



Acorns  
Nursery

Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 9

Dear All

It has been another busy week at school! It has been lovely to see so many of our Year 5 and Year 1 parents and carers at their children's class assemblies. Both year groups recapped on all the learning they have achieved this year— showcasing their amazing Talk for Writing story telling, written work with songs and dances! I am sure the Year 5 parents sung 'Star Trekking Across the Universe' all the way home— as would the year 1 parents with 'I Just Can't Wait To Be King!' I can't wait to see Year 2 and Year 4 assemblies next week.

On Monday, our Year 6s' departed for their residential trip. This was two nights away packed with activities. They did archery, tower building, climbing, crate stacking, bushcraft amongst other activities. Their dorms, as you can image, smelt fragrant in this heat! They had a great time working together as a team to achieve challenges— the first being how to make their beds! We are so pleased they are back as we missed them.

I had the pleasure of accompanying some Year 6s' and Mr Carroll to Frylands Activity Centre. We also did archery, orienteering, rock climbing (I did not join on this one!) and sumo wrestling! I am proud to announce Lily as the champion— much laughs were had!

On Thursday 17 Year 5 children attended Riddlesdown School's STEM project day. They took part in fascinating science experiments; looked through microscopes at slides with bacteria feeding on macrobiotics, parts of the small intestines; and learnt about desktop publishing and coding robots. They unanimously voted though that their favourite activity was the code breaking workshop!

Just to remind you, it is a four day week for you all as we have an INSET day on Friday 30th June.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace

## Bailey's Blog

I was so glad to be back this week!!! The bug certainly took its toll on my energy levels – I reluctantly even let the squirrels and birds share my garden! I have taken it easy this week, I have read stories to Walliams, McKee and Murphy classes as they won Lexia Lama and have enjoyed seeing the children at playtime and lunchtime. I knew I was much better by Thursday when I smelt school made jam ... mmmm and asked for my first treat in 9 days! I hope to be more myself next week.

## Upcoming events

- 28th June—Year 2 assembly **9:00am**
- 29th June—Year 4 assembly **2:00pm**
- 30th June—INSET DAY
- 5th July—Reception assembly **2:00pm (Nursery children who are starting school to watch)**
- 3rd & 6th July District Sports (selected children)
- 6th July—Year 3 assembly **9.00am**
- 7th July—Camp out
- 13th July—Sports Day **Nursery 9am Rec 9-10.15, KS1 10.30-12, KS2 1.15-2.45 BACK FIELD email has been sent**
- 17th July **6pm** Year 6 Leavers Show (Year 6 parents invited)
- 21st July **9am** Year 6 Leavers Assembly (yr6) parents invited)





This week, as part of our "Adventure and fantasy" story theme, we have focused on Pirates. We transformed our role play area into a beach and our tuff tray transformed into a sea tray.

The children showed great curiosity in exploring different shells on our light box table and have engaged in an assortment of tactile activities including making their own shaving foam ice creams and making hermit crabs with playdough and shells.

We have also learnt pirate phrases such "eye-eye me hearties" and "swab the deck" .... Whilst walking the plank!

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?

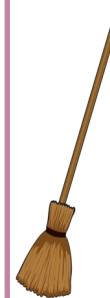


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| Tyres             | Wooden trellis | Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades |
| Large cable reels | Wooden pallets | Old road signs/number plates                |
| Packets of seeds  | compost        |   |

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.



### Broom handles!



If you have any old broom handles, please can you bring them to the school office.  
Thank you!

### Attendance

- 1st place:** Donaldson (1) - 97.59%
- 2nd place:** Butterworth [R] - 97.33%
- 3rd place:** Kinney (3) - 95.52%
- Whole School:** 93.47%

### Communication this week

- Email to current Reception parents
- Email to Year 1 Art Club parents
- Email to all regarding sports day

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - Care - to look after someone

(KS2 Lower) - Jibe—an insulting or mocking remark

(KS2 Upper) - Cajole - persuading someone to do something by sustained coaxing or flattery

### **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](mailto: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.

### 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)

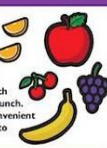
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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



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.

### Snacks



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

### Veggies



### 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](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.

## HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Chickpea and Coriander Burgers

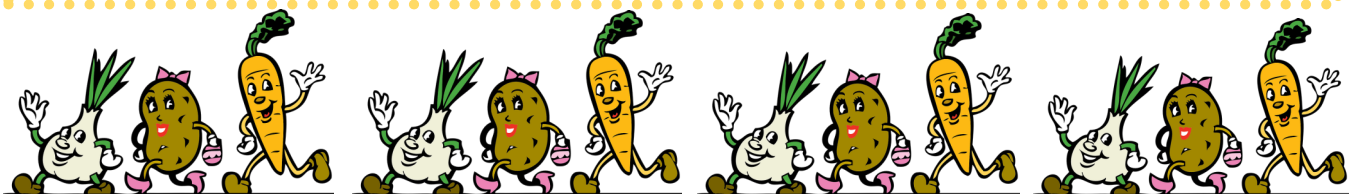
#### Ingredients

- 400g can chickpeas, drained
- zest 1 [lemon](#), plus juice  $\frac{1}{2}$
- 1 tsp [ground cumin](#)
- small bunch coriander, chopped
- 1 [egg](#)
- 100g fresh breadcrumbs
- 1 medium [red onion](#),  $\frac{1}{2}$  diced,  $\frac{1}{2}$  sliced
- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 4 small wholemeal buns
- 1 [large tomato](#), sliced,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cucumber, sliced and chilli sauce, to serve



#### Method

- In a food processor, whizz the chickpeas, lemon zest, lemon juice, cumin, half the coriander, the egg and some seasoning. Scrape into a bowl and mix with 80g of the breadcrumbs and the diced onions. Form 4 burgers, press remaining breadcrumbs onto both sides and chill for at least 10 mins.
- Heat the oil in a frying pan until hot. Fry the burgers for 4 mins each side, keeping the heat on medium so they don't burn. To serve, slice each bun and fill with a slice of tomato, a burger, a few red onion slices, some cucumber slices, a dollop of chilli sauce and the remaining coriander.



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:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 2.00 – 2.45pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: 09:30 – 10:15am**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: 4.00 – 4.45pm**

If you would like to join, please email this address [csh.schoolnurseadminneq@nhs.net](mailto:csh.schoolnurseadminneq@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.

**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