



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the curriculum meetings this week. In these meetings, information was shared about how the curriculum will be organised for your child's class and how you can further support your child at home. Please see the Class Blogs on the website to download the relevant documents.



Attendance

Well done to all those children (and their parents) who have shown an improvement in attendance during Term 4. Any pupil who achieved a 95%+ attendance during Term 4 was placed in the lottery for the £25 family cinema voucher. We are pleased to announce the winner of this voucher is Woody Lundin. Congratulations! Please collect your voucher from the office.

We continue to focus on attendance as a school to ensure that children are attending every day. We are running an attendance lottery for children with over 95% attendance in Term 5. The prize is a family ticket to Spring Barn Farm (up to 2 adults and 2 children) to be used at any time.



Year 5 Curriculum Day

Year 5 children enjoyed a day at Chailey School this week. During the day, they visited classrooms and took part in a range of lessons including some exciting science experiments!

Lewes Big Dance

Well done to the Year 5 pupils who took part in the Lewes Big Dance this week. They spent a day rehearsing street and contemporary dance sequences for the performance at Lewes Town Hall. They then performed their showcase on Wednesday evening as part of the Lewes Old Grammar School Annual Dance Gala.



Book Fair

Don't forget our Book Fair is running on Tuesday and Wednesday next week from 3pm-4pm in the Hall. There is a fantastic range of books on offer from Travelling Books. As a school, we receive commission on purchases which will be used to fund new books for our library. Please come along and support us.

Maths Calculations Workshops

Our Open Class sessions this term will focus on sharing our updated 'Progression in Calculation' policy for addition and subtraction with you. You will have the opportunity to join your child in their class to see addition and subtraction in operation. There will be a variety of activities in each classroom to demonstrate the strategies and resources that your child uses. We would encourage you to get 'hands on' with these activities to enable you to get a better understanding of how your child learns and to further support your child at home. Please see the diary dates for the individual class dates and times.

Hamsey's School Office

We would like to welcome Denise Westlake to Hamsey. She will be starting next week as our Administrative Office Assistant working from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Bryant will continue to work in the office on Mondays.

Mr Broccoli

As part of the teaching of cookery and nutrition in the school, we were delighted to welcome Mr Broccoli from Chartwells today. Children learnt about the importance of eating portions of fruit and vegetables every day, as well as what a portion size looks like and what a balanced diet contains. They also learnt how to make a quick and easy Quorn stir fry. The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

Team Points Reward

Well done to Griffins Team for winning the Team Points Competition in Term 4. They have chosen to have a school picnic to be enjoyed as a whole school reward. This will take place on Monday 15th May in the afternoon. Please send in a plate with suitable picnic food, clearly labelled with your child's name. Parents and carers are welcome to join us from 2.30pm.

Oxfam Assembly

Thank you to Jane Peyton from Oxfam who came into school this week to share with us the work that the charity is involved with and her own time working for the charity in Zambia.

Magazine Club

The Hamsey Magazine Launch is on Friday 5th May at 3pm! Come to the Hall after school to buy your very own copy of our new magazine for £1 only -while stocks last! Chat to the editors and eat cake. All welcome!

Mindfulness

We are delighted to announce that sessions in Mindfulness will begin to be delivered to classes from 18th May. Each class will receive 12 weekly sessions delivered by a teacher from Paws. b. Paws. b stands for "Pause, Breathe and Be". The sessions will introduce the life skill of Mindfulness through a series of engaging and practical classroom lessons.



Dates for your diary!

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

May 2017	
Monday 1 st	*BANK HOLIDAY* School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd and 16 th	Forest School - Badgers
Friday 5 th	Hamsey Magazine Launch 3-4pm Hall
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th	Y6 SATS Week
Friday 12 th	Year 6 End of SATS Day at Beechwood Hall
Monday 15 th	Group Photos Team Points Reward - Picnic
Monday 22 nd - Fri 26 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 22 nd	Year 6 Safety in Action at Newhaven Fort (pm)
Wednesday 24 th	Calculations Workshop- Hedgehogs 9am Badgers 9.45am
Thursday 25 th	Calculations Workshop- Foxes 9am Owls 9.45am
Friday 26 th	Non-Uniform Day in aid of PATINA Fundraising £1 donation End of Term 5
June 2017	
Monday 5 th	Start of Term 6 Hamsey Book Week – Events TBC
Tuesday 6 th	Hedgehogs, Foxes and Badgers Trip to Drusillas
Tuesday 20 th	O2 and NSPCC Online safety workshops for parents 9.00am – 9.55am in Hall NSPCC Assembly and Workshops to classes – Speak Out Stay Safe (am)
Thursday 22 nd	Universal Dance Workshops – all classes
Friday 23 rd	Sports Day
Mon 26 th	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 27 th - Wed 28 th	Hindleap Warren Residential – Owls Class
Tuesday 27 th	Year 1/Year 2 Forest Schools (27 th June, 4 th July, 11 th July)
July 2017	
Friday 7 th	Patina – Year 6
Thursday 13 th	Year 5 – Connect with the Countryside at Ardingly
Wednesday 19 th	Owls Class Production at Beechwood Hall 7pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly End of Term 6
Friday 21 st	INSET DAY

With best wishes,

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