



Hamer Community Primary School

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House Competition

We held at a competition at the start of the year for children to design a shield for their house. Here are the winners and runner ups. The winning designs will be used to represent their houses this year. Well done to everyone that entered.

Greenbooth

Winner: Musa

Runner up: Eesa B

Naden

Winner: Jennah

Runner up: Anniyah

Ashworth

Winner: Yahya H

Runner up: Minha

Watergrove

Winner: Mairah

Runner up: Saffiyah

Please also to continue sending in donations for the Rochdale Foodbank.

Story Time at Rochdale Town Hall

Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter about a new story time session taking place At Rochdale Town Hall. The sessions are for pre-school children and need to be booked using the link below.

[Story Time](#)

Online Safety

We regularly talk to the children about online safety as part of our computing and PSHE lessons. This week, we also had an assembly where we discussed the 4 Cs:

Content – what you see

Contact – who you speak to

Conduct – how you behave

Commerce – money and scams

We ask that you regularly check in with children when they have access to online devices. Talk about what they are playing and watching, why they like it and if there is anything they are concerned about.

Weekly Attendance

Nursery	95.71%
Reception	96.05%
Miss Saleem	96.90%
Mrs Casey	99.31%
Miss Nicholson	100%
Mrs Sidell	100%
Mrs Bearpark	92.385
Mr Knowles	95.17%
Mr Barraclough	95.17%
Mrs Hoyle	98.97%
Mrs Elliott	93.79%

Hamer 'Stars of the Week'

Nursery	Sabrin and Ayzel
Reception	Hannan and Arham
Miss Saleem	Ashtar
Mrs Casey	Izhan
Miss Nicholson	Ismaeel
Mrs Booth	Sienna
Mrs Bearpark	Jackson
Mr Knowles	Zayaan
Mr Barraclough	Alfie
Mrs Hoyle	Saffiyah
Mrs Elliott	Shoaib

Eco Shop

Thank you for supporting our first eco shop of the school year. The children were really excited to host their first shop. So far, we have saved over 120 plastic bottles from going to landfill sites and we hope to make this even more this year.

High School Applications

We hope that you have been able to visit the high school open events over the last few weeks. The closing date for applications is fast approaching. Please use the link below to complete yours.

[High School Applications](#)

M6 Theatre

A last minute opportunity for our year 1 and year 1/2 class to visit the theatre was taken yesterday. The children had a fabulous time and really enjoyed *All the Small Things*.



Hamer Community Primary School Attendance Policy

Supporting your child's learning, progress and wellbeing

Every Day Counts!



School Times & Punctuality

- **School day:** 8:45am – 3:15pm
- Children should arrive at school at 8:45am ready to start the school day.
- Registration is at 9:00am, but learning takes place before this time. 8:45am – 9:00am includes: maths passports, spelling practice, reading and 1:1 interventions.



Nursery

Morning: 8:30am – 11:30am

Afternoon: 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Nursery children can be picked up/dropped off at the same time as other children if this is preferred.



Lateness

- After the gates are locked, children must be signed in at the main entrance by a parent/carer, giving the time and reason for lateness.
- Arrival after 9:15am is recorded as Late After Register Closes (U) and counts as **unauthorised absence** for the whole morning session.
- **Two or more** lates in a week will result in a ParentMail reminder.



Medical Appointments & Illness



- Arrange appointments outside school hours wherever possible.
- If unavoidable, bring a copy of the appointment card or letter as proof of attendance.
- For hospital/consultant appointments, a copy of the letter is required. An electronic copy will be kept on your child's file.

ALL CHILDREN NEEDING TO ATTEND APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY SHOULD:

1

Attend school before leaving for the appointment if possible.

2

Return to school promptly after the appointment, to ensure it has the least impact on learning.



Medical conditions

- Vomiting and diarrhoea – remain at home for 48 hours after the last symptom.
- Other illnesses (e.g. stomach ache, temperature) – return once symptoms have subsided.
- Short-term injuries – attend school once a care plan is in place. Report to the Children's Welfare Officer (Mrs Smith) or a first aider via main reception. Forms must be completed before your child is left in school.



Attendance Monitoring & Support

We monitor attendance and punctuality regularly and work with families to remove barriers. Support may include:

- contact with parents
- attendance letters
- meetings with school staff
- attendance panels
- Individual Attendance Support Plans
- referral to Education Welfare Service
- Early Help Assessment
- fixed penalty notice referral



Attendance below 95% for a half term will result in a written letter. Attendance below 90% will result in a letter and a meeting.



Reporting Absence

Parents/carers must telephone school between 8:00am and 9:00am on the first day of absence and every day thereafter.



School telephone: 01706 655756

If we do not receive a reason for absence, school will contact you as a **safeguarding measure**. This may include telephone calls, home visits or contacting emergency contacts. If no reason is provided, the absence may be recorded as **unauthorised**.



Authorised & Unauthorised Absence



Authorised absence

May include illness or funerals. The Headteacher makes the final decision about whether an absence can be authorised and may request medical or out of school evidence. Where pupils have excessive days off due to illness, a referral to school health or medical evidence may be sought.



Unauthorised absence

Is unexplained by the parent and not considered reasonable. This includes:

- shopping trips
- caring for family members
- parental illness
- days out / family visits
- days off school
- holidays/visits in term time
- late after 9:15am



Term-Time Holidays & Visits

Hamer Community Primary School operates a zero-tolerance approach to term-time holidays and family visits. These will normally be **unauthorised**.

Only in exceptional circumstances can a visit be authorised. These must be rare, significant, unavoidable and short, and could not be scheduled for another time.



Requests must be made as early as possible using a Request for Absence Form. The Headteacher will consider each case individually and may require evidence.



Penalty Notices & Removal from Roll

Unauthorised leave of 10 consecutive sessions (5 days) or 10 unauthorised sessions within a 10-week period may result in a fine.

- **First offence:** £160 per parent, per child (reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days).
- **Second offence** (within 3 years): £160 per parent, per child.
- **Third offence** (within 3 years): may lead to prosecution and a fine of up to £1,000.

Unauthorised leave of 20 days or more may result in removal from the school roll.



Working Together

Parents and carers can help by:

- ✓ bringing children to school every day
- ✓ arriving on time and ready to learn
- ✓ reporting absence promptly
- ✓ arranging appointment outside school hours where possible
- ✓ avoiding holidays during term time
- ✓ working with school when attendance concerns arise

Together we can make a difference



EVERY DAY MATTERS



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

