

# Hamsey Community Primary School

## Newsletter



15.12.23

Term 2, Week 7



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

### IMPORTANT DATES



#### January 2024

- Tues 2nd - INSET
- Weds 3rd - Start of Term 3
- Weds 10th - EY Open Morning
- Fri 26th - Y4/5/6 Athletics

#### February 2024

- Tues 6th - Safer Internet Day
- Fri 9th - End of Term 3

### MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

We have had another term of adventures at Hamsey, and we are all ready for a break I feel! Thank you for all your support and for being part of our wonderful school community.

The festive performances this week have been fantastic and I am very proud of all our children, as I'm sure you are at home. I am hoping that at some point the nativity songs will cease from being on in a loop in my head...

I feel very privileged to have seen the progress our pupils have made over the past term, not only with their learning, but with friendships, emotional literacy, resilience and confidence.

Please take time to enjoy spending time as a family at this special time of year but also to support your children with their reading, which continues to be our focus for home learning.

I wish you all a very merry festive period and a happy new year. I look forward to catching up with you all when we return in 2024! School starts on Wednesday 3rd January, when we will begin our new geography project, 'Home'.

### 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: **94.1%**

Out school attendance target: **97%**

#### Punctuality:

A reminder that the side 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.



# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



# HEDGEHOGS CLASS



Hedgehogs have loved learning about The Great Fire of London this term.

We have had fun learning about the differences between the Fire Service now and what was available in 1666. We had visitors from Barcombe Fire Station who let us inside their engine, spray the hose and showed us how quickly they can get into their uniform. The children have enjoyed learning about Samuel Pepys - a particular favourite was learning that he buried parmesan cheese to keep it safe from the fire!

On our welly walks the children have explored some of the plants that grow in our school environment - we found lots of mushrooms and lichen! We were fascinated to find used fireworks on a litter pick in our field and wanted to find out more about how they work.



# FOXES CLASS



What a busy term Foxes Class has had...

The children have worked diligently on their performance of our Nativity, "Prickly Hay", throughout the last few weeks. They have performed songs with gusto, learned their lines to perfection and have worked tirelessly during our rehearsals. We are so proud of their achievements.

We have also been enjoying our project of "Treasure and Tiaras" in Foxes Class. We have learned about the lives of Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. The children have made fact files, created castles and honed their artistic talents throughout this project. A super effort!



*Treasure and Tiaras*

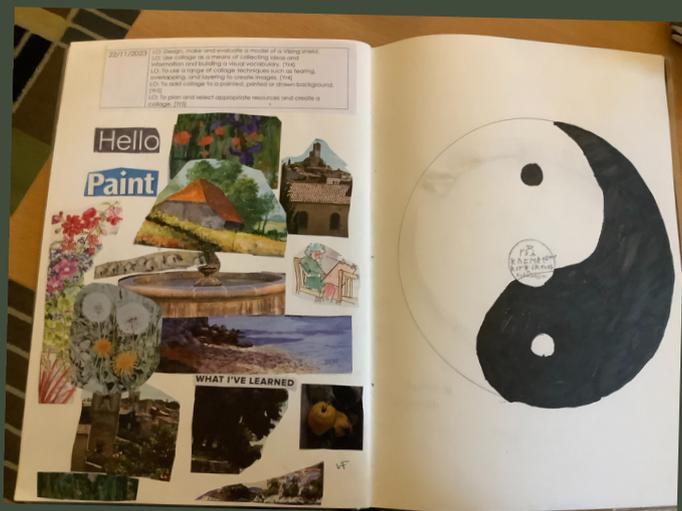
# BADGERS CLASS



In Badgers we have had a fab half term. We have enjoyed our Forest School adventures and have welcomed Kerry Henderson our STEM Ambassador in to school to share her knowledge of Geology. We also thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Chartwells and learnt about sustainable eating.

In our project and artwork we have experimented with collage, created Viking shield designs and made our very own shields. We then created a Viking wall to protect the playground!

We have loved learning about the Vikings and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about their Winter Solstice and Yuletide traditions. As part of Forest School we burnt a Yule log and sang festive songs around the fire. We even enjoyed some hot chocolate as well. What a treat! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and here's to a Happy New Year!



# OWLS CLASS



Owls have continued their Discover journey this term by learning all about the Aztecs. Highlights have included sculpting their own Aztec sunstones, analyzing Aztec historical sources and writing Aztec myths! History has certainly been a big hit in Owls Class and we have been blown away by the depth of the children's knowledge and understanding.

The Year 6 Halloween Fair was a great success! The children (and their families) worked so hard to prepare their stalls and we are delighted to announce that we managed to raise all the needed funds for PATINA 2024! Well done Year 6 - and THANK YOU PTA!

Owls enjoyed dressing up for our KS2 music trip to Glyndebourne! Thank you grown ups for helping them to look so fabulous! Having studied the story in some detail before we left, the children were able to follow the opera and both the children and staff enjoyed this fully immersive music experience. On our return to school, the children could not stop talking about all the different elements of the production they had seen, including the incredible operatic voices, the amazing set and the beautiful costumes.

We would like to welcome our student teacher, Miss McGregg, who will be doing her teaching placement in Owls Class until March 2024.

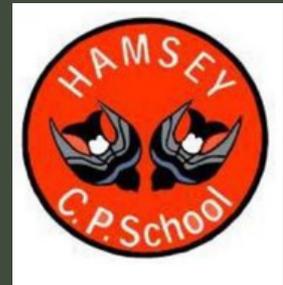


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### Hamsey School Charter

- 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.