

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Hamsey is now feeling very festive! We held our annual Christmas decoration afternoon last week and the main corridor is now full of wonderful decorations created by all our pupils. From all the staff here at Hamsey we wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!



We look forward to welcoming everybody back in 2021.



## Learning Behaviours

We always encourage our children to work hard in school and to try their hardest even when they find things tricky. In class, we look out for different learning behaviours that will stand the children in good stead as learners:

**Pride ~ Determination ~ Resilience  
Respect ~ Curiosity ~ Independence**

We celebrate these through children earning Dojo Points in class, which are added to their house team tally. Across the school if we reach our Termly goal we get a whole school reward. This term our goal was over 12,000 points which we achieved this week.

Therefore, we have organised a Panto for the children to watch in their classes next Thursday afternoon!

## Certificates

Every week during celebration assembly children are chosen in each class for the following awards: *Learning behaviour*, *Writing Award* and **Maths** award. We hope that your child has shared this with you when they bring their certificate home!

## Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing-

**Wellbeing Groups:** Thank you to all of you that attended the new termly Wellbeing Groups. If there are any specific areas of wellbeing that you would like to focus on next term, please do let me know and I will plan that in. Watch this space for the Term 3 groups date.

**Do Good December:** 2020 has been a difficult year in so many ways. To varying degrees, we have suffered with uncertainty, anxiety, isolation and challenges with our financial situation, health or relationships. One thing that can hold us together and help us get through is **kindness**.

Although we can't change our situation, we can choose to respond to others (and ourselves) with kindness. And when we're kind, everything goes better. We help others, we help ourselves and we encourage others to be kinder too.

*Action for Happiness* –

Every act of  
kindness matters

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



#DoGoodDecember

## Attendance

Well done to all as our attendance is getting close to our 97% target so far this term.

- Owls class – **96.01%**
- Badgers class – **95.18%**
- Foxes class - **96.56%**
- Hedgehogs class - **98.01%**

Please remember the importance of attendance is the key to help children make progress to 'catch up' all the learning that has been missed this last year.

## Virtual Tour– Prospective 2021 intake

Do you know of anyone who is set to start school next September or looking for a different school? Please tell them about Hamsey and point them in the direction of our virtual tour on the school website! Share our virtual tour post on our Facebook page to help spread the word!

## Christmas Performances

Our classes have been hard at work trying to come up with creative ways to share a 'Christmas Performance' this year. Hedgehogs and Foxes class have done a Nativity Poem and the Badgers and Owls class have done some outside Christmas singing! On Monday 14th these will be live on your children's Google Classroom. Please log in and it will appear at the top of the classroom, enjoy!

## Elfridges

Don't forget that next week is Elfridges, with shopping being challenging at the moment children can shop at school!

Price options are 50p, £1 and £2. Elfridges is split into bubble groups and we are isolating the presents before hand!



## **Dates for your Diary-**

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

### **December 2020**

<b>Monday 14th</b>	Hedgehogs and Foxes Nativity poem available for viewing on Google classroom.
<b>Monday 14th</b>	Badgers and Owls Christmas Sing available for viewing on Google Classroom.
<b>Tuesday 15th</b>	Hedgehogs and Foxes Elfridges.
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	Badgers and Owls Elfridges
<b>Wednesday 16th</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Friday 18th</b>	Last day of Term 2
<b>January 2020</b>	
<b>Monday 4th</b>	Start of Term 3
<b>February 2020</b>	
<b>Friday 12th</b>	INSET day (note change of date)

## Wrap Up Warm!

The weather is getting chilly now, especially first thing in the morning. Please make sure the children are bringing in coats to make sure they are warm at play times!

## Progress Towards SDP

This year the principal focus of our School Development Plan (SDP) is ensuring our pupils catch-up following the disruption to their learning in the course of this year. This means that we are continuing to promote the very best attendance, as well as using our Catch-up Funding from the Government to address gaps that have formed in the children's understanding (particularly in Maths and English). In addition, this year we are also focusing on the following:

Maths, Writing and the continued promotion of Kindness at Hamsey School.

