



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 4

Dear All

I have to start this weeks newsletter with so many massive thank yous! Firstly, thank you all for coming to celebrate the King's Coronation with us after school, on Friday. The rain somehow held off and it was lovely to spread out and enjoy! The draft amount raised so far is £1600 and more is still coming in. Thank you for the lovely feedback we have received (which has been passed to the PTA) and would welcome further feedback at the next parent forum.

Secondly, we could not have been prouder of all of our Year 6s who took their end of KS2 tests this week. You may have heard in the news that it was perceived that they were exceptionally hard, however, our children showed their resilience and nurtured one another. It is times like these that I am truly grateful for the staff who go above and beyond so that the children can achieve their best. The morning buttered toast has also made the school corridors smell lovely!! They have certainly deserved their celebrations this afternoon.

Year 5 have had an amazing week at Whitgift School's Primary Project. They all had different favourite memories– from being welcome by a parading peacock to coding; learning Mandarin; applying their scientific skills in the Science laboratory with Bunsen burners to experiencing the school's sports facilities to meeting the flamingos and wallabies! They truly have aspired to dizzy heights! Their behaviour both travelling to the school and back on the bus and at the school was admiral.

And to end the week, I have been notified that we have won a bid of £370 for gardening equipment and resources for forest school!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

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PROUD
OF YOU



Bailey's Blog

It was lovely being at our Coronation Fair last Friday and seeing so many of you, as well as saying hello to some of the new Reception children who start with us in September. I was lucky enough to have my first hot dog too! On Sunday, I had a great time sniffing out all the Hamsey families at the Warlingham Coronation Community Big Lunch as I proudly watched lots of our Hamsey children parade in the crowning of the May Queen– our lovely Lily in Year 5! This week, I have been busy supporting Year 6, keeping them calm and trying to reduce any anxiety! This has involved lots and lots of stroking, cuddles, listening and walks!

Upcoming events

- 15th– 26th May KS1 SATS
- 16th May– Year 5 to Hampton Court
- 16th & 17th May—PLEASE ENSURE PE KITS ARE IN SCHOOL
- 18th May—3pm Year 1 Phonics Check parent meeting
- 24th May—Class photos
- 25th May—Pet farm @ Acorns Nursery
- 26th May - Year 6 residential talk
- 6th June - Parent Forum
- 7th July—Camp out



This week, we have continued our “farm” topic, focusing on the growing aspect of farming. We have explored fruits and vegetables in the arts and craft area with different printing activities and we looked at the changes from a seed to a plant. We also grew our own cress seeds and dug for vegetables in our digging patch. We also brought vegetables into one of our daily phonics sessions, by clapping the syllables of the named vegetables. We also introduced the story of “Farmer Duck” during our Talk For Writing story session.

Please can we ask adults to supervise any children at the start and end of the day—children should not be climbing any of the outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.



Early Years outdoor area redevelopment

Do you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate?



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| Tyres | Wooden trellis | Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades |
| Large cable reels | Wooden pallets | Old road signs/number plates |
| Packets of seeds | compost | |



Please let us know via the Office if you have any of the larger items so that we can arrange a suitable day for delivery.

Attendance

- 1st place: Pullman (6) - 95.8%
- 2nd place: Walliams (5) - 95.4%
- 3rd place: Rowling (4) - 95.1%
- Whole School: 93.3%

Communication this week

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Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Squeal**—making a high pitched scream of pain, fear or excitement

(KS2 Lower) - **Privilege**—a right or benefit given to some people and not to others

(KS2 Upper) - **Fortitude**—courage in pain or adversity

ACTION: UKHSA advice for education and childcare settings amid high levels of flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever

As winter illnesses continue to circulate at high levels and pupils are returning to education, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has published a [reminder on how to minimise the spread of illness in education and childcare settings](#). UKHSA advice remains clear that children can continue to attend as normal unless they are unwell and have a high temperature. [Further information](#) on when a child is too ill for school or nursery is available. There is no requirement to be absent from school on a precautionary basis. School staff should continue to maintain their high expectations for face-to-face attendance. For further information, please also see our Education Hub post on the [latest guidelines around COVID-19](#) and for Strep A, our separate post on the [exact circumstances in which children should be kept off school](#). UKHSA is providing regular updates on [Strep A](#). Both UKHSA and DfE are continuing to closely monitor the situation. To help reduce the risk of some illnesses, including flu, vaccinations are being provided in schools. UKHSA, in collaboration with NHS England and DfE, have produced a [briefing for secondary schools](#) giving details about all vaccines offered to adolescents in schools and the role that schools play. This includes information on the flu vaccination programme being offered this year to those in Years 7, 8 and 9.

If any children are on antibiotics 4 times a day—this can be administered in school—please come to the office to complete a form and speak with the office staff regarding administration of this.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130697?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Strep A/Scarlet fever.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130698?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Norovirus.

Absences & Sickness

If your child is absent from school, please email absence@hamseytlt.co.uk or leave a message on the absence line (01883 622000 option 1). Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult each day a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Healthy pack lunches

We've noticed that some of the pack lunches coming into school are not necessarily healthy or nutritious. Please can you ensure that what you send in is enough to keep them going for their afternoon lessons.

Please remember we are a nut free school—this includes spreads that may contain nuts.

A Guide to Building...

Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

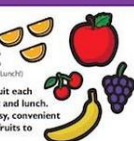
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



Fruit

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



Snacks

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.



Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR SO A WEEK? COULD YOU OFFER TIME TO HEAR SOME CHILDREN READ OR HELP KEEP OUR LIBRARY TIDY! IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MRS MACE TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.



We are collecting used printer ink cartridges. Please bring them and put them into the recycling box in the office. We are unable to recycle toner or laser cartridges. Any cartridges recycled, helps the school to raise some money. Thank you!



We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.



School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery.

HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Pete's Popcorn Muesli

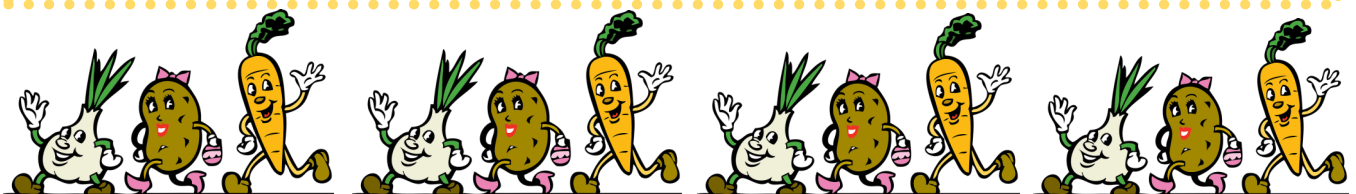
Ingredients

100g porridge oats
2 tbsp toasted three-seed mix (ours included
flaxseed and pumpkin and sunflower seeds)
40g plain or lightly salted popcorn
30g sultanas
4 x 120g pots bio yogurt
milk, to serve (optional)



Method

- Combine the oats, seed mix, popcorn and sultanas. *Will keep in a sealed jar or airtight container for up to five days.*
- When you're ready to serve, spoon the yogurt into bowls, then scatter over the muesli and pour over a little milk to loosen, if you like.





Please find below details of upcoming Eikon charity parent webinars. These are free for all parents and carers in Surrey. Details can also be found on our website [Parent Webinars - The Eikon Charity](#)

Future webinars currently open for registration are the following:

- Thursday 6th June 2023 at 12.00-13.00pm
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#) - for parents of children with SEND
Register now by clicking [here](#)
- Thursday 22nd June 2023 19.00-20.00 (A repeat of the webinar hosted on 23rd March)
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#)
Register now by clicking [here](#)

FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Inclusion Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).
 - Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.
 - The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.
 - In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.
3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration. If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Inclusion Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued. Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130

South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588

South East - Tel: 01737 737777