



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Week 2

Dear All

This week, our Reception children stayed for lunch! I think all of them said how much they loved the food and it has been lovely to see them all smiling coming into school and saying how much they had enjoyed their day. They have started to make new friends and are loving playing in their 'garden' and the adventure play area. I was so pleased that they have already been learning the school rules of 'kind words and actions' as well as beautifully proud walking through the school! I am sure they will have a great time being full time from next week.

Year 1 have also settled really well into their routines. Seeing them working collaboratively and so proud of themselves being able to be independent-carrying their plates into the big dining hall is great. Year 2 have been learning to count in tens and use apparatus (very sensibly too) and I have spotted Mr Poulloin showing his guitar skills to Year 3! On Wednesday, our new parent tours for next year's Reception began. It does not seem like yesterday our Year 6s were on their tours. They have bravely presented to the school, why they would make a good leader, overcoming public speaking nerves and with amazing eloquence. The focus of the Government PE Strategy is

to ensure equality and 2 hours of physical exercise a day; so Year 4 have led the way in starting their daily golden mile. Even Bailey joined in and others will be following too!

It was great to see so many of you at the Curriculum Meeting on Tuesday evening— with 90 families represented. We are glad so many of you enjoyed the informal meeting with you child's teacher and find out more about what they are learning and how you can support at home. It was a calm way to meet and greet before having a parents evening timed slot and that you really enjoyed the drinks and biscuits!!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

Head Pupils		Prefects/Team Captains	
Lily &	Ruby	Lily & Leonora	
Freya	Diamond	Jack & Jacob	
Deputy	Emerald	Freya & Oliver	
Head Pupils	Sapphire	Ella & Elliott	
Jack & Reece	Topaz	Rhys & Evie	
	Opal	Nicholas & Vinnie	

Bailey's Blog

So glad it is a bit cooler this week as I have been here there and everywhere! I have been observing the corridors for proud walking and have been out at lunchtime monitoring how well the children are playing. I amazed them too—part of my training is to slalom in and out of cones— and follow a ball— effectively I have learnt to dribble a football with my nose and paws—and much to their surprise I made a great tackle on the unsuspecting year 6s to get the ball! They were so kind and let me play with it when they had their lunch.

No rolling in anything for me this week though— I just have to try and remember not to bark—sometimes I think I have to bark to actually say hello— so many apologies!

I have been into classrooms to see how the children are working hard and I am looking forward to reading with Lexia winners KS1 McKee Class and KS2 Said Class as they both have the highest percentage who have completed their allocated time.

Upcoming events SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 19th 8.30-9.00 Parent Drop in (Forum) Main Hall

Tuesday 19th—Year 5 Science Museum Trip

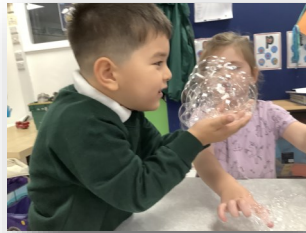
Friday 22nd - flu immunisations

WEDNESDAY 28th Sponsored Bounce ATTACHED INFO FROM PTA

Wednesday 28th Harvest Festival— non perishable goods donations

Thursday 28th 6-6.45pm Rec Curriculum Eve (sign up on Arbor)

Friday 29th 8.30-9.30 & 2-3pm MacMillan Coffee main hall



This week, we have continued to welcome new children to the nursery. Once again, we are really pleased with how the children have settled as they are becoming confidently established within our setting.

Our theme of "Getting To Know Me" has been threaded through our focus activities. We launched our Talk For Writing poem "All of me" which the children have eagerly started to learn. We created pictures of who we care about using natural resources in the forest school area. We have also made images of ourselves in the craft area in addition to exploring our senses with bubble fun!

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.



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 may be off school for 48 hours following the last episode, each case is dealt with separately.

Thank you for your co-operation.



If you have any small socks and/or tights that are of good quality—our Reception class would be grateful for any donations. Thank you!

Attendance

1st place:	-	Butterworth [R] - 100%
2nd place:	-	Donaldson (1) - 99.31%
3rd place:	-	Inkpen [R] - 97.6%
Whole School:	-	95.18%

Communication this week

- Email to Yr 6 re secondary school
- Email to Yr 5 & 6 with Surrey leaflet
- Email to Yr 5 re Science Museum trip

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.

The School Nursing Team

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school nursing service are running three online sessions on school readiness in September 2023 for parents of reception and year 1 children. The sessions will cover toileting, sleep routines and healthy lifestyles.

These sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

Monday 18th September: 4.00 – 4.45pm

If you would like to join, please email this address csh.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net with the following information.

Name of School.

The date you would like to attend.

Once you have emailed our team, you will then receive a Microsoft Teams link to log on to the session near the time.

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

P2/P

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)

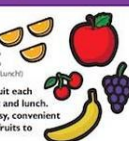
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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 VOLNTEER. 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.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share



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.

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