



Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year

This year looks set to be an exciting chapter in Hamsey's journey within the Skylark Federation. Our children have all enjoyed being in their new classes and have already settled back into school. A particular welcome is extended to the new children in Hedgehogs class who will be joining us next week – Freddie, Sylvie, Beau, Imogen, Charlie, Dylan, Nao, Daisy, Primrose, Rafferty, Kaylee and Vanya. We also are delighted to welcome Kitty, Karys and Arthur in Badgers Class.

Thank you to all the children and parents who have warmly welcomed our new staff to Hamsey. We welcome Mrs Helen Davies to the school office as our School Secretary. We also welcome Miss Carolyn Finch and Mrs Suzy Bennett to the teaching team in Hedgehogs and Owls respectively.

Mr James, Executive Headteacher, will be available in school at the following times:

- Tuesdays
- Thursday afternoons
- Friday afternoons

At all other times, please feel free to contact either Mrs Roxburgh or Mr Wright, or alternatively, book an appointment in the office.

Mrs Pryor, our Inclusion Manager, will be in school on Wednesdays and on Friday morning should you wish to book an appointment.

Ms Caitlin Yapp, the Skylark Federation's Advisory Headteacher, will be working at Hamsey on Thursdays.

Take One Monarch

We have lots of very exciting learning opportunities planned in for the next term. We are starting this by taking one monarch and exploring why they are good rulers. In Hedgehog and Foxes, our current Queen Elizabeth is the topic of choice. Foxes are exploring the reign of Alfred the Great and Owls are investigating whether Henry VIII was a good King.

We hope you will join us for open classes on Monday 25th September at 2.30pm. This is an opportunity to celebrate your child's learning and to see your child's classroom in action.

Breakfast Club

Hamsey's Breakfast Club is open daily from 7.45am-8.30am. To attend, there is a cost of £3.00 for 7.45-8.30am and £2.00 for 8.00-8.30am. This can be paid for in advance or on the day. There is a discount for siblings of 50p per session. A choice of breakfast will be on offer (toast or cereal) together with a drink.

School gate

To ensure the safety of your children the school site is kept securely locked during the school day. The side gate for children coming to and leaving school will be open at the following times:

Morning: 8.30 to 8.45 a.m.

Afternoon: 3.00 to 3.20 p.m.

Please ensure that your child is in school promptly and, at the latest, by 8.45am. We place great importance on good attendance and punctuality here at Hamsey and are pleased with the improvements we have seen over the past year. We are hoping that this year will be even better with the support of our parents and carers.

After school clubs will be starting on 18th September (further details to follow).

End of day arrangements

If your child is in Owls (Years 5 and 6) and is to walk themselves home, or is catching a bus at the end of the day, could you please complete a form in the office.

If your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself, could you please notify the office, in person or in writing, of who will be collecting your child. Teachers will not release your child to an unauthorised person, as we have a duty to safeguard your children until they are in your care or that of an authorised person.

Volunteer helpers

We welcome parents to volunteer in classes to hear children read. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer helper, please contact the Office to register your details for a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check to be completed.

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 forms 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 6 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 TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER 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.

Administration of medicines in school

Our school policy states that we should only administer medicines to children if they are prescribed by a doctor and need to be taken at intervals that include the school day e.g. some antibiotics.

We are not allowed to administer medicines such as cough mixture, Calpol, Junior Nurofen etc. but you are welcome to come to school to administer a dose during the day.

This guidance does not apply to asthma inhalers or prescribed 'emergency medicines' but does include any homeopathic medicines. Please contact the office if you are unsure.

Jeans for Genes Day 22nd September 2017

We will be supporting this event with a non-uniform day in school. This fantastic charity provides grants for day-to-day support, equipment, nursing and patient support services, and events which bring together children and families affected by genetic disorders.



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CHANGE LIVES.**
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Dates for your diary!

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

September 2017	
From Monday 18th	Clubs start
Monday 18th	Foxes Class Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Tuesday 19th	Hedgehogs Class Curriculum Meeting 3pm Chailey School Open Evening Year 6 (6.30pm)
Wednesday 20th	Owls Class Curriculum Meeting 3pm
Thursday 21st	Badgers Class Curriculum Meeting 3pm Priory School Open Evening Year 6 (6 pm)
Friday 22nd	Jeans for Genes Day (Non-uniform £1 donation)
Monday 25 th	Take One Monarch Open Classes 2.30-3pm
Tuesday 26 th	Owls and Badgers Trip Weald and Downland Museum 8.30am
October 2017	
Monday 2nd	Tesco Autumn Harvest Trail
Tuesday 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th	Owls Class Forest School
Wednesday 4th	Year 5 Drumming Workshop
Monday 9 th	Harvest Service at Offham Church 2pm
Thursday 19 th	Last day of Term 1
Friday 20 th	INSET DAY
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31 st	First day back Term 2
November 2017	
Wednesday 8 th	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 15th	Foxes Class Assembly 9am
Wednesday 22nd	Badgers Class Assembly 9am
Thursday 23rd	Individual and family photographs
Wednesday 29th	Owls Class Assembly 9am
December 2017	
Wednesday 20th	Last day of Term 2
January 2018	
Tuesday 2 nd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 3 rd	First day back Term 3

With best wishes,

Gemma Roxburgh

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