

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter

19.07.24

End of Year Special



**A kind, creative  
community where  
learning is an adventure.**

Term starts for pupils  
on Wednesday 4th  
September 2024



### Mr Dean's Message

Dear Hamsey Families,

Somehow we find ourselves at the end of another school year, and what a year it has been - full of adventures, community, kindness, learning, enriching experiences, laughter and much more besides. I won't say I have the easiest job, but I think I have the best job there is, and I am proud to say that I believe we have the best school there is. Together we have achieved so much and I am looking forward to seeing what the coming year will bring. As our Year 6 pupils leave us for the next stage of their journey, we will soon be welcoming our newest Hamsey pupils.

I would like to say a **huge** thank you to the wonderful staff team I have here, who go above and beyond each day to make Hamsey the special place it is. Thank you to all of you who have supported the school and who I enjoy working with very much to get the best for your children. It is a privilege. Please tell your children how proud I am of each and every one of them.

I wish you all a wonderful summer - take time to be together as a family and stay safe.

I look forward to welcoming you back to our new Hamsey adventure on Wednesday 4th September.



### A Message for Year 6

Year 6, we are so proud of all you have achieved and the young people you have become. We wish you all the very best for the future and we hope that you take a bit of Hamsey kindness, creativity and community spirit with you to whatever corner of the world you travel to!

### ATTENDANCE & LOST MINUTES OF LEARNING

**IN SCHOOL, ON TIME,  
EVERY DAY, LEARNING READY**

#### Attendance:

Please remember that unless your child is not well enough, they need to be at school every day.

Our current school attendance: **93.3%**

Out school attendance target: **97%**

#### Punctuality:

A reminder that the gate closes at **8.40am**. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child to the school office and complete a red slip to explain why you are late.

## PE - Term 1

SportsCool will continue to be with us on Mondays for all classes. Children have a second PE session with their class teacher:

**Hedgehogs:** Fridays

**Foxes:** Tuesdays

**Badgers:** Fridays

**Owls:** A double session on Mondays



Children can come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

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## Thank you to Alex Kidgell

Alex has run a Monday morning choir all year at no cost - the children have loved attending this and have performed at various Hamsey events.

I have loved the sound of children singing to start the week. Alex and her family are off on adventures new and will be missed by us all. Thank you to Alex for all her hard work and time.



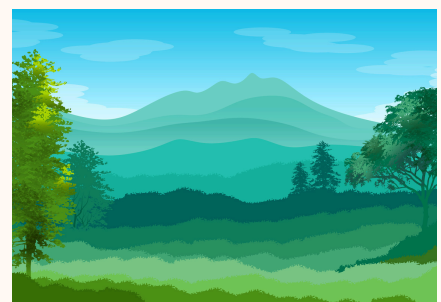
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## Forest School - Term 1

Maxine and Toby will start the year off with weekly sessions for Owls Class. This will be on Thursdays, with Year 5 in the mornings and Year 6 in the afternoons.

Please ensure children have the correct clothing and footwear so they can take advantage of these sessions.

Thank you.



# Ofsted

At this stage we have not had the report through, but as soon as we do, I will be sure to share it with you all.

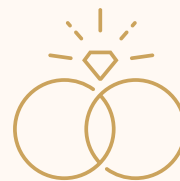
All I am able to say at the moment is that it went well, and that the inspector said he was “mobbed” by parents wanting to tell him lovely things about Hamsey!

Thank you for your support, as always. I am very proud of our school.

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## Congratulations to Miss Murphy

Miss Murphy is getting married this summer! We wish her and her family a wonderful day and look forward to hearing all about it in September when she will be known as Mrs Saunders.



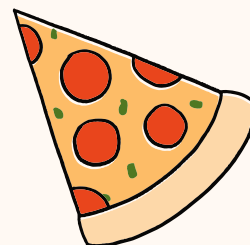
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## Summer Fair/Pizza Camp

A *massive* thank you to everyone who made Friday evening possible - food, drink, music, a talent show, games, dancing and much more. It was a fantastic event and I know how very hard the PTA and families worked to make it a success.

I can confirm that almost **£2500** was raised for the school - a record for our small community!

Some photo evidence over the page.







# COMMUNITY





# Hamsey Open House - Create: Landscape

It was lovely to see so many of you here to help celebrate the children's learning from this term. A small selection of photos below.



CREATE



## BOWLES 2024

Year 6 have had a fun and active time at Bowles this week! Across three days the children have taken part in archery, leap of faith, rock climbing, kayaking, skiing, scrambling, swimming, a treasure hunt, team challenges and a campfire! The amazing instructors have kept the children well fed, happy and engaged throughout. We have felt so proud watching all of our children taking part, challenging themselves and trying new things. Lots of new friends and memories were made. A perfect end to a fantastic year!









# HEDGEHOGS CLASS



What a fantastic end of the year Hedgehogs have had!

The children have created magnificent final pieces. They enjoyed moving through the stages of planning a design and translating that into a landscape watercolour on canvas. When it was time to put on an exhibition, the children worked together to organise the classroom and display their work with pride! What a joy to see the children so proud of their achievements.

Thank you, Hedgehogs for all your amazing work over this year. Have a wonderful summer break!





# FOXES CLASS



What a wonderful final term we have had in Foxes Class.

The children have challenged themselves by learning to sew, and created a beautiful embroidery and landscape hoop.

The children's 'final piece' canvases wowed us all - how exciting to have so many budding artists at Hamsey School.

We could not be prouder of all that Foxes have achieved this year! We are amazed every day by the children's creativity, kindness and resilience. Thank you Foxes for all your amazing learning.



# BADGERS CLASS



Badgers! Badgers! Badgers! What a wonderful end to the summer term we have had. We are so proud of you and all the amazing creativity and the resilience that you have shown throughout the year. We had our incredible exhibition at the Depot where we shared our beautiful rewilding artwork with the community and more recently we exhibited our stunning landscape canvases at our 'Open House Hamsey'.

Last week we had our workshop with the outreach team from Wakehurst, and we were all impressed with your scientific observational skills. We enjoyed examining the largest and smallest seeds in the world and dissecting different fruits and vegetables to see how many seeds they had in them. Our natural sculptures of imaginary flowers were amazing! It was a fun and inspiring day. This week we created beautiful sculptures with Teya's Grandma, Anne. Thanks to her for inspiring us. It has been an absolute pleasure to be with you this year and we wish you every happiness in Year 5.





# OWLS CLASS



The children have enjoyed continuing their Create project this term. They explored different artists and musicians and created their own final pieces for our Hamsey 'Open House' event. In both art and music, it has been wonderful to see their individuality and creativity shine through. We hope that the children will treasure these pieces for years to come!

This week, we wave Year 6 off to secondary school and we hope that their final term has been special and memorable. They started off with Bikeability in the glorious sunshine, working hard to achieve Bikeability Level 2 & 3. Then Year 6s spent time at their new secondary schools, getting to know the new teachers, children and getting the lay of the land ready for September.

The children, our PATINA artist and our wonderful parent and carer helpers worked hard to create the most amazing mushroom costumes for the PATINA parade. It was a joyful day, and it was lovely to see so many of our Year 5 Owls lining the streets and supporting Year 6!



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### Hamsey School Charter

- We are kind, gentle and forgiving.
- We celebrate our school community and the world around us.
- We value our learning and creativity.
- We feel safe to be who we are.
- Our pro-social choices create a safe space for everyone.
- Our learning behaviours are:  
curiosity, determination, independence, pride and respect.

**WE ALL BELONG HERE**