

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Welcome to **Term 4** at Hamsey Primary School. We are looking forward to a really positive time in school; the weather is improving (fingers crossed!), the days are getting longer and we have got some lovely opportunities planned for our pupils.

Hedgehog Class are learning about **Knights, Castles and Dragons**. The children found a dragon's egg last week. The egg has now cracked and there is a baby dragon somewhere in our grounds...! The children are looking forward to visiting Bodiam Castle with Foxes Class later this term.

Foxes Class are also learning about **Knights, Castles and Dragons**. There are some colourful paper plate dragons for you to come and see on display in their classroom.

The topic being studied in **Badger Class** and **Owl Class** is '**A Place to Call Home**'. Our Badgers have been looking at homes around the world and planning their own village. The children are looking forward to finding out more about the local area when they visit the **Lewes Railway Land** on Monday 1st April.

The **Owls** are studying the book "**The Viewer**" this term. They have created a quilt of ideas in response to images in this text by Gary Crew and Shaun Tan. They have also been writing evocative poetry which is on their class blog for you to see.

Stewart James Ms Caitlin Yapp
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Attendance We are committed to improving the attendance of our pupils at Hamsey.

Our attendance, for the whole school, for the mid-point of this academic year, was **below 94%**. The DfE and the Local Authority regard **acceptable attendance as being at 96%**.



We will continue to hold our termly draw for 100% attendance, with the chance to win £20 of cinema vouchers—lovely to enjoy during the Easter holidays!

We will be rewarding the class with the highest weekly attendance with our **Attendance Oscar Award**. Each week every class will have the opportunity to gain an additional 5 minutes outside time on a Friday afternoon.



World Book Day—Wow! The children looked fantastic on **World Book Day**. Hogwarts must have been empty, and we definitely found Wally! Thank you for your support with this annual event; reading matters at Hamsey Primary School.

Comic Relief Day is Friday 15th March! As you know, our pupils are invited to bring in a joke to share on the day—as long as it is suitable to share in school. Please bring in a donation for Comic Relief if you are bringing in a joke. We want to make a difference. **Comic Relief** noses, priced at £1.25, are available from the School Office.

PATINA Fundraiser

We have a Non Uniform Day to raise funds for **PATINA** on Friday 29th March 2019—A £1 donation would be gratefully received! There will also be cake stall!

Forthcoming Sporting Fixtures—Weather allowing, we have some exciting sporting fixtures to look forward to in March (please see the date list). Please ensure that your child has the right footwear for these events. If your child is chosen for a football match, they will need football boots and shin pads, for example.

Polite Parking -We appreciate that parking around Hamsey Primary School can be tricky.

However, we ask that parents **do not park or drive onto the school's driveway.**



Already this term we have had parents driving into the school when children are walking through to the entrance. People with pushchairs or mobility aids (including wheelchairs) have to access the premises via the driveway so we cannot have cars driving onto the premises at the beginning or end of the school day. **Thank you for your support with this.**

PTA Update

We had a very successful Term 3, raising over £1,500!

Seedy Saturday was a great success - many customers specifically requesting favourite cakes they have enjoyed in previous years.

My Teenage Diary was a terrific collaboration with Barcombe PTA. A sell-out crowd enjoyed secret teenage experiences. Truly a night to remember!!

Term 4 events have already got underway, kicking off with the **Spring Fever Disco** organised by Mrs Curran in collaboration with Starfish Music. Although attendance was not as high as we had hoped, everyone there thoroughly enjoyed the soulful sounds of DJ Steve Franklin!

Our next event will be the **Jumble Sale** on Saturday 30th March in Beechwood Hall. This is being held jointly with Beechwood Hall and we will benefit from 25% of the profit. Sally is also co-ordinating jumble collection so please give her a call on 07712 612006 if you have anything to donate.

We are hoping to hold a family **Easter Event**, and have provisionally booked Beechwood Hall on **Easter Saturday**. Ideas so far include an Easter-themed puppet show along with all manner of 'egg-citing' activities - egg decorating competition, egg hunt, Easter lucky bags tombola, egg rolling/ tossing.....and refreshments. However, we can only go ahead if we have some volunteers to help plan and run the activities/ stalls. Please do speak to **Sally** on 07712 612006, or in the playground, if you can help in any way or have ideas for activities that you would like to see included.

Great news, we have raised **over £200** through **Easyfundraising**!! This is free money that our supporters have bagged simply by using the Easyfundraising portal when doing everyday online shopping.

We have 20 supporters signed up, but only 6 who have actively raised any donations. Just imagine how much we could raise if all our families regularly used the portal!!



We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us via our unique

link at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hamseycp/> Easyfundraising will even give us an additional £5 when a new supporter registers using this link and raises their first £5. Do you or anyone you know purchase office stationery, computer equipment or regularly travel for business? There are literally hundreds of well-known retailers supporters can use if they regularly buy-for-business such as; Screwfix, Viking, Amazon, Rymans, Staples, Vistaprint, DELL, Apple, HP, Ebuyer, Curry's PC World, Travelodge, Laterooms, Holiday Inn, Booking.com, BT Broadband,

Dates for your Diary

March 2019

Wed 13th	Owls to Cumnor House Y2 Parents SATS Meeting—3.10pm
Fri 15th	COMIC RELIEF DAY – bring a joke to share and make Hamsey smile!
Tues 19th	Lewes Big Dance—Workshop
Wed 20 th	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball & Football Festival @ Newick School
Thurs 21st	Y5 Big Bang' STEM event @ Ringmer Academy Hamsey Big Skip
Mon 25th	Parent Consultations
Wed 27 th	Foxes Class Assembly—9am Foxes @ Cumnor House
Thurs 28 th	Parent Consultations Y2 Football Festival @ Hamsey
Fri 29th	Non Uniform Day—PATINA Fundraiser
Sat 30th	Jumble Sale @ Beechwood Hall—PTA Event!

April

Mon 1st	Badgers & Owls to Lewes Railway Land Wildlife Trust
Wed 3rd	H'Hogs & Foxes—Bodium Castle
Thurs 4th	Easter Service—1.00-3.00pm
Fri 5th	Hedgehogs Class Assembly End of Term 4
Tues 23rd	Term 5 begins

May

1st-24th	Key Stage One SATS
Tues 7th	Sussex Cricket Foundation Schools Day
Mon 13th	KS2 SATS begin
Fri 24th	Y6—Safety In Action—Newhaven 9.30-11.30 End of Term 5

June

Mon 3rd	Term 6 begins
Mon 10th	Phonics Screening for YR1

July

Tuesday 23rd	End of Term 6
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*This list is not exhaustive, and there may be further sporting opportunities. We are also in the process of organising a **Maths Week** and are hoping to be involved in the **Towner Art Gallery's Draw Me In Schools Exhibition**. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!***

We have a staff vacancy for a **Midday Supervisory Assistant at Hamsey**. If you are interested in joining our staff team please see our website for details.

Hamsey PTA

Thank you to our PTA for the Spring Disco that took place on Saturday 2nd March. We always appreciate our PTA's fundraising efforts; they make a difference for our children.