

# Newsletter

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Term 1—newsletter 1

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to all our pupils and their families, it has been wonderful seeing all the children back at Hamsey, both children (and parents) have enjoyed their time so far!

A big welcome to our new pupils—**Franka, Pip, Caleb, Joshua, Amelia & Aubrey**— we hope you are all settling into your new classes and making friends. Our new Reception pupils have been enjoying their 'play & stay' sessions this week, and we look forward to them joining us full time at the end of September.

This terms enriching project is all about **Take One Treasure**.

## Take One Treasure

This term, all pupils across the school will be delving deep into our theme of Take One Treasure. Pupils will explore treasure through the aims and objectives outlined for their year group in the National Curriculum.



As a taster, our youngest children will be discovering how we treasure our families and our own personal



history. Whereas, our older pupils— Key Stage Two— will be

analysing different sources relating to treasure. *Whose treasure was it?*



## Coronavirus control measures

Please see below for a brief summary of the control measures we will implement at Hamsey school:

- Pupils will arrive at school and leave school according to the staggered times outlined above
- Pupils will remain in consistent class bubbles throughout the school day;
- Children in Foxes are Hedgehogs classes will be a single bubble to allow delivery of phonics sessions.
- Breakfast and After-School Clubs will be limited to 15 children, and must be booked in advance;
- G-Suite log-ins will be provided in case of localised/national lockdowns in the future;
- Children will be prioritised for testing should they display any symptoms;
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated;
- Children will wash their hands frequently throughout the day, including on arrival at school, before home time and between sessions;
- Cleaning staff will clean the school site at the beginning of the day and in the middle of the day, with a particular focus on high-touch areas such as switches, door handles and tables.



## Attendance

As explained in our letter to parents last week, pupils are now expected to attend school full-time. As a result, we will now be handing out our attendance trophy for the class with the best attendance.

- Owls class– 97.65%
- Badgers class– 94.26%
- Foxes class- 95.02%
- Hedgehogs class (Y1)- 100%

## How we communicate with you

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify how, as a school we communicate with your parents/carers:

**Emails** – we will email you letters to inform you of trips/events/goings-on;

**Website** – our website contains a wealth of information – the online calendar is now also updated regularly;

**Text** – we will text you if a last-minute cancellation has taken place;

**Parents' evenings/reports** – Our parents' evenings are twice yearly, and an End of Year report is produced in July;

**Open Door policy** – we always welcome parents dropping in with any questions/queries– please now pre-book these meetings.

**Facebook**— Often we will update messages on our page, please share with other parents you feel it would be useful for!

## Help us keep in touch with you

Please ensure that our School Office has your up-to-date contact details. We will need these if we ever need to contact you about your child feeling unwell during the school day. East Sussex County Council's 'Safeguarding Best Practice' requires schools to have at least **two** contact details for each family. Also, don't forget to like our Facebook page as well!

## **Dates for your Diary-**

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

### **September 2020**

<b>Monday 7th</b>	First day of Term 1
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	Curriculum letter to parents
<b>W/C Monday 21st</b>	Virtual Meet the teacher sessions (Letter to follow)
<b>October 2020</b>	
<b>Friday 23rd</b>	End of Term 1
<b>November 2020</b>	
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	INSET DAY– no school for pupils
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	First day of Term 2
<b>December 2020</b>	
<b>Friday 18th</b>	End of Term 2

### Little Field:

Some of the children may have come home excited about the little field. It has now been resurfaced to

ensure we can use it all year round! This gives us lots more space for the children to use during playtimes and lunchtimes, over the colder (and muddier) winter months!



### **FACEMASKS**

Please note that facemasks **must** now be worn by visitors when entering the school building. This does not apply if you are only coming into the School Office Reception.