

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Reflections on Term 3

Wow! It's been another busy term at Hamsey Primary School. We have enjoyed taking part in a number of national events during the last few weeks. For **National Big Schools' Bird Watch** our classes undertook a survey of bird species in our locality.



For **Safer Internet Day** we conveyed to our children this year's message **Be Smart, Be Safe, Be Kind**. Additionally, parents had the opportunity to attend a Safer Internet workshop (held at Plumpton Primary School). Thanks go to our SENCO, Ms. Shannon, for organising this.

Each of our classes has been busy, too. **Hedgehogs** have enjoyed learning about **India**. They are very well-informed about Indian elephants, for example, and are able to articulate very eloquently about the need to not misuse ivory.



Foxes Class opened their **Amazing Australia** Museum for one afternoon only on Wednesday 13th February. It was an interactive attraction where you could taste vegemite, test magnets and see Aboriginal-styled art. Thank you to all of you who visited this attraction earlier this week; the children enjoyed sharing their work with you.

In **Badger Class** and **Owl Class** the children have enjoyed their topic on **Ancient Egypt**. They are very well-informed about mummification and know about the uses of Canopic jars.

Stewart James
 Executive Headteacher



February Reading Rocket Challenge

Mr. Dean and Mrs Hamilton have prepared a half-term holiday reading challenge for all of our Hamsey children. We are challenging you to read in the most interesting and unusual place during next week's holiday. Be extreme-but, of course, be safe. We look forward to seeing your photographs at the beginning of Term 4.

Comic Relief As you will see from our list of diary dates, Comic Relief is coming soon. On **Friday 15th March** children will have the chance to mark this special fund-raising day by sharing a joke at Hamsey. We are looking forward to lots of laughs-but please ensure that their material is suitable for school.



Attendance—On a much more serious note, attendance remains a **serious** concern for us at Hamsey. Our statistics are not good enough. Our overall attendance for **Term 1 and Term 2** of this academic year was **93.9%**. 14.3% of our children are defined as Persistent Absentees. We will be contacting some families after half-term to put plans in place to try to improve attendance at Hamsey. We have got to prove to the Local Authority and the DfE that we are getting better. Thank you for your support with this.



Year 3 Swimming Sessions

Swimming sessions at Cumnor House School will continue for our Year 3 pupils in Term 4. Thank you for ensuring that your Year 3 child is always ready for these sessions. The children are enjoying these Wednesday mornings.



Health Checks

Please ensure that your child's sight and hearing are checked regularly. If you have any questions regarding this please speak with our SENCO, Ms. Shannon; she will be able to put you in touch with the School Nurse.



World Book Day

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We are looking forward to seeing some Harry Potters, Tintins and Where's Wally's!



Science at Cumnor—In Term 4, on Wednesday 13th March, Badger Class and Owl Class will be visiting Cumnor House to enjoy a Science session in their specialist lab. We appreciate the opportunities we get to use Cumnor's facilities.

Please Keep in Touch—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. Thank you.



HELP US TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!



We are proud to hear that two of our pupils are performing in the **The Wizard of Oz** production at Priory School on Friday 22 & Saturday 23 February. Kaleidoscope Drama are performing arts partners of Priory School, and tickets are available from wegottickets.com

Dates for your Diary

February 2019

Monday 25 th	Term 4 Starts
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March 2019

Saturday 2nd	Spring Disco— SPRING FEVER —Beechwood Hall—Tickets available from School Office.
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Wednesday 6 th	Y6 Click Performance - Barcombe
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Thursday 7 th	World Book Day
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Friday 15 th	COMIC RELIEF DAY – bring a joke to share and make Hamsey
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Tuesday 19 th	Lewes Big Dance—Workshop
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Wednesday 20 th	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball & Football Festival @ Newick School
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Thursday 21 st	Hamsey Big Skip
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Monday 25 th	Parent Consultations
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Wednesday 27 th	Skylark Federation Football Tournament – details to follow
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Thursday 28 th	Parent Consultations
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April

Wed 3rd	H'Hogs & Foxes—Bodium Castle
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Friday 5 th	End of Term 4
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Tuesday 23rd	Term 5 begins
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May

1st-24th	Key Stage One SATS
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Monday 13th	KS2 SATS begin
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Friday 24th	End of Term 5
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June

Monday 3rd	Term 6 begins
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Monday 10th	Phonics Screening for YR1
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July

Tuesday 23rd	End of Term 6
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*This list is not exhaustive. We are still waiting to confirm the date and time of our Easter Service, for example, 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 hope you have a lovely half term break, and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 25th February!!