

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter



25.10.24 – End of Term 1

Term 1, Week 8



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MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

We have certainly had a term of adventures at Hamsey - trips to Lewes Castle and Battle Abbey, visits from the fire brigade and a STEM Ambassador, castle-building, bread-making, a banquet, shield-making, Chartwells food-tasting, inter-federation sports events, as well as learning adventures in class through our Discover: Conflict project.

I have been so impressed with the learning that has taken place over the past 8 weeks, and I have loved talking with the children about their work. I am, as always, a very proud Head of School.

It has been wonderful to see our Reception children settle so well to school life, supported by their Year 6 buddies and our dedicated staff team.

We have had a number of visitors to the school this term and they have all remarked on how welcoming the school feels, how polite our children are and what a calm and purposeful atmosphere there is at Hamsey.

Thank you for your continued support - I look forward to our Term 2 adventures!

Warm wishes.

Mr Dean

IMPORTANT DATES



November 2024

- Mon 4th - Start of Term 2
- Fri 8th - Badgers Roman Experience Day
- Tues 12th - CLASS+ Coffee Morning
- Weds 20th - Opening Morning for EYFS
- Fri 22nd - Y5/6 Netball @ Plumpton
- Mon 25th - Student teachers R/1 & 5/6

December 2024

- Fri 6th - Y3/4 Netball @ Plumpton
- Tues 10th - Panto!
- Weds 11th - Nativity 1
- Weds 11th - One Voice @ Glyndebourne
- Thurs 12th - Nativity 2
- Fri 20th - End of Term 2

BELONGINGS

Please, please, please can I ask you to name all and any belongings that your child has at school - we spend a lot of time searching for missing items and most of the time we cannot find who the rightful owners are.

The lost property trolley has been wheeled out each day for the past fortnight but it's still looking very full so Mrs Saunders will be collecting all left items for the PTA to sell at a later date.

Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE

In school, on time, every day, learning ready!



Punctuality

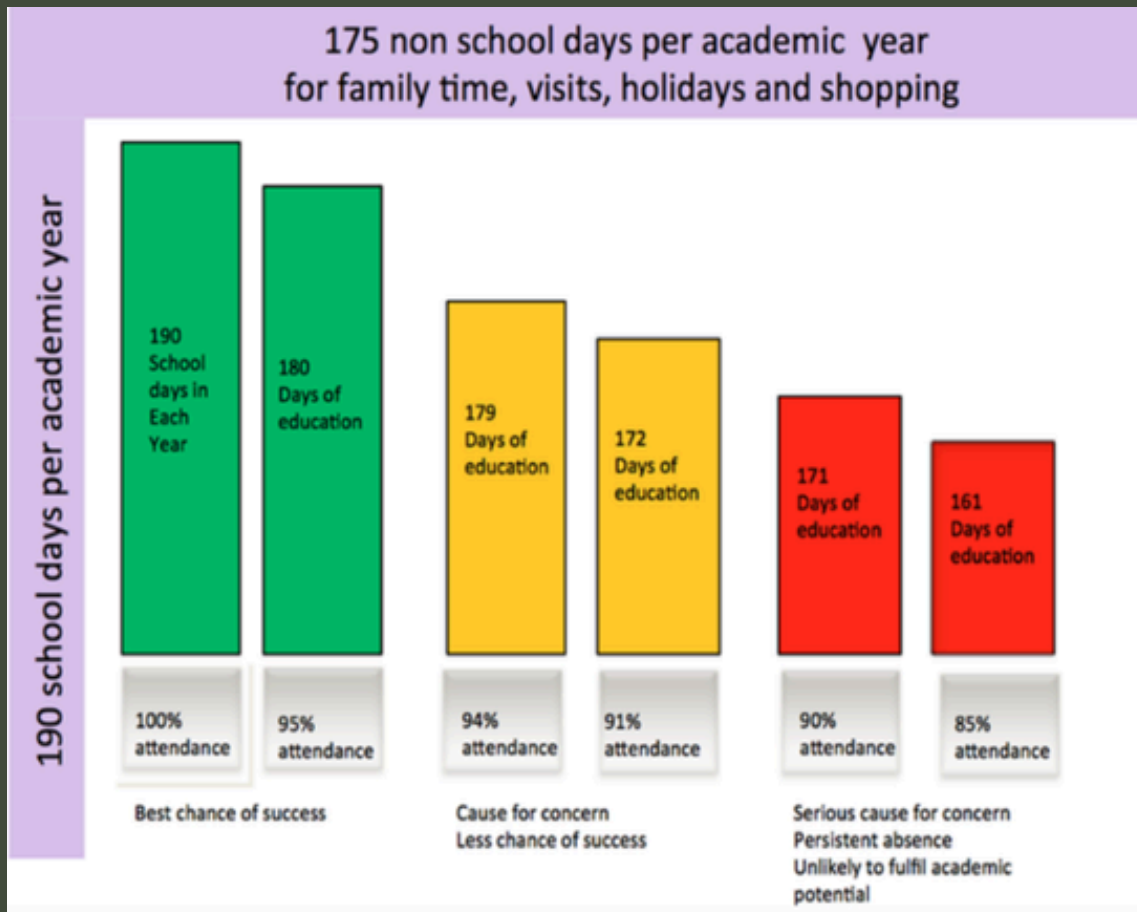
The school gate is opened at **8:30am** and closed at **8:40am**. Please ensure you are at school on time every day.

If you are late, you will need to take your child to the school office, where you will need to complete a **red form** to inform us of your arrival time and reason for being late. This will allow us to track punctuality across the term. Please do not leave children unattended before the gate is open, and make sure you come to the office if you are late. Arriving late not only disrupts your child's learning, but the whole school as well. Thank you for your support.

Withdrawal from Learning

I shared with families at the start of the year revised guidance around holidays in term time. As a reminder, unless it is exceptional circumstances I will not be authorising any withdrawals from learning. Penalty notices will be requested for any absences of 5 days or more:

- A first penalty notice of £160 per parent/carer per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.
- If a second penalty notice is issued within 3 years, this is at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
- On the third occasion within those 3 years when the threshold is met, alternative action will be taken. This could include prosecution of legal intervention.



FEDERATION SPORTING EVENTS

In Term 2 we have fewer events because of the run-up to Christmas, but next term we are going to trial families not spectating. This is because we want to fully focus on the children and to ensure our safeguarding is of the highest level. In Term 2 we have netball events for Y3/4 and Y5/6.



HARVEST THANKS

We hope you enjoyed the harvest performances this week. It was lovely to come together as a school community for the first time this academic year. I was very impressed by the children's signing, speaking and signing.

Thank you so much for your generous donations which will be so appreciated by local families via the Lewes Foodbank.



UNIFORM REMINDER



It has been lovely this week to see the children looking so smart! Please remember that part of our uniform policy asks that sensible school style (preferably black) shoes are worn.

A reminder:

- The only pieces of jewellery allowed are a wrist watch and plain stud earrings.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times.
- Hair accessories should be modest and suitable for an active school day.
- No make-up is permitted, including nail varnish.

Children can come to school in their PE kits on their specific class PE days.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

PE DAYS



Hedgehogs - Mondays & Fridays

Foxes - Mondays & Tuesdays

Badgers - Mondays & Fridays

Owls - Mondays (double session)

PE Uniform:

- Plain white T-Shirt
- Black/blue shorts or joggers
- Red sweatshirt, fleece or jumper
- Skylark Federation hoodie
- Black plimsolls or trainers

PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to those of you who came along this week to speak with your child's class teacher. I realise that 10 minutes only allows for so much, but it is a really important opportunity for us to communicate with you. As I sat in my office on Thursday evening it was lovely to hear the way you spoke with your children about their hard work and achievements. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

A plea from me and from Mrs Saunders to please read the Friday bulletin each week. We have worked hard to streamline communications and it is really important that you check to see what is happening at our busy little school so that you and your child don't miss out.

There is also always a list of upcoming events/important information on the noticeboard at the front of the school. Please speak the school office if you are not receiving school communications so that we can check we have the correct contact details.

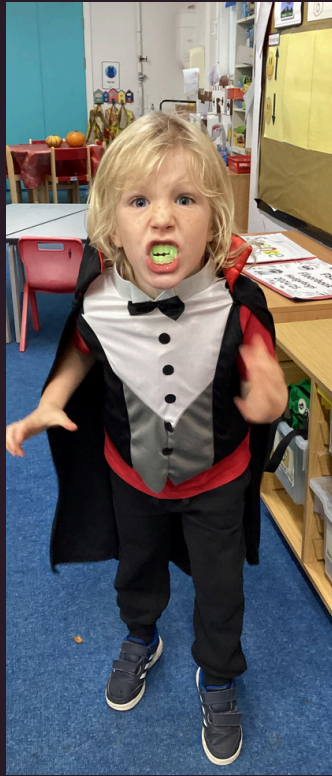
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*Head Dracula and
bat-dog hard at
work*



HAMSEY HALLOWEEN



HEDGEHOGS CLASS



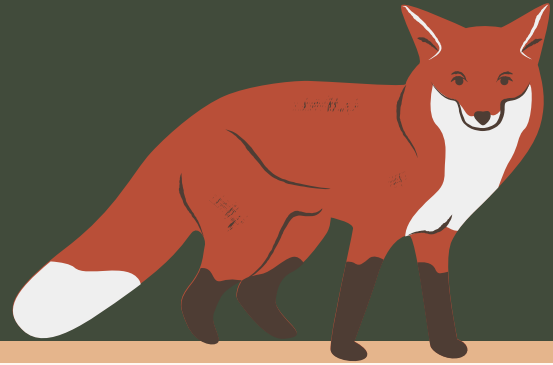
What a great start to the year Hedgehogs have had!

The children have all settled (back) into school well and are getting used to our routines. We have been enjoying getting to know each other and learning about what makes us special and unique.

For our 'Discover: Conflict' project we have been learning about Castles. We have enjoyed looking at local castles and Year 1 loved their trip to Lewes Castle. Hedgehogs have worked together to build their own castles and make their own armour and shields from paper.



FOXES CLASS



What a great start to the year Foxes Class have had!

We have loved our Discover: Conflict project, finding out all about what life was like in a castle.

The children have worked hard creating their own motte and bailey castle models, their own coat of arms and beautiful castle paintings using different techniques and media.

We all had a wonderful trip to Lewes Castle to consolidate our learning and baked bread for our end of term banquet to celebrate the end of the project!



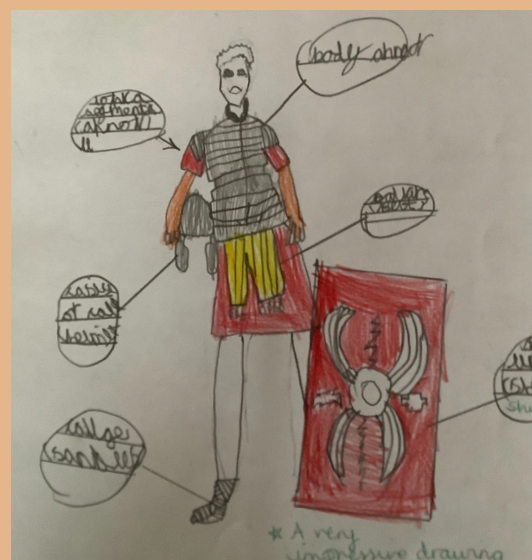
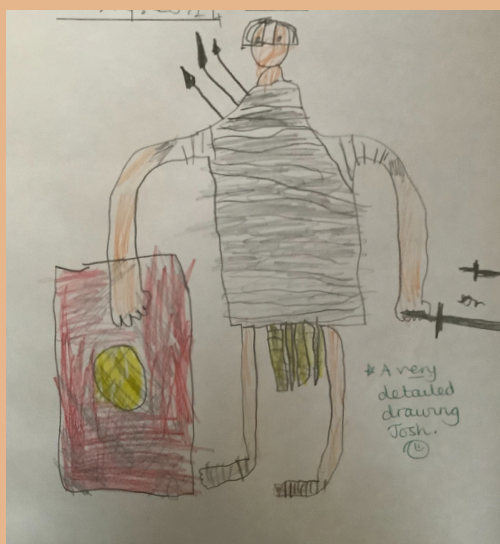
BADGERS CLASS



In Badgers, for our 'Discover: Conflict' history project, we have been learning about the Romans. We have particularly enjoyed finding out about Roman soldiers and the Iceni tribe leader Boudicca.

In English, we have been imagining that we are a slave called Iliona, who lived in Rome. We have described her visit to a Colosseum and how she felt when she saw a gladiator fight.

We are really looking forward to our Roman Workshop after the half term holidays. We can't wait to tell you all about it.



OWLS CLASS



As we reach the end of the term, we would love to celebrate the hard work and achievements of Owls Class. Each pupil has shown dedication, resilience, and enthusiasm throughout the term, making it a truly great start to the year.

Our 'Discover: Conflict' project has focused on the Battle of Hastings. The children have immersed themselves in learning about this pivotal moment in British history, thoroughly enjoying our incredible trip to Battle Abbey, where they experienced history firsthand in a stunning re-enactment of the battle!

In our science lessons, pupils dove into the fascinating realms of earth and space. Their exploration of the solar system led to some excellent discussions, which showcased their understanding and passion for this subject. From the Year 6 visit to Safety in Action at Plumpton Racecourse, to welcoming Mims Davies MP for a Q&A in Owls Class, the children have enjoyed rich opportunities to develop their Oracy skills, growing in confidence to share their thoughts with one another and with larger audiences. It has been a fantastic term, and we couldn't be prouder of all that Owls Class has accomplished!



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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.

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