

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter



08.09.23 – *Welcome Back*

Term 1, Week 1



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MR DEAN'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic summer - from speaking with the children this week it sounds like lots of fun was had. It's been lovely seeing you all on the gate and catching up, and I look forward to more chats over the coming weeks.

I've been really impressed with how well the children have settled back to school, ready for a term of adventures. We have lots of exciting things planned as part of our *Explore: Treasure* project (more information to follow).

The week commencing Monday 18th September, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher so that they can discuss the curriculum letter and any other important class information. These will run from 3:10 - 3:30pm. Please see important dates for your individual class day.

As always, please do come and speak with me if you have any questions, or if you would just like a chat. My door is always open.

I'm really looking forward to another fantastic year at Hamsey with you and your wonderful children.

From Mr Dean

IMPORTANT DATES



September 2023

- Tues 12th - Y5 Gardening
- Thurs 14th - Y5 & Y6 Forest School
- Thurs 14th - EYFS start full-time
- Fri 15th - Y5/6 Football @ Hamsey
- Mon 18th - Hedgehogs Class Meet
- Tues 19th - Badgers Class Meet
- Weds 20th - Owls Class Meet
- Weds 20th - Y4 Saxons @ Barcombe
- Thurs 21st - Foxes Class Meet
- Weds 27th - Owls Mary Rose trip
- Fri 29th - Y3/4 Football @ I&K

October 2023

- Thurs 5th - Y6 Safety in Action
- Tues 10th - Police to visit Owls
- Tues 10th - Harvest Hedgehogs/Foxes
- Weds 11th - Harvest Badgers/Owls
- Weds 11th - School photos
- Fri 13th - Y1/2 Multisports @ Barcombe
- Weds 18th - Parent Consultations #1
- Thurs 19th - Parent Consultations #2
- Thurs 19th - End of Term 1
- Fri 20th - INSET
- Mon 30th - Start of Term 2

BELONGINGS

A polite reminder that **all personal belongings, including toys, games and devices need to stay at home**, unless otherwise agreed by your child's class teacher. Anything found will be handed over to Ms Murphy in the office, and you will need to take your child to collect these items at the end of the day.

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.

Attendance

Let's start the year as we mean to go on, and all do our very best to get the children to school every day!

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

Our school attendance target is **97%**.



ATTENDANCE - YOUR SUPPORT

THE LAW

Local councils and schools can use various legal powers if your child is missing school without a good reason. They can give you:

- A Parenting Order
- An Education Supervision Order
- A School Attendance Order
- A fine (sometimes known as a 'penalty notice')

[Click here for more info.](#)



It is my duty as Head of School to address poor attendance and the duty of my Governing Body to hold me accountable for it. The majority of families at Hamsey ensure their children attend in line with expectations, and I am grateful for this. I cannot however, ignore that attendance at Hamsey, for too many children, is below that expected. Whilst we are driving up standards across the school, many are missing out on valuable learning time. This has a negative impact on the children and the wider school community.

This year I will be continuing to make attendance a top priority. Please support me and my team by bringing your child to school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend. Thank you.

READING



Whilst we will do everything we can to support your child's reading whilst they are at school, we need your support at home. *Please* read with your child little and often, at least five times per week. By writing in their reading record, we know who is reading at home and it allows us to support at school.

Reading for Pleasure:

Regularly reading *to* your child for the love of it provides a connection between you and your child. Families who enjoy reading together have opportunities for discussion, developing empathy and attachment. Children who read for pleasure do better in a wide range of subjects at school and it positively impacts children's wellbeing. Reading for pleasure gives the benefits of relaxation, time together, the importance of building a routine and **love of reading**.

UNIFORM



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.

FEDERATION SPORTING EVENTS

We are very excited that our first inter-federation sporting event will kick-off with Y5/6 football at Hamsey next Friday, 15th September.

Please see the bulletin item for further details of all the sporting events we have coming up.

We have use of a minibus, so families will not be asked to help with transport, I'm sure you will be pleased to hear!



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

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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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