

Hamsey Community Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,
 Welcome to the final letter of Term 2, and of 2018!! It has been another busy and productive term at Hamsey Primary School, and it is lovely to be able to update you with some of the recent events that we have enjoyed.
 With best festive wishes,
Stewart James
 Executive Headteacher

Born In A Barn—KS1 Production.

Thank you to all of you who came along to see 'Born in a Barn', performed last week by Hedgehog & Foxes Classes.

Beechwood Hall was packed for the hottest ticket in town!

The children sang beautifully, and performed with energy and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your support with costumes and practising songs and lines.



Cakes & Carols!!

Badgers & Owls Class children will be performing Carols, which will be accompanied by

refreshments provided for by the PTA and a visit by Santa, on the final day of Term 2. You are welcome to come along and join us for this from 3pm on Wednesday 19th December. We are planning to hold this outside, but this will, of course, depend on the weather!

Badgers Class

Badger Class children have been busy this term. Recently, they visited the neighbouring **Gold Property Development** at Chatfield Close. They enjoyed asking the developers interesting questions about the building and designing work.

On Wednesday 12th December the Year 4 pupils visited **Cumnor House School** for an exciting science session. They enjoyed using equipment and resources which we do not have in our school.

Thank you to all of the Badger parents who supported us in transporting children to and from Cumnor.



On Monday you will receive information about our

Christmas Reading

Challenge. Always keen to

promote reading at Hamsey, we are asking for the children to read twelve times (or more, of course, if they want!) during the holidays.

We are asking them to read a range of different texts and it promises to be very enjoyable.



Thank you for your support with our **Christmas Countdown Attendance Cracker!** We are looking for **100%** attendance between **Monday 3 December and Tuesday 18 December**. Children who have been in school for every one of these 12 day of Christmas, will have their names entered into a draw—they could win **£20 of Cineworld Vouchers!** The vouchers have been purchased Whose names will be in the draw!!!! We want our children in school every day—attendance matters at Hamsey Primary School.

Keep in Touch!

Please ensure that our School Office have your up to date contact details. We recently tried to contact some of our parents about their children feeling ill, but were unable to get in touch due to a phone number change which we were unaware of.



ESCC safeguarding best practice requires schools to have at least two contact details for each family on roll.

Dates for your Diary

December

Wednesday 19th

Carols, Cakes & Santa @ 3pm in aid of Y6 Patina.

Last day of Term 2.

January 2019

Thursday 3rd

Term 3 starts.

February

Friday 15th

Term 3 Ends

Monday 25th

Term 4 starts.

Your PTA Update

Our exciting programme of events this term, including the **Spook Fest**, **Jumble sale** and **Puppet show**, has exceeded all our expectations by raising **over £2,800**. This includes a donation of £500 from Gold Property Developments (the housebuilder opposite the school). This is a fantastic start towards our target for **2018/19 of £8,000**. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported us in any way.

We still have one event left this term, and would love to push the total raised to over £3,000 before Christmas:

- * Festive cakes, drinks and mulled wine will be sale at the **Year 6 Carols and Cakes event** on the last day of term, along with the **Paperchain Challenge** – a chance to win a cash prize!! Additional plain and ready-decorated links are available from the office or Lindsay (George's mum, Reception) in the playground. Anyone can enter – children / parents / friends all very welcome.

We wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and look forward to raising even more money in 2019!

The PTA



It is important that every child is on time for the start of our school day at 8.40am.

Also, it is important that children are collected promptly at the end of each school day. In the last few weeks, we have had children still waiting to be collected up to forty minutes after the day has ended.

Of course, we try to contact parents when this occurs but, too often, we get no reply. Please let us know if, for any reason, you will be late collecting your child. We need to know, and so does your son or daughter.

Open Mornings

We held two **Open Mornings** in November for prospective parents who have children who will be starting school in September 2019.



Both sessions were very well attended—we are having considerable interest shown in our school at the moment, which is very rewarding.

In **Term 3**, **Mr Munnery** will be working at Hamsey for two days each week. He will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays, and he is planning some exciting health and fitness initiatives. Watch this space!!!

