fair

Please support our upcoming Book Fair **9th - 15th 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. 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!

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COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR
 My School, Friends at the Furry Gates, The World's Worst Children 2, The Ugly Five
 From Thursday 9th November - Wednesday 15th November 2017.
 3-3.30pm.

Halloween Party

Thanks to the PTA for hosting a fantastic Halloween fundraiser this week.

The next PTA meeting is on Friday 10th November in the Hall.

'Reading with your child' workshop.

We would like to invite parents and carers of children in Reception and Year 1 to Hedgehogs Class on Tuesday 7th November at 3pm. Mrs Baker will be sharing how we teach phonics at Hamsey.

Phonics helps children to develop good reading and spelling skills. The ability to read and write is a vital skill for all children, paving the way for an enjoyable and successful school experience. This meeting will equip you with strategies so that you can support phonics at home.

Wow Moments

Just a reminder to Hedgehogs parents to please send in Wow moments so that they can be shared in class.

MyMaths

Owls Class have been trialling our new online homework using MyMaths. Weekly homework is personalised for your child to complete using a laptop or tablet device. The homework provides a tutorial for you to work through with your child and also has educational games for them to play. Your child receives instant feedback and has the opportunity to try again. You will receive your child's login details in the next fortnight for you to try. Many of the local secondary schools also use MyMaths so we are excited to offer this learning tool at Hamsey.



This week's Team Point winners:

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

Poppy Appeal

Don't forget our Year 6 children are selling poppies on the playground after school from Monday 6th November.

Dates for your diary!

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

November 2017	
Tuesday 7 th	Hedgehogs Class Phonics Session for Parents and Carers 3-4pm.
Wednesday 8 th	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 9 th – Wed 15 th	Book Fair in Hall 3-3.30pm
Friday 10 th	PTA Meeting 9am
Tuesday 14 th	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 15 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9.00am
	Parent Consultations 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 21 st	Individual and family photographs 9am
Wednesday 22 nd	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 23 rd	KSI Cinema Trip 10.00am The Gruffalo & The Gruffalo's Child
Monday 27 th	KSI Storyteller visiting School
Tuesday 28 th	Open Morning 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 29 th	Owls Class Assembly 9.00am
	Patina Fundraising – Film Afternoon
December 2017	
Tuesday 5 th	Open Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 8 th	Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 13 th	KSI Nativity 1.45pm
Thursday 14 th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th	Year 6 Skylark's Super Sing at Barcombe Village Hall 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of Term 2
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	First day back Term 3
Tuesday 23 rd	Parents and Governors Forum 9.00-9.45 am

Online Correspondence

This will be the last paper newsletter. All future communications will be via email. Please make sure the office has your current email address on file.

With best wishes,

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