

## Hamsey Community Primary School

# Newsletter

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**Wow!** It's been an incredibly busy Term 4 and we have much that we want to share with you.

Every child at Hamsey School has had the chance to go on a class trip this term. **Badger Class** and **Owl Class** visited the Lewes Railway Land to support their work centred on looking at the local area. They enjoyed an informative visit and lovely weather! This week, too, our **Hedgehogs** and **Foxes** have been learning off-site. They visited Bodiam Castle in Kent and had an exciting day.

We are always looking for opportunities to bring our children's classroom learning to life. To support this, other trips this term have included visits to *Cumnor House (for swimming and science)*, visits to *Chailey School (for Maths and curriculum tasters)*, and to *Ringmer Academy (for STEM learning)*. Our pupils have also continued to enjoy outdoor learning through our *Forest School initiative* and our *gardening activities*. We would like to say a '**huge thank you**' to you for your support with these opportunities. We really appreciate parents' help accompanying children on these visits and, of course, your support with transport. The financial constraints facing small schools mean that asking for help from parents with travel arrangements is often the only way that visits can be managed; thank you!

Stewart James  
 Executive Headteacher

Ms Caitlin Yapp  
 Advisory Headteacher

**World Book Day** This has been a busy term for events. We had a lovely World Book Day last month. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed celebrating reading. Hopefully they enjoyed spending their book vouchers, too!

**Maths Week** was held in March and the children looked at the work of the artist Wassily Kandinsky, and how he used shape in his paintings.

Our **Owls** and **Foxes** are very proud of the submission that they have made to the **Towner Art Gallery's Draw Me in Schools' Exhibition**. This opens to the public on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April and showcases the work of around fifty East Sussex schools and educational groups. It is free to enter and we recommend a visit during the Easter holidays!

**Sports News!** This term has been a busy time for sport at Hamsey. Our **Year 2 footballers** won the inaugural Key Stage One Skylark Football Tournament. A lovely afternoon was had by all on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March—and the cakes were fantastic, too! Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March we sent a team of netballers and our football team to take part in the Key Stage Two Football and Netball Festival at Newick CE School. Our netballers were determined (particularly our stalwart defenders) and we came joint third overall. Our football team played extremely well and, deservedly, won the tournament.



Congratulations to all who took part—and thank you for your support.



**Eco News** Some of our pupils have been undertaking analysis of air pollution around Hamsey CP School. The levels of air pollution at the front of the school (on the road side) were approximately half of the minimum 'safe' amount set by the Government.

Air pollution at the rear side of the school (on our back field) was almost half the road side amount. We support the local community in their commitment to encourage car drivers to turn off their engines when waiting for the railway crossing to open.

Our Eco Council will be working with the local Parish Council to consider ways of raising awareness of this issue.



Hamsey raised money for **Comic Relief** and the children shared some good jokes. We are a small school and to raise almost **£200** was a big achievement.

**Parent Consultations**—Thank you for attending our recent Parent Consultation session. The children always enjoy sharing their work and their progress with you. If you were unable to attend in March, please contact the School Office. We will be happy to make an appointment with your child's Class Teacher.

**Attendance** Our commitment to improve the attendance of our pupils at Hamsey remains.

Our overall attendance from the start of the academic year until 1/4/19 is **94.4%**. The DfE are concerned; this figure is 1.6% below their acceptable level for attendance which is 96%.

For **Term 4** our attendance figures are -

<b>Hedgehogs</b> 97.2%	<b>Foxes</b> 96.9%
<b>Badgers</b> 96.9%	<b>Owls</b> 94.6%

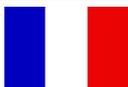


**44** of our pupils have 100% attendance for Term 4, and their names will be in our draw for the cinema voucher for this term.

Once again, we will be contacting parents whose children are persistent absentees (whose attendance is below 90%) in Term 5.

**SATS Week** for our Year 6 pupils begins on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. We cannot authorize any absences during this week.

**FRENCH CLUB**—every Tues morning 8am-8.45am. If you would like more information, contact Caroline Jepp on [carolinejeppfrench@gmail.com](mailto:carolinejeppfrench@gmail.com)



**Trumpet & Trombone** lessons are now available at Hamsey School! See attached information



## PTA Update

A **big thank you** to everyone who helped in any way at the Hamsey Jumble sale on Saturday – we raised around **£200** for the school. We are now well on the way to exceeding our ambitious fundraising target for this year of **£6,500!!**

- ◆ **Curry and Bingo Night** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. We are going to partner with Barcombe school at Barcombe Village Hall for a joint evening that promises to be hilariously good fun. Ticket details to follow.
- ◆ **Pizza Camp** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Our annual camping extravaganza - great fun for all the family with delicious pizza and cakes, and family entertainment provided all evening. Not to be missed!
- ◆ **And finally.....**come and celebrate the end of a wonderful year with friends and enjoy games after school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July at our **End of Year Picnic**, before we all head off for the summer holidays.



Did you know you can raise money for us when you book your holiday this year? Use #easyfundraising to book your flight, package holiday or travel extras with over 250+ travel operators like **First Choice, TUI, Thomas Cook, Expedia, Virgin Holidays, Booking.com, Jet2, Trainline, Travelodge, Haven, Europcar, and**

**P&O** and you'll raise **BIG** donations for Hamsey Community Primary at no additional cost you. The average family holiday booking would raise over £50 for us! Find out more, visit: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-when-you-getaway>



## Dates for your Diary

April 2019

Tues 23rd	Term 5 begins
Thurs 25th	Y6 Parents SATS Meeting—3.10pm
Mon 29th	International Dance Day @ Hamsey
May	
1st-24th	Key Stage One SATS
Mon 6th	Bank Holiday
Tues 7th	Sussex Cricket Foundation Schools Day
Wed 8th	School Photographs—Groups
Fri 10th	Curry & Bingo @ Barcombe—PTA
Mon 13th	KS2 SATS begin
Fri 17th	Y6 'End of SATS' treat @ Plumpton School
Fri 24th	Y6 Safety In Action—Newhaven 9.30-11.30 Colour Sale—Patina Fundraiser. End of Term 5
June	
Mon 3	Start of Term 6
Mon 3—Fri 7	Bikeability—details to follow
Mon 10	Y6 Girls Kwik Cricket—info to follow
Wed 12—Fri 14	PGL Residential Y6 to Windmill Hill
Fri 14	Pizza Camp
June	
Mon 3rd	Term 6 begins
Mon 10th	Phonics Screening for YR1
July	
Fri 12th	SPORTS DAY—DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Wed 17	Owls Performance Day—details to follow
Friday 19	Last day of Term 6 End Of Year Picnic—details to follow
Mon 22	INSET DAYS
Tues 23	

This list is not exhaustive; we anticipate more events and will let you know as soon as possible about these.