

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,
 Term 5 feels like it's flying by! We have one week left before the children's next, well-deserved break.

Our Year 6 pupils have now completed their Key Stage Two SATs tests and we have been very impressed by their determined approach to the challenges they have faced. **Well done Year 6s!**

We would like to say a big **Thank You** 'thank you' to staff and parents who have supported us this week with our special SATs breakfasts. The children enjoyed the sausage roll and special hot chocolate drinks every day.

This term has not just been about SATs tests, of course. Every class has been continuing with their learning and it is always lovely to hear the children talk about what they are doing. The improving weather is enabling us to get outdoors whenever possible.

Stewart James Ms Caitlin Yapp
 Executive Headteacher Advisory Headteacher

Reading Matters at Hamsey School

We are reviewing our approach to reading at Hamsey School and we will be updating you regarding this at the start of next term. Please try to hear your child read every day, and encourage them to bring their book bags into school.

This is very important if your child is a Hedgehog, a Fox or a Badger but the Owls need to be heard regularly, too.



Draw Me In

If you have not yet had the chance to see Hamsey's work on show at Eastbourne's Towner Art Gallery we recommend a visit. The Schools Exhibition is on until Sunday 2nd June and it is well worth a visit. It is free to get in and would make a lovely day out in the forthcoming week's holiday from school!

Punctuality—We want our children on time for school every day; punctuality matters in order that learning time is not lost.

Also, we want our children collected promptly at the end of the school day. We understand that there may, occasionally, be a reason for children being collected late from school and we ask that you contact us so that we have an estimated time for collection. However, we are concerned that some of our children are being collected late regularly and this is not acceptable.

When our 'wrap around care' provision starts next week children who are late being collected will be asked to join these sessions. A charge will be made for this provision. This is what many schools do because it ensures the safeguarding of children.



PE Sessions—Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for every PE session; it is so important that our children have the right kit for their sport sessions. If your child's hair needs to be tied up during PE sessions please ensure that they have a hair band with them in school. We want our children to be safe when they are doing PE.



Patina News

A group of year 5 and 6 football players – Moses, Sammy, Oscar, Ava, India, Finley H and Max – took part in the annual Dream Team 5-a-side football festival on 29th April 2019 under the team name of **Cosmic FC**. The Dream Team event takes place at the Lewes FC ground and is a fundraiser for PATINA. The team were very ably coached by Sam (Max's dad) and all put in many hours of training at Beechwood Hall in the run-up to the event, honing their skills and learning to play as a team.

All this effort paid off on the day and Cosmic FC came a fantastic 6th (out of 13 teams). They played brilliantly and were a credit to themselves and to Hamsey showing great focus and determination as well as wonderful camaraderie, team spirit and sportsmanship. But crucially they all had an amazing time and came away from the event tired and beaming. A huge thank you to Sam for coaching and everyone who came along to support them on the day. Well done Cosmic FC!



Attendance

Attendance continues to cause concern at Hamsey. We are particularly concerned, at the moment, with the attendance of some of our children on Fridays.

We will continue to track every child's attendance every week and will be contacting concerning families at the start of Term 6.

Where appropriate, fines will be issued for consistently poor attendance.

We want our children in school every day.

When you are next shopping in **TESCO** Tesco, particularly Newhaven, Seaford or Lewes, remember to ask for a blue token when you check out! Sally Miller and her Puppet Show 'Wishworks' are raising money to fund more shows in schools to promote Marine Conservation. Just pop the token into the collection box located in the store!

Your Help is Needed!

Keeping Hydrated

We want our children to be healthy for every lesson. Every child is encouraged to have a bottle of water with them throughout each day so that they can keep hydrated. Please ensure that it is only water in your child's drink container; fruit juice and squash are not acceptable in class.



Dates for your Diary May 2019

Thurs 23rd	Y6 PGL Meeting—Owls Class 3pm
Fri 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Safety In Action—Newhaven 9.30-11.30 COLOUR SALE —Patina Fundraiser. <p>End of Term 5</p>
June 2019	
Mon 3	Start of Term 6
Mon 3—Fri 7	Bikeability
Mon 10	Y6 Girls Kwik Cricket—info to follow Phonics Screening for Y1
Wed 12—Fri 14	PGL Residential Y6 to Windmill Hill
Fri 14	Pizza Camp
July	
Mon 8th	Y6 Induction Day @ Chailey
Tues 9th	Y6 Induction Day @ Chailey
Wed 10th	New EYFS 'Stay & Pay' session
Fri 12th	SPORTS DAY—DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Wed 17th	Owls Performance Day—details to follow
Thurs 18th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly—2pm
Friday 19th	Last day of Term 6
Mon 22nd	INSET DAY
Tues 23rd	INSET DAY
This list is not exhaustive; we anticipate more events and will let you know as soon as possible about these.	

PTA Update

Huge thanks to everyone involved with the recent **Curry and Bingo** fundraiser event. Barcombe Village Hall was well-attended on Friday 10th May and, from all accounts, a great night was had by everyone. Thanks go to everyone who supported the event or, of course, who helped to run the event; your support makes such a difference for our children.

On Friday 24th May, the PTA are organising a **COLOUR SALE** after school in the playground to support the Year 6 PATINA event. Each class has chosen a colour in assembly, and will be running a stall selling items of that colour to raise as much money as they can in 30 minutes. The class that raises the most money will be treated to an outdoor fun session at school with their own choice of games!!

The staff will support the children in preparing their stall and pricing the items for sale during the day. We hope that as many children as possible will be able to stay after school and help to run their stall, supervised by their class teacher.

To help make this event a success we would really appreciate your support in donating items in their class colour for your child(ren) to sell. Items can be absolutely anything; new, or pre-loved in excellent condition, but no alcohol or nuts please. For example, items for the Red table could be a box of Maltesers, a school jumper, a toy fire engine, tomato ketchup, red nail varnish.

The colour for each class is: Owls – **RED**, Badgers – **GREEN**, Foxes – **BLUE**, Hedgehogs – **YELLOW**

Please send in your donations to class during the next two weeks.

The Year 6 parents will also be running a café at the sale and would appreciate any donations of cakes to the office on the morning of 24th May. Again, no nuts please.

Finally, of course we need you all to come along and enjoy the sale and café refreshments after school! The children are already very excited, it promises to be great fun and a lovely end to Term 5!