



## Hamsey Community Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Senior Leadership Team would like to extend a big thank you to all of the Hamsey community including children, parents, carers and staff for making Term 1 a successful one. Our learning environment is beginning to look rather fabulous with creative artwork, displays and celebrations of children's work. We are looking forward to an exciting Term 2!

### New Prefects

Congratulations to Kazuo, Evie, Ella C and George in Year 6 for joining the Prefects team. They have been selected because they have shown commitment to not only their learning but to the whole school in their mature and sensible approach to others.

### Class Assemblies

Thank you to Owls parents and carers who came to join their Class Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The children prepared a selection of their Term 1's work including art through poetry, narrative writing and a demonstration about how the heart works. Hedgehogs Class are looking forward to sharing their work with parents and carers on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. Other assembly dates are detailed on the diary dates below.

### HSF Halloween Disco

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016, there will be a Non-Uniform Day at school with Halloween outfits strongly encouraged for a £1 donation. This will be followed by a Halloween Disco at Beechwood Hall from 3.15pm-5pm. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please sign up outside the office or contact Mr Strom.

### Cross Country success!

Well done to Kazuo and Jim in Year 6 for representing Hamsey at the Partnership Finals in Crowborough on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### Football

Congratulations to all of the pupils in Badgers and Owls who took part in the Cluster Football event at Chailey on 12<sup>th</sup> October. We were proud to field a Y5/6 Boys and Y5/6 Girls team together with a mixed team for Y3/4. All of the players showed great sportsmanship and each team was awarded first place in the Fair Play Award for their category.

We would like to thank parents and carers for their support, in particular Mr Strom, Mr Brown and Mr Proctor for sharing their coaching skills with the teams.

### Term 2 Experiences

To kick start their 'Fire' Learning Journey next term, on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Hedgehogs and Foxes Class, will receive a visit from the Fire Service to help them to understand how important their job is and to see how a real fire engine works.

On the same day, Badgers and Owls will be dressing up as Greeks to take part in A Child in Ancient Greece workshop delivered by the fabulous Rainbow Theatre. This will enhance their understanding of Ancient Greek culture as part of their Learning Journey 'It's All Greek to Me!'

Letters detailing these experiences have been sent home in Book Bags this week.

## Parents Meetings

We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Details of how to sign up for a ten-minute consultation will be available in the first week after the half term.

## Forest Schools

We are pleased to announce that Forest School sessions will be commencing next term with Laura Hill from EarthKids.

Owls Class will start their three week sessions on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Other classes will have their sessions in the Spring terms.

Letters will follow shortly, with details, before your child is due to begin their sessions.

## Patina

Thank you to all those parents who have shown an interest in supporting Owls Class with this year's Patina. There will be a meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November in Owls Class at 3.30pm to discuss the project. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Swimming

Swimming sessions have been confirmed for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The sessions will be held at Lewes Leisure Centre in the mornings and will run for 8 weeks until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Further information will be sent out nearer the time. Many thanks to the PTA for funding the cost of coaches to transport the children to and from the venue.

## Guest Speakers

We are constantly looking at ways to improve experiences for the children in the school. We would like to invite speakers in from the community to join us for whole school assemblies to share with us their exciting jobs from a range of industry, expertise in a particular skill or from people who work in organisations of interest.

If you would like to get involved, or know someone who would, please contact the staff in the office.

October 2016	
Friday 21st	INSET DAY
Monday 31st	Start of Term 2
November 2016	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Non-Uniform Day – proceeds to HSF
	HSF Halloween Disco, Beechwood Hall. 3.15pm-5.00pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am (Parents welcome)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Foxes Class Assembly 9am (Parents Welcome)
	Foxes and Hedgehogs Fire Service Visit
	Badger and Owls Greek Day with Rainbow Theatre Workshop pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Forest Schools for Owls Class – running for 3 weeks.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> (5pm-7pm) Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> (4pm-6pm)	Parents Meetings with Teachers
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Family Photographs
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Badgers Class Assembly 9am (Parents welcome)
	Children in Need
December 2016	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	KSI Christmas Performance (am) KS2 Music Concert (pm)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Pantomime at Barcombe School pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of Term 2
January 2017	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Start of Term 3
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for Y3, 4 and 5

We wish you all a fantastic half-term break. We look forward to seeing the children back on 31<sup>st</sup> October, ready and eager to enjoy the activities we have planned for Term 2.

Best wishes,



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