

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now half way through Term 3 and, as always, we are busy at Hamsey Primary School. Children are enjoying learning about India, Ancient Egypt and Australia, and staff are enjoying teaching about Howard Carter and possums!

Thank you for coming along to our recent curriculum information sessions. We appreciate that it is difficult for some of our parents and carers to attend meetings and workshops when they are held at the beginning or end of the school day. We have listened to the feedback we have received and will give it due consideration when planning our next meeting opportunities.

Stewart James
 Executive Headteacher

ATTENTION & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance remains a concern for us and we are working with East Sussex County Council to improve our data; as a Local Authority maintained school we have to do this and, of course, we want all of our children in school every day.



We will be making the draw for this term's £20 cinema voucher prize (for 100% attendance from Monday 7th January) in the week beginning Monday 11th February. Punctuality is also an issue for us at the moment. Too many of our children are late for school too often. Please see the attached letter about this.



Football Festival—Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 footballers who took part in the recent tournament at Chailey School. Our team played with positivity and purpose, and came **third overall**; well done to Millie, Gabriel, Duke, Gideon, Rowan, Beatrice, Arthur, Jacobi, Frederick, Enzo, Tristan and Isabel!!



Keeping Warm
 We are experiencing a very cold spell of weather at the moment and we want our children to feel warm when they are at school. Please ensure that your child has a coat with them every day. Gloves, a scarf and a hat are important, too, of course but we have been very concerned by the number of children who have been coming into school on recent days without a coat.

Online Safety

Tuesday 5th February is **National Online Safety Day** and, like many schools, we will be marking this event at Hamsey. We appreciate that keeping children safe online is demanding and we have recently purchased new resources to support us with this. We will be implementing the NOS Framework in all of our classes; information is available about this on their website <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>

Internet Safety



Volunteers—We have had interest from a number of our parents recently about volunteering at Hamsey Primary School. We really appreciate this; your time can make such a difference to our children. If you are interested in helping at our school please speak to Mrs Davies in the School Office.

Hywel Roberts—On Wednesday 23rd January our Fox Class pupils had the opportunity to work with Hywel Roberts, an Education Consultant. They had a really enjoyable session with him which was observed by lots of the Skylark Federation staff. We look forward to seeing his inspiring ideas in action in our classrooms!

PTA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Cake and Carols event

before Christmas. We raised a fantastic £170 through the café and Paperchain Challenge, taking our total raised during Terms 1 & 2 to over £3,000!!

We are hard at work planning an exciting range of events over the coming weeks, including:

Seedy Saturday: Sat 2nd February, 10am – 3pm in Lewes Town Hall. The PTA will be running the café and serving teas and fresh coffee with an array of delicious cakes. Fun for all the family with children’s activities too, so do come along and support us. We would really appreciate any more offers to provide cake, please speak to Natasha in the playground if you can help.

My Teenage Diary: Fri 8th February, 8pm at Westgate Chapel, Lewes. A joint eventing with Barcombe PTA when brave parents will bare the befuddled minds of their teenage selves through reading extracts from their top-secret diaries.

Tickets are limited so get yours early from the school office to avoid disappointment - £10 including a complementary drink.

Adults Spring Disco with Starfish Music: Saturday 2nd March, 7:30pm – 11pm at Beechwood Hall.

We are also hoping to hold another Jumble Sale and an Easter family event – more details of both to follow.



You should have received an email about our registration with easyfundraising, it’s a

great site where you can help Hamsey school raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,500 big name retailers are included, such as **Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S**. There are also great donations available from many leading travel companies and service providers including Booking.com, Travelodge, First Choice and Trainline, so do check out easyfundraising before booking your summer holiday, short break or family day out.

Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say ‘thank you!’ It’s completely free and over £20M has been raised for causes just like us so far. We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hamseycp/>

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



Dates for your Diary

January 2019

Monday 14th	Y3 & Y4 Football @ Chailey
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February

Tuesday 5th	Safer Internet Day Chinese Themed Lunch
Wed 6th	RSPB Big Bird Watch Y3 Swimming @ Cumnor House Y5 Y6 Tag Rugby Festival
Thurs 7th	RSPB Big Bird Watch
Friday 15th	End of Term 3
Monday 25th	Term 4 begins

March

Saturday 2nd	Spring Disco (details to follow)
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 15th	Comic Relief
Tuesday 19th	Lewes Big Dance—Workshop
Thursday 21st	Hamsey Big Skip
Tuesday 26th	Parent Consultations

April

Wed 3rd	H’Hogs & Foxes—Bodium Castle
Thurs 4th	Parent Consultations
Friday 5th	End of Term 4
Tuesday 23rd	Term 5 begins

May

1st-24th	Key Stage One SATS
Monday 13th	KS2 SATS begin
Friday 24th	End of Term 5

June

Monday 3rd	Term 6 begins
Monday 10th	Phonics Screening for YR1

July

Tuesday 23rd	End of Term 6
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Please Keep in Touch—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. Thank you.



HELP US TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

RSPB Big Bird Watch—On Wednesday 6th February and Thursday 7th February we will be working with the RSPB for their **Big Bird Watch**.



Thanks go to Mrs Hamilton who has arranged workshops for each of our classes over these two days.