



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Attendance is Important!

- ◆ Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.
- ◆ Pupils with regular attendance make better progress, both socially and academically.
- ◆ Pupils with regular attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with.
- ◆ Pupils with regular attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school, having developed positive habits in attending school every day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We hope the festive season was relaxing and enjoyable and the return to work and school has gone smoothly. We have really enjoyed hearing about your children's exciting Christmas adventures, presents and stories!

Term 3 exciting experiences

We are all very much looking forward to Term 3. Owls and Badgers have now started their new learning journey 'Our Wonderful World' and Foxes and Hedgehogs have embarked on their journey to 'India'.

There are many exciting opportunities this term, including a trip to Kew Gardens for Badgers and Indian drumming and dancing for Hedgehogs and Foxes. We look forward to seeing you at the Curriculum Meetings week commencing 16.1.17 to discuss these events in more details.

Whole School Focus

This term, we are having a whole school focus on mathematical reasoning. Each classroom will offer an interactive reasoning display and there will be an outdoor reasoning trail for children to present their ideas. The questions will help children to acquire confidence in problem solving by practising and refining their skills and strategies.

Attendance

At Hamsey, we believe that good attendance is central to a pupil attaining well and making the best possible progress. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education, it is vital that they attend regularly and are at school, on time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is absolutely unavoidable. Any pupil's absence or regular late arrival will undoubtedly impact negatively on their learning and progress.

We look at the overall attendance of all our children and monitor attendance of individual children when it falls below 90% and when punctuality becomes a cause for concern.

We look forward to working with you closely to further improve these figures over the next term and to improve punctuality.

Remember the school gates open at 8.30am, with lessons starting promptly at 8.45am.

Lost Property

Year 6 Prefects will be holding a Lost Property stall outside on the playground on Monday and Tuesday next week (9th/10th January). In addition to this, Year 6 children will sort and attempt to return named items on Friday afternoons.

Please clearly label your child's property to ensure a swift return!

School uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniforms for the start of Term 3. Please can we remind you that we ask that children are to wear sensible, dark coloured shoes to school; trainers are to be worn for PE sessions only. It would be helpful if you could ensure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day- especially for taking part in the Daily Mile initiative.

Clubs

Clubs begin next week (apart from Forest Schools commencing week beginning 16.1.17).

To sign up for any of the clubs offered, please complete a form available on the website under 'Letters Home' and return to the Office.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Led by
Monday	Code Club	4, 5, 6	Miss Lewis
Monday	Art Club	3, 4, 5, 6	Mrs Baker
Monday	Earth Kids Advanced Forest School	3, 4, 5, 6	Laura Hill
Monday	Cheerleading/ Street Dance Club	3, 4, 5, 6	Pippa Westover
Tuesday	Earth Kids Forest School	R, 1, 2	Laura Hill
Wednesday	Girls' Football	3, 4, 5, 6	Pippa Westover
Thursday	Gymnastics	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Pippa Westover
Friday	Magazine Club (Lunchtime)	2,3,4,5	Ros Howell
Friday	Boys' Football Club	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Louis Munnery

Mrs Gardner and Mrs Hamilton will also be running the Art Club for Patina fundraising for 4 consecutive weeks on Thursdays from 12th January until 2nd February.

Please sign up for this club by completing the letter sent home in book bags or by downloading a copy from the website.

Dates for your diary!

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

January 2017	
Monday 9 th	Clubs start (Forest School from 16.1.17)
Friday 13 th	Swimming starts for Y3, 4 and 5 9am PROMPT
Monday 16 th	Owls Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Tuesday 17 th	Badgers Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Thursday 19 th	Hedgehogs Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Friday 20 th	Foxes Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Monday 23 rd	Parents Partnership Meeting 6-7pm
February 2017	
Wednesday 1 st	Hedgehogs and Foxes Indian Dance
Thursday 9 th	Badgers Kew Gardens Trip
Friday 10 th	End of Term 3
Monday 20 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 21 st	Start of Term 4
March 2017	
Friday 3 rd	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 8 th	Owls Voice in a Million – Wembley
Friday 10 th	Foxes Class Assembly 9am
Tuesday 14 th	Hedgehogs and Foxes Lewes Castle Trip
Friday 17 th	Badgers Class Assembly 9am
Friday 24 th	Owls Class Assembly 9am
Friday 31 st	End of Term 4
April 2017	
Tuesday 18 th	Start of Term 5

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or the school office if you have any questions or queries.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



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Head of School



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Executive Head

