



# Hamsey Community Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers at the recent parent consultations. We enjoyed sharing your child's successes with you. If you haven't yet had an opportunity to see your child's work, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange a time to do so.

As Term 4 draws to a close, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bees who is leaving us this week. Mrs Bees has done a fabulous job running the office and we wish her the very best of luck in the future. Mrs Evans will also be leaving the office at the end of the term but will be staying with us at Hamsey in her role as Teaching Assistant in Badgers Class. We welcome Mrs Ann Hill as School Business Manager and Mrs Cecilia Jones as Finance Assistant.



## School Attendance Matters

Congratulations to Hedgehogs Class who have won this week's Attendance Trophy with a fantastic 97.7% attendance. Well done, also, to this week's runners up, Foxes, with an attendance of 96.7%. Remember, 95% attendance is regarded as the minimum acceptable level. 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. Don't forget the 'Attendance Lottery' for this term will be drawn at the Easter Egg Hunt. The prize is a £25 cinema voucher for a family to enjoy a film of their choice.

### PTA Easter Event

The PTA are holding an Easter Egg Eggstravaganza on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3pm. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt together with a café for refreshments.

We are looking forward to seeing the cake and egg competition entries submitted by pupils in the morning and these will be shared with parents at the Egg Hunt.

### Violin Taster Sessions

Russell Robinson, a violin teacher with East Sussex Music, played in assembly this week and will return next week to provide taster sessions for any children interested in taking up lessons.

### Hedgehogs morning arrangements

Now that our Hedgehogs are fully settled, we would like to encourage their independence even further after Easter with new morning arrangements for entering the classroom. Parents and carers will be asked to leave their child at the Hedgehogs gate in the capable hands of Mrs Baker and Mrs Curran. Children will be asked to put their own belongings on pegs and an adult will help them should they need it. This means that parents and carers will not need to go into the classroom or into the school. This also means learning can start promptly in the mornings, which benefits all pupils. If your child is late for school, a member of staff will ensure your child gets from the foyer to their classroom to avoid any disruption to learning. Thank you for your co-operation in making Hamsey even safer for the children.

### Football

The Hamsey Footballers enjoyed an afternoon at the Newick Tournament last week. They played well and really showed great team work. They were placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Thanks to Caitlin McCaffery and Robert McBrowne for your help on the day, as well as all the other parents who help tirelessly with transport.



### Skipping Workshops

We are looking forward to welcoming Harold Galley Skipping Workshops to the school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Each class will participate in a workshop focusing on individual skills development and partner skipping. These will then be showcased in an afternoon assembly for the whole school.

### Clubs for Summer Term

Club details for Summer Term will be sent out next week. Please reply by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Clubs will start from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### Book Author Event

Year 6 Book Club members travelled to Buxted Primary School on Thursday to meet Christopher Edge, author of *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright*. Thank you to the parents who helped with transport to this event.



### Railway Safety Camera Partnership

Many thanks to Michael Farley and PC Simon Spencer-Briggs for delivering an assembly this week on rail and road safety. We were also fortunate to see inside the camera van!



### PSHE Curriculum

PSHE Education is a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to manage their lives – now and in the future.

In Term 5, we will be introducing a new curriculum programme for PSHE at Hamsey - Jigsaw. Jigsaw is a comprehensive and completely original PSHE Education programme for the whole school. It was launched in July 2013 and hundreds of schools across the country are using it. Jigsaw has two aims for all children:

- To build their capacity for learning
- To equip them for life

Jigsaw brings together PSHE Education, emotional literacy, mindfulness, social skills and spiritual development. A variety of teaching strategies are used and are mindful of each child's preferred learning style. Jigsaw is designed as a whole-school approach, with all year groups working on the same theme at the same time. If you would like more information on the Jigsaw programme, parents and carers are very welcome to visit the Jigsaw website <http://www.jigsawpshe.com/>

### Animation Workshops

Press Play Films (formerly Little Angel Film Project) is running 2 days of animation workshops in the Easter holidays (April 4 and 5) for 8 to 14 year olds at Southover Hall in Lewes. The 2 days will cover flipbook animations, Pivot animation; Lego and whiteboard animating and there is the chance to enter an animation competition as part of the 2 days. Children will be able to take their films home at the end. For more information please contact [littleangelfilm@gmail.com](mailto:littleangelfilm@gmail.com) or call Lara on 07977 593 857. To see photos of previous workshops go to [facebook.com/pressplayfilms](https://facebook.com/pressplayfilms)

### Dates for your diary!

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

March 2017	
Monday 27th	Tesco 'Farm to Fork' Easter Trail sessions (am)
Wednesday 29th	Skipping Workshops (Whole school)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Owls Class Assembly 9am
	Easter Cake and Egg competition entries by 8.45am in The Nest.
	PTA Easter Egg Hunt 3pm- all welcome.
	End of Term 4
April 2017	
Tuesday 18th	Term 5 starts
Wednesday 19th	Multi-skills Event at Wivelsfield Primary School Y2 (am) Y1 (pm)
Monday 24th	Clubs Start
	Owls Curriculum Meeting 3pm
	Year 6 Parents SATS & PATINA Meeting 3.30pm
Tuesday 25th	Forest Schools starts for Badgers Class (25/4, 2/5 & 16/5)
	Foxes Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Wednesday 26th	Year 5 Curriculum Day at Chailey
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	'Travelling Books' Book Fair in Hall 3pm
Thursday 27th	Hedgehogs Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Friday 28th	Mr Broccoli Healthy Eating Workshops (Whole School)
	Badgers Curriculum Meeting 3pm
	PTA Curry and Bingo Night Beechwood Hall 7-10pm
May 2017	
Monday 2nd	<b>*BANK HOLIDAY*</b> School Closed
Friday 5th	Hamsey Magazine Launch 3-4pm Hall
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 11th	Y6 SATS Week

With best wishes,

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