



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Hamsey School, and all its staff, wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

### Eco Council:

Thank you to our school eco council that have come up with an exciting new initiative to help us save energy. The eco council will be checking our meter readings weekly alongside our school caretaker. They will be looking at the impact their strategies have on a energy usage.



### Safer Internet Day:

Safer internet day is quickly approaching and is something that children and parents need to be very mindful about. The internet is an amazing resource we have at our fingertips, but it must be used correctly, by children and adults!

Parents please try and attend the **Parent Online Safety Workshop**. It is a great opportunity to learn how to keep your children safe online. We will discuss about: Online risks, parental controls and good communication with children in regards to online safety.

**SAVE the DATE**  
**Safer Internet Day**  
**2020 | Tuesday**  
**11 February**

Together for a better internet

[www.saferinternetday.org](http://www.saferinternetday.org)



## Dates for your Diary-

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

### January 2020

<b>Monday 20th</b>	Year 3 Swimming Starts Foxes Curriculum Meeting—3.10pm
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	Chinese New Year Lunch Menu
<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	Poetry Day
<b>Friday 31st</b>	Badgers Class Assembly

### February 2020

<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Hedgehog Middle Farm Trip Safer Internet Day
<b>Thursday 13th</b>	Parent Online Safety Workshop- 3.00pm– 3.45pm
<b>Friday 14th</b>	End of Term 3
<b>17th-21st Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>

### Hamsey PTA:

We need to say a massive thank you to our hard working PTA for supporting a range of different events. Particular highlights so far are: Online auction has raised £2185; 'Elfridges' raised £234 and the puppet show raised £618. Thank you for your amazing ongoing support and efforts, well done!

## facebook



### Facebook Page

Thank you so much to those parents that have joined our school Facebook page. Please make sure you **like** and **follow** the page, this means you will get notifications when we update a post.

## Attendance

So far this year we have improved our whole school attendance. It is now **95.60%** a good improvement on our average from last year (94.6%). However we are still behind our target of 97%+. Attending school is paramount for the children to enjoy all the opportunities we provide at Hamsey. Inevitably, there will be times when your children are too unwell to be in school, but we ask that our pupils are in school every day whenever possible to support us in reaching our attendance goal.

Here are the attendance results for the last week:

**Owls Class – 95.50%**

**Badgers Class— 95.50%**

**Foxes Class— 92.86%**

**Hedgehogs Class— 98.86%**



## Class Blogs

Please visit our class blogs, they are regularly updated with pictures and information about what the children are learning about in class. You will find the links below:

### **Hedgehogs Class:**

<https://hamseyhedgehogs.wordpress.com/>

### **Foxes Class:**

<https://hamseyfoxes.wordpress.com/>

### **Badgers Class:**

<https://hamseybadgers.wordpress.com/>

### **Owl Class:**

<https://hamseyowls.wordpress.com/>

## Random Acts of Kindness:

This term we have a focus on kindness during our assemblies. We have learnt about what kindness is and how we can show random acts of kindness in school and through the wider community. We are already seeing lovely selfless acts. This term Mr James is talking to the children about 'British Values'. Over the past fortnight we have been discussing Democracy and the Rule of Law.

## Computing:

We are excited to announce that Hamsey school now are using Purple Mash to help delivery computing lessons and to support cross curricular links using computing.



It offers fantastic software that is engaging for the children to explore the computing curriculum. This term classes will be focusing on Coding, understanding more about algorithms and how to debug them. You may have heard about it/and or had children that have logged in at home!

## Fair Trade Tuck Shop:

Don't forget about the fair trade tuck shop on a Monday and Friday mornings. We need to do our bit to support those farmers across the world.

