

# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Term has got off to a flying start, and all the children are getting really involved in their learning. It is lovely to see the buzz around school and to chat to the children about their excitement at learning new things.

### Welcome

Our new Hedgehogs have started full-time now and we would like to welcome them all to Hamsey. Welcome to Samuel, Teya, Asher, Ferdy, Leo, Issac, Thomas, Billie, Tess, Lauren, Orla, Florence, Betty, Poppy, Macie-Rea, Bonnie and Harlan.



### SUPER Skylarks

Across the Skylark Federation, we are introducing the 'Super Skylark' scheme. This is an exciting challenge for pupils in Year 5 and 6.

Pupils will be able to earn the right to wear a PURPLE Skylark jumper when they fulfil the 'Ten Awesome Things: Super Skylark Criteria'. These include: being a Reading Star, always demonstrating excellent behaviour and championing our local environment (among other awesome things!). Watch this space!

### Year 6 Forest School

All classes at Hamsey School will take part in Forest School this year. Year 6 are the first to work with Mr. Gilbert, they have started by carving wood!

**Dates for your Diary- Please note these are not exhaustive and can be subject to change.**

### October 2019

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Gardening Starts (Year 4) 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Census day
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Harvest festival –St. Michaels Offham– 2pm – letter to follow
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Medical Maverick's Day in school Badgers /Owls
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Take One Heart afternoon and Art gallery – (1.45- 3.15pm)
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Parent consultations 4.00pm-7.00pm
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent consultations 3.10pm-5.30pm
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of term for the children
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	INSET day

### November 2019

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Start of Term 2
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	INSET DAY



## Attendance

This year, we aim to improve our attendance which was 94.6% last year. 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 of 97%+.

Here are the attendance results up to today:

**Owls Class** – 97.22%

**Badgers Class**— 94.69%

**Foxes Class**— 96.92%

**Hedgehogs Class**— 97.95%

## Class Blogs

Please visit our class blogs, 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/>

## Safeguarding

We ask that parents/carers do not come into the school building during drop off. If parents/carers come into the building they need to go via the office to sign in and collect a visitors badge. If you have a message for the class teachers please pass it onto the office. We are encouraging our Hedgehog parents to drop children off by the gate to the Hedgehogs outdoor area.

The class teacher and TA will be available to prepare the children for the day as we are trying to develop their independence. If it is raining Foxes class will come into the building through the Hedgehogs classroom.

## Eligibility for Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to free school meals.

**Your child may be entitled to free school meals for all their time at Primary School.**

If you are in receipt of Income Support, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance or some other form of support, your child may be entitled to free school meals throughout primary school and possibly beyond.

If your child does qualify, they also receive pupil Premium funding for at least six years. This funding is used to support children's learning and help towards the cost of, for example, school uniform, after school clubs and school trips. If you would like to apply for these 'long-term' free school meals you just need to complete a form that is available from the school office.

**If you qualify, please contact the office by Thursday 3rd October so we can register this information in time.**

Remember, if you are in receipt of benefits, you need to register for free school meals, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 to ensure they receive free meals beyond Year 2, and also for your child to receive the pupil premium funding.

## Help us keep in touch with you

Please ensure that our School Office has your up-to-date contact details. We will need these if we ever need to contact you about your child feeling unwell during the school day.

East Sussex County Council's 'Safeguarding Best Practice' requires schools to have at least **two** contact details for each family – so please make sure we have all the information we need.