



## Hamsey Community Primary School

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to this academic year and it has been wonderful to see the historical learning taking place across the school as part of our Take One Monarch learning journey.

Please don't forget to join us on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm for Open Classes in KS2 and for a Queen Elizabeth II themed Tea Party in KS1.

### Prefects and Sports Captains

Congratulations to Edi, Poppy, Rowan and Priya for being nominated as Year 6 Prefects. We are looking forward to these children leading school events and assemblies this term.

Well done also to the Sports Captains – Athena, Luca, Sinead and Luke. They will lead the Centaurs, Unicorns, Griffins and Dragons teams throughout the year.

### Parking

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off children, both at the start and end of the day.

We respectfully ask our parents and other family members to be mindful of private driveways, 'Keep Clear' and 'No Parking' notices. It is also important that we park safely in ways that do not restrict clear views of safe places to cross the road.

Identified safe places to park include:

- Beechwood Hall (Park and Stride)
- Chandlers Mead

Parking in the road outside the school can cause congestion at busy times and especially considering our proximity to the railway crossing. Please feel reassured that if you are running a little late or cannot find a safe place to park, we will keep your child safe until you arrive.

### Hamsey PTA

It was good to see so many parents and carers at the AGM this morning. There are lots of exciting events already planned in order to raise vital funds for experiences for the children.

Please contact Katie Griffiths or Lou Ellis for more details about how you can help.

### Gates at the end of the day

As clubs have now started, the gates will be closed at 3.20pm and every parent/carer needs to have left the premises via the side gate. If you are collecting your child from clubs, the club leader will bring your child to the side gate for collection.

To ensure we continue to provide a safe and secure environment for all children to flourish, we request that no adults or parents come into school without having signed in at Reception.

### Attendance

We want all of our children in school for every day of the academic year. If your child is unable to attend school (due to illness) please contact the School Office daily by 9.00am on: 01273 400370 informing us.

### Staff News

We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Lilley good luck as she takes a new path in her career. We are grateful for her hard work and commitment and hope she will keep in touch.



Congratulations to Miss Lewis on the birth of her baby boy, Jacob, in August.

## School uniform

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in the first few weeks of the term.

Please can we remind you that, as stated in our prospectus, we ask that our children wear sensible, dark coloured shoes to school; trainers are to be worn for PE sessions only. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for the days shared with you on their class curriculum letter.

It would be helpful too, if you could ensure that all items of clothing are marked with your child's name.

## Lost property

All lost property is stored in a central location by Hedgehogs cloakroom. Year 6 Prefects will sort and attempt to return named items on Friday lunchtimes. Please clearly label your child's property to ensure its safe return!

## Water bottles

Please send your child to school with a labelled water bottle as keeping well hydrated throughout the day is important for your child's health and learning.

## Head lice

It is common to have a higher incidence of head lice at this time of year. Parents should check their child's hair regularly and thoroughly. If detected, please treat and inform the school immediately.

Please ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied up for school.

## Consent forms

Please ensure you have signed and returned your consent form for your child to participate in local visits, to have their photograph published on the website and for Internet access within school. If you have not yet returned this form, speak to Mrs Davies in the office who will provide you with another copy.

We are moving to a paperless communication system, including newsletters. Please ensure the office has your up to date email address. Any correspondence will also be available on the school website for you to download.

## Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the class curriculum meetings this week. We hope you found the sessions informative.

Don't forget the Class Blogs are updated weekly and contain information such as curriculum letters, homework and class news for you to access.

Class Blogs can be accessed via the School website page.

## Dates for your diary!

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

September 2017	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Take One Monarch KS2 Open Classes and KS1 Tea Party 2.30-3.00pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Owls and Badgers Trip Weald and Downland Museum 8.30am-3.45pm
October 2017	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tesco Autumn Harvest Trail
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Class Forest School
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Drumming Workshop
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service at Offham Church 2.00pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	David Fuller – Author Visit KS2
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 1
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back Term 2  PTA Halloween Party at Beechwood Hall Non- Uniform day
November 2017	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Foxes Class Assembly 9.00am
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Individual and family photographs 9am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Badgers Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	KS1 Cinema Trip 10.00am The Gruffalo & The Gruffalo's Child
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning 9.30-11.30am
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Owls Class Assembly 9.00am
December 2017	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon 1.30-2.30pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair 3.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity 1.45pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Federation Big Sing at Barcombe Village Hall 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Term 2
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First day back Term 3

With best wishes,

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Head of School

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