



Hamsey Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for sharing our Sports Day with us. It was a fantastic day and the children were terrific ambassadors for Hamsey School. Well done to Jim, Kara, Theo and Ella F for winning the Y6 trophies!



Attendance

Congratulations to Owls Class for winning this week's Attendance Trophy with 96%. The threshold for 'good' attendance is 95%. Please help us to keep our attendance percentage as high as possible by making sure your child is in school and on time every day.

STEM Day

On Wednesday 12th July, children will join their team group members. in their Key Stage, to take part in a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities. STEM activities aim to create critical thinkers, increase science literacy and enables the next generation of innovators.



PATINA

A huge thank you to Katie Griffiths and her team of willing Year 6 parent helpers who have created masterpieces for the Year 6 children to parade at Patina's 'Moving On Parade'. The Moving On Parade is an important part of the local cultural calendar, much looked-forward-to by the children who participate as well as by the community of parents, older children and volunteers who help out.

The procession culminates in a community party in the Paddock Park, during which local young bands from Starfish play and a local produce shop supplies vast amounts of fruit to keep the children happy, healthy and cool.

The children have been fundraising all year to support Patina. Here are some of the amazing costumes:



Pizza and Camp Night update

Despite dire weather forecasts, the weather couldn't have been better for this year's pizza and camp night. Everyone seemed to be having fun - especially the children - and we raised a whopping £850!

Thanks to everyone who helped out, but especially to Sarah McLaughlin who masterminded the whole thing, Robin for making the dough, Ollie for pizza oven expertise, and Katie G and Donna who put in extra time doing the least popular job - tidying up on Saturday morning!

NSPCC and O2

Please don't forget to attend our re-scheduled Online Safety Workshop on Thursday 13th July at 9.15am.

For further information, please visit www.nspcc.org.uk/schools or call the NSPCC Online Safety Helpline 0800 800 5002.



Summer Reading Challenge



Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at your local library. This year we're delighted to announce that The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge theme is Animal Agents. It will begin in libraries on Saturday 15th July and end on Saturday 9th September.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is vital for children's life chances, and that children who use libraries are twice as likely to be above average readers. The Summer Reading Challenge builds confidence and independent reading, while preventing the dip in children's literacy levels during the long break from school. It encourages them to develop the habit of reading for pleasure, one of the aims of the National Curriculum for English.

Encourage your children to have fun with reading this summer by taking part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge at any East Sussex county public library.

The Challenge is to read six books during the summer that have been borrowed from the library and are appropriate for each child's reading ability. The Challenge is aimed at children in the four to eleven age group. If your child is not reading on his/ her own yet they can still take part by sharing their books with you or by using audio books.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library card. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family.

Children signing up for the Challenge get an animal Agents sticker. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library.

You can find out more about the challenge at: <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or by asking in the library or visiting www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries

Leavers' Assembly

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents and carers to attend the Leavers' Assembly on Thursday 20th July at 10.45am in the Hall. Please bring your tissues! Year 6 pupils can wear their hoodies in their final week at Hamsey School.

Dates for your diary!

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

July 2017	
Monday 10 th	Forest School - Reception
Monday 10 th & Tuesday 11 th	Y6 Induction days at Chailey Secondary School
Wednesday 12 th	STEM Day
Thursday 13 th	Re-scheduled Online Safety Workshop for parents and carers- Hall 9.15am-10.15am. Year 5 – Connect with the Countryside at Ardingly Year 6 Leavers' Celebration (pm)
Friday 14 th	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 19 th	Owls Class Production at Beechwood Hall Dress Rehearsal 10.45am 7pm *By ticket only*
Thursday 20 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10.45am. Year 6 parents welcome. End of Term 6 3pm
Friday 21 st	INSET DAY
September 2017	
Monday 4 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th	First day back for children
October 2017	
Friday 20 th	INSET DAY
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY
December 2017	
Wednesday 20 th	Last day of Term 2
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY

With best wishes,

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