



# Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the new decade here at Hamsey! The children have been showing excellent learning behaviours, and thinking carefully about kindness.

### PTA: Seedy Saturday

A massive thank you and congratulations to our amazing PTA team. They were able to raise an incredible **£1304** at the event, which is a fantastic achievement!

### Assembly Musicians-

This term during Celebration Assembly we have some fantastic musicians opening and closing our assemblies.

Max Devaney has played guitar (and sung); Lettie Foord has played piano (accompanied by Lulu Williams and Isabelle Peacock singing) and Bea Gohl has also played piano. It is fantastic to see (and hear) all our wonderful musical talents and achievements. If children are interested please let Mrs Shinebourne know!



### Online Safety Day:

Tuesday 11th February marked International Safer Internet Day. Pupils at Hamsey School learn about online safety throughout the year, but this special day allowed us to hone in on this year's global theme of 'Together for a Better Internet'. Thank you to those parents that attended the parent online safety workshop.

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2020** | **Tuesday  
11 February**

## Dates for your Diary-

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

### February 2020

Friday 14th	End of Term 3
17th-21st Feb	Half Term
Monday 24th	Year 5 Forest School starts (Until 30th March)
Tuesday 25th	Year 1 Gardening starts (Until 31st March)
Tuesday 25th	Badgers Puppet Workshop

### March 2020

Wednesday 4th	Chailey Performance– Letter to follow
Thursday 5th	World Book Day– Letter to follow
Friday 6th	Roman Day– Owls and Badgers
Monday 16th	Mini Medic Training– Owls
Tuesday 17th	Parent Consultations– 3.30-5.30pm
Wednesday 18th	Mini Medic Training– Badgers
Wednesday 18th	Football Festival– Y4,5 & 6– Newick CE Primary
Thursday 19th	Parent Consultations– 4-7pm
Friday 27th	Fishbourne Trip– Owls and Badgers

# facebook



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 – 93.08%**

**Badgers Class— 96.62%**

**Foxes Class— 95.68%**

**Hedgehogs Class— 96.00%**



## Class Blogs

Make sure you subscribe– you will then get email notifications when the blogs are updated. 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/>

## Swimming Gala:

On Wednesday 29th January, children from Years 4-6 took part in a cluster swimming gala at Lewes Leisure Centre.

We had the smallest team but we made up for it with enthusiasm, sportsmanship, teamwork and cheerleading! Every child represented the school brilliantly – showing great resilience and determination.

We finished 5th out of 8 teams, winning most of our heat races and both of the relays. To top it off, we also beat Barcombe and Plumpton– so we are the Skylark champions!!

## Progress towards SDP:

Our School Development Plan is available for you to view on our school website. It outlines what we are doing to ensure the school, and our pupils, continue to develop and flourish.

This term we have been focusing on the importance of subject leadership across all subjects in accordance with the new OFSTED Framework. We have now adopted a Maths Mastery approach– ensuring that children 'master' a particular concept before moving on. This is done by offering same day intervention to those children that have found a particular lesson more challenging.

## Hedgehogs Middle Farm Trip:

Hedgehog class were lucky enough to visit Middle Farm on Tuesday 11th February. They were fortunate with the weather and had a beautiful winters day!



## Spare Clothes/Underwear:

If you have any used children's clothing/ underwear to donate to our 'emergency stock', it would be much appreciated. We are running low and need spares in case of accidents!

## Toys for After School Care:

If you have any old toys or games (which are in good condition) it would be really appreciated if they could be donated to our after school care. This would allow the children to have a wider variety of toys and games to play.