

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents & Carers,
Our final term of this academic year is well underway and, as always, we are really busy at Hamsey! In the first two weeks of this term our Year 6s have enjoyed their residential trip to PGL and our wonderful PTA organised a very successful Pizza Camp. We have not yet been defeated by the weather although we have had enough of the rain!

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Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM)

We have been enjoying a range of **STEM** activities this year.

This term our children have experienced a Virtual Reality Oceans Workshop. The children loved looking through the VAR headsets and said it was just like being under the sea!



Thanks go to Mrs. Hamilton for arranging this opportunity.

Reading Matters at Hamsey School

We are reviewing our approach to reading at Hamsey School and we will be updating you regarding this at the start of next term. Please try to hear your child read every day, and encourage them to bring their book bags into school. This is very important if your child is a Hedgehog, a Fox or a Badger but the Owls need to be heard regularly, too.



Our Eco Council have been busy. They met with a representative from Lewes District Council to get updates on local environmental initiatives.

A plastic jellyfish will be created in our school soon. This will be a creative, fun project that has a serious message. We look forward to sharing the completed creature with you!

Foxes Class—held a fundraising event for their charity, Chestnut Tree House, this week.

The children-and staff-enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic to which a whole range of cuddly creatures were invited. Snakes, unicorns and rabbits were spotted enjoying the fruit kebabs that the children made for this event. Well done for all of the money raised, Year 2 and Year 3!



Our **Sports Day** is scheduled for **Friday 12th July**; we are crossing our fingers and toes for good weather! Information about Sports Day will be coming to you very soon; Mr. Munery is putting the final details together at the moment.

PTA Update

The **COLOUR SALE** at the end of last term exceeded all expectations and raised a whopping £225!!! This a fantastic result and means that that Year 6 now have all the funding they need to participate in the PATINA parade next month. The winning class was Owls, who raised £49.72, although there was very little separating the other three classes so they all did very well indeed. Owls will be choosing their afternoon activities very soon as a reward for all their hard work. A big thank you to everyone who donated items and cakes or came along to support the event on the day and, of course, to the Year 6 children who supervised the setting up of the stalls and the selling. The stalls looked really fantastic and there was a tremendous array of goodies on sale.



Pizza Camp last Friday was a terrific success, it was great to see the children and their families having so much fun and enjoying the school grounds. A huge thank you to everyone who helped Marc in any way. The team at the oven managed to prepare a staggering **170 pizzas**, and overall we raised **£1185!!** We have already exceeded our fund-raising target for this year but are not resting on our laurels. We will shortly be holding our **AGM**, date to be announced, which will be a chance to review the past year and start to plan ahead for September. We would love to see as many of you there as possible so please do keep an eye out for the details.

And finally.....come and celebrate the end of a wonderful year with friends and enjoy games after school on Friday 19th July at our **End of Year Picnic**, before we all head off for the summer holidays.



Great news, we now have **26 supporters** and have raised very **nearly £290** through

Easyfundraising!! This is free money that our supporters have bagged simply by using the Easyfundraising portal when doing everyday online shopping.

We want to raise as much as possible so if you have not yet signed up please do so and help us via our unique link at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hamseycp/>

Remember you can share these links with all your friends and family too – every donation helps!

Easyfundraising will even give us an additional £5 when a new supporter registers using this link and raises their first £5.

Secret Escapes, Uber Eats, Hollister, goHenry, Stansted Express, Chiltern Railways and many more have all joined easyfundraising recently and will donate to us at **NO EXTRA COST** to you when you shop with them! This is **FREE** money for us and it makes all the difference!

If you have any queries about using Easyfundraising please speak to Lindsay (George's mum, Hedgehogs) in the playground or email on lindsayalexander2011@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary June 2019

Wed 26th	Foxes Class Assembly— 9am
July 2019	
Wed 3rd	Hedgehogs Class Assembly—9am
Mon 8th	Y6 Induction Day @ Chailey
Tues 9th	Y6 Induction Day @ Chailey
Wed 10th	New EYFS 'Stay & Play' session
Thurs 11th	Badgers Class Assembly—9am
Fri 12th	SPORTS DAY—DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Wed 17th	Owls Performance Day—details to follow
Thurs 18th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly—2pm
Friday 19th	Last day of Term 6
Mon 22nd	INSET DAY
Tues 23rd	INSET DAY

This list is not exhaustive; we anticipate more events and will let you know as soon as possible about these.

Attendance

Attendance remains a serious concern at Hamsey.

Currently, our overall attendance is 94.6%; the DfE's expected attendance for all schools is 96%. We appreciate the fact that some of our children are in school every day and that some of our pupils have only been absent very occasionally due to genuine illnesses or exceptional circumstances.

However, we remain extremely disappointed in the ambivalent approach of some of our families to attendance.

It does matter!!

We are continuing to track the attendance of all of our pupils; we are particularly concerned with the absence rates of some of the **children in Owl Class** at the moment.

We will be writing to parents of children whose attendance is **less than 92%** shortly. Where appropriate, **finer will be issued**.