

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter

6th January 2023

Term 3, Week 1



### MR DEAN'S MESSAGE



Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed time with family and friends. Thank you for all your kind messages and gifts at the end of last term. It's been lovely to catch up with so many families this week when I have been on the gate, and I am really looking forward to another fantastic term at Hamsey!

We started our new Danger project off with a visit from STEM Ambassador Kerry Henderson on Wednesday. She spent time in each class, sharing her knowledge, answering questions and organising interactive activities. We certainly now all know a lot more about volcanoes, tsunamis and earthquakes, and it has really sparked the children's interest. I looked at the Ring of Fire with Owls yesterday - a string of volcanoes and sites of seismic activity, or earthquakes, around the edges of the Pacific Ocean. Every day is a learning day!

I look forward to working with you and your amazing children over the coming weeks and months. Please come and chat to me if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions.

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### JANUARY 2023

- Mon 9th - Y4 swimming (1 of 6)
- **Mon 9th - Badgers Curriculum Meeting**
- **Tues 10th - Hedgehogs Curriculum Meeting**
- Weds 11th - Owls to Cumnor
- Thurs 12th - Open Morning
- **Thurs 12th - Owls Curriculum Meeting**
- Thurs 12th - Y5/6 Cross Country final
- **Fri 13th - Foxes Curriculum Meeting**
- Weds 18th - Foxes to Cumnor
- Weds 25th - Hedgehogs to Cumnor

#### FEBRUARY 2023

- Weds 1st - Badgers to Cumnor
- Thursday 2nd - Badgers to Chailey Common
- Fri 10th - End of Term 3

### TERM 3 TIMETABLES



A reminder of timetable changes for this term.

#### Performing Arts:

We are very excited that Miss Berry is back with us at Hamsey! She will be singing and dancing with each class on **Wednesdays**.

#### Forest School:

Year 3 and Reception will have their sessions with Katie and Toby on **Thursdays**.

#### PE:

Sports Cool will continue to work with each class next term, with gymnastics as the focus. PE will be on **Tuesdays** for all classes

#### Swimming:

Y4 have 6 sessions of swimming at Cumnor House, starting on **Monday** 9th January.



## ONLINE SAFETY



We have recently received information about Spotify accounts being used to communicate with children and that young children have been groomed and coerced into sending explicit images via this means.

Please be very aware of everything your child does online, even in apps/ programs which are generally considered safer than others.

## MORNING DROP-OFF



Please aim to arrive at school before the gate closes at 8:40am. I understand that it is the first week back to the school routine, but we have had quite a few children arriving late and having to come in through the school office each day.

A polite reminder that parents/ carers should not be entering the school grounds in the morning to help with transitions and to ensure a smooth start to the day for all.

Thank you for your understanding.



## UNIFORM

A polite reminder regarding what children should be wearing to school. Whilst we understand that the weather is not always on our side, and we want children to be warm and comfortable, we have a uniform policy to adhere to, which is attached to the Friday bulletin. Some key points here:



- Grey or black smart trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore. No denim or track suit bottoms.
- Plain (except for the school logo) white or red shirt.
- Red jumper, sweatshirt, or fleece.
- Sweatshirts, jumpers or hoodies with pictures/ logos should not be worn.
- Preferred footwear is sensible school style black/ red/ brown shoes.
- We would prefer it if your child did not wear trainers to school.
- If trainers are worn they should be plain black.
- Boots should be one colour and black, red or brown.
- If wellies or snow boots are worn to arrive at school, please provide appropriate footwear for children to change into once in school.

Please ensure any skirts or dresses worn are of an appropriate length so that children can sit and run around comfortably.

If you have any questions, please do come and speak with me.

**We are always in need of spare clothes at school** - please send in any underwear, socks, shoes or trainers that you no longer need and we can make good use of them.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



## FIRST THREE DAYS OF TERM 3

A few photos of the learning adventures we have already experienced this week!

