



# Hamsey Community Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting Hamsey's exciting events over the past few weeks. We have really enjoyed welcoming parents and carers to share our assemblies this term, to read their favourite books on World Book Day and to support us at the Voice in a Million concert at Wembley.

## World Book Day

Last Thursday, we celebrated the 20th World Book day in style! Everybody wore fabulous book character costumes and had a lovely time reading to each other – and being read to! A big thanks to the parents who came and made it extra special by sharing their bedtime story books with us too.



We also managed to raise £140 for Book Aid, which will go towards buying 70 books for a children's library in a developing country – so thank you all!



## Voice in a Million

Owls Class have had a very exciting week! After weeks of rehearsing the programme of songs, they travelled to Wembley on Wednesday.

After enjoying a class lunch at Las Iguanas, they rehearsed in the SSE Arena before performing to the crowd.

Voice in a Million is an opportunity of a lifetime for school children from all backgrounds, throughout the UK, to come together united in song and perform in front of their own family and friends and indeed members of the general public. There is an under-pinning message that raises awareness of the plight of children in care and the importance of Adoption and Fostering, both in the UK and worldwide.

Owls Class were fantastic ambassadors for the school and a great experience was had by all. Thank you to the parents who travelled to the concert to support the class.



## Attendance

Hedgehogs Class are this week's winners of the attendance trophy with a fantastic attendance of **98.2%**. Well done Hedgehogs! Owls Class were in second place with **97.2%**.

The threshold for 'good' attendance is 95%. Please help us to keep our attendance percentage as high as possible by making sure your child is in school and on time every day.



## Red Nose Day

Our School Council has voted in favour of wearing red for Red Nose Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a non-uniform day where children and staff can wear red for a donation of £1.

Year 6 Prefects will be selling Red Noses from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March in the playground after school.

## STEM Learning

Selected Year 4 pupils attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics morning at Burgess Hill Girls School last week for a workshop entitled 'Making a solar cooker'.

"We went to Burgess Hill School for Girls last Tuesday for a STEM morning. There, we made solar cookers. We also made a couple of friends and with them, we produced s'mores that we cooked in our cookers that we made from reused products. We learnt that you can cook food using just sunlight."

*By Betty, Kyon, Amber and Loretta.*

## School Uniform

Please order uniform from [www.gooddies.co.uk](http://www.gooddies.co.uk) Delivery to the school is free. There is a small amount of stock still available from the office.

## Blogs

Our class blogs are regularly updated with news and photos linked to what the children have been doing in class. There are also new pages on the blogs with information about recommended reading books and key instant recall facts for maths for each year group. Using these lists and recommendations is a perfect way to support your child at home.

## School Magazine – Ros Howell

Here are the final deadlines for the Hamsey pupil magazine. We hope it will be in print close to the beginning of the summer term with a launch party after school on May 5<sup>th</sup>!

Fri March 24<sup>th</sup>- New submissions

Fri March 31<sup>st</sup>- Edited or improved pieces.

There's still time to get something in. We would love to see your ideas, activities, reviews, poems or art work!

Please put your work in the box outside Hedgehogs class.

## PTA Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the meeting last week. The next meeting is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm in the Hall. Foxes classroom will be available for children and siblings. This meeting will be to plan forthcoming events to help raise funds for future school projects to benefit the children in the school.

### **Dates for your diary!**

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

March 2017	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs and Foxes Lewes Castle Trip Parent Consultations for Foxes, Badgers and Owls 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4/5/6 Netball and Football Tournament at Newick Parent Consultations for all Year Groups 5pm-7pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Badgers Class Assembly 9am PTA Meeting in Hall 3pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations for Badgers 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Police Safety Talks Tag Rugby Year 5/6 Re-scheduled date
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 Book Club Author Visit (Christopher Edge) at Buxted Primary School
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Tesco 'Farm to Fork' Easter Trail (whole school)
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Skipping Workshops (whole school)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>DATE CHANGE:</b> Owls Class Assembly 9am PTA Easter Event TBC End of Term 4
April 2017	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 5

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Parent Consultations next week. Please remember to send the slips back so that we can book a time for you. The School Nurse will also be available for drop in appointments on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, so please confirm if you would like to book an appointment.

With best wishes,

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