



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultations/Survey

It has been lovely to see so many of you for our Parent Consultation sessions this week. If you have not been able to attend one of these sessions, please contact your child's Class Teacher to arrange an alternative opportunity.

We would be grateful if you could return a completed Parent Survey to the office by Monday 28th November or follow the link on the website via 'Our School'.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to The Big Spotacular for BBC Children in Need today. The children looked fantastic in their spotty outfits and the School Council have also organised a cake sale after school.

Music Sessions

Mrs Peach, a specialist music teacher, has been working with Badgers and Owls this term. She has been showing the children how to compose pieces, using percussion, to link with the current learning journey 'It's all Greek to me!' Please see the Class Blogs on the website to see photographs of the lessons in progress. Thank you to the HSF for their kind contribution that has enabled these sessions to take place.

Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings for prospective parents (parents of pre-school children who are rising 5) will take place on Thursday 24th November and Thursday 8th December from 9.30-11.30am. Our Year 6 pupils will be offering tours of the school, and Mr James and Mrs Baker will be providing information about our school and the Early Years Foundation Stage. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers (and, of course, children) to this event.

KS1 Fire Visit

Thank you to the crew from Barcombe Fire Station who visited the school on Friday with Barcombe fire engine Papa I. As part of their learning journey on 'Fire', children in Hedgehogs and Foxes learned what to do if they ever got caught in a house fire and even got to squirt the hose!



KS2 Rainbow Theatre

Children in Badgers and Owls took part in the Rainbow Theatre's 'A child in Ancient Greece' workshop last week. It was an active session, where they took part in sketches about what life was like in the market, school, gymnasium and home for an Ancient Greek child. They then worked in groups to perform three Greek myths: Oedipus and the Sphinx, Odysseus and the Cyclops and Theseus and the Minotaur.



Badgers and Foxes Class Assemblies

Thank you to the parents and carers of Foxes and Badgers who attended their recent Class Assemblies. The children have enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

Dates for further Class Assemblies will shortly be announced for the Spring Term.

Our Health Grant Bid

A big thank to all of you who responded to last month's Health Questionnaire and Health Forum. It was very informative to read your feedback and ideas, which we have included in our Health Grant Bid. There were many common themes amongst the responses. Parents are keen for children to be outside whatever the weather, for example. Additionally, parents talked about the importance of the emotional health and wellbeing of their children. The School Council also responded to questionnaires and their thoughts formed part of our grant application. This has been submitted to the NHS for consideration and we will let you know how it progresses.

Daily Mile

Across the school, children and staff have been taking part in the Daily Mile initiative. Without wasting time changing into full kit, every child in the school, goes out each day in the fresh air to run, jog or walk for up to 15 minutes. It is not competitive and most children average a mile, with some doing more and some doing less. It is not PE, sport or cross-country but a physical activity which is aimed at improving the children's physical, social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing. It can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment.

As a school, we are excited about this new initiative and we are looking forward to the benefits it will bring to your child/children. You can find out more about how it works by visiting www.thedailymile.co.uk.

Please ensure children have their PE kits in school every day so that trainers are easily accessible to be worn on the field.



Reading Records

You will notice from book bags that new Reading Record Books/Phonics Logs have been introduced throughout the school. We believe that the children will find these helpful and there is lots of information for you too. Thank you for your continued support with hearing children read.

Dates for your diary!

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

November 2016	
Thursday 24 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
December 2016	
Thursday 8 th	Open Morning for prospective parents 9.30am
Wednesday 14 th	KS1 Christmas Performance (am) KS2 Music Concert (pm)
Thursday 15 th	Christmas Lunch
	HSF Christmas Fair In School 3.15pm-5pm
Friday 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Flu Immunisation Y 1, 2, 3
Monday 19 th	Christmas Pantomime at Barcombe School pm
Wednesday 21 st	End of Term 2
January 2017	
Tuesday 3 rd	Start of Term 3
Friday 13 th	Swimming starts for Y3, 4 and 5
March 2017	
Wednesday 8 th	Voice in a Million – Wembley (Owls)
June 2017	
Tuesday 27 th /Wednesday 28 th	Hindleap Warren Residential (Owls)

On a final note, please continue to send in warm winter coats, hats, gloves and wellies for your child/children so they can enjoy the outdoor environment in the colder weather.

Best wishes,

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