



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Week 8



Dear All

This week, we welcomed the Reception parents and carers into school for their phonics workshop. It was a hub of excitement—learning the new sounds and how they can support children at home with their phonics and forming their letters.



I have had the pleasure of teaching Said Class on Thursday. It was lovely to see how well they worked collaboratively to build Anglo-Saxon houses in forest school— we were amazed that it took about a month to build the real ones in those days. It was also very exciting to see Year 4 who have been working on writing news reports. They 'published' their final piece of work in the style TV news story. I wonder if we will see any of them in future years as famous news anchors!?



In Art Club, they have been focussing on illustration and learning how to draw The Gruffalo, carefully listening to the instructions and then coloured it in. They have produced some amazing drawings of which they were extremely proud of themselves! I absolutely love glitter— so am



saddened that I missed Butterworth Class practicing their letter formation in glitter which linked to their learning of Guy Fawkes and fireworks night— I will have to sneak and ask them to demonstrate this!!



Finally, our Head and Deputy Pupils and prefects will be undertaking their first community event on Sunday at the Warlingham Remembrance Day Parade, where they will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Primary and Acorns. We look forward to seeing you up there if you are coming.



Next week is Anti-bullying week. The children have lots of activities and workshops to support the theme of 'Make Some Noise— to speak out and stand against bullying' and we are excited that 3Discovery return, working digital technology within the classrooms. To mark the start of the week and World Kindness Day, children may wear odd socks on Monday (with their normal uniform) to celebrate the fact that we are all unique and that

is something really special!



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

Bailey's Blog

You might not have seen me much in the playground this week! I have been in school, but I really don't like the cold, wet and wind! In fact, when it rained all day on Wednesday, I refused to leave the office much as it was warm in there! I have helped with children in different ways this week, as well as helping Mrs Mace teach in forest school! I thought I was being ever so helpful collecting the wood for the children's Anglo-Saxon houses, and helping them dig holes for the wooden poles/ivers!! I am looking forward to reading with Mckee and Blackman this

Upcoming November events

Wednesday 15th & Friday 17th November Acropad in—
PE KITS needed

Thursday 16th November Year 5/6 Lantern making for
those signed up

Friday 17th November CHILDREN IN NEED SPOTTY MUFTI
£1 on Arbor

Monday 20th November Year 6 WW2 Day

Friday 24th November MUFTI chocolate donation

Tuesday 28th November Year 3 Greek Day

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.15-5.30PM CHRISTMAS FAIR



Upcoming December events

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.15-5.30PM FAIR

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER—CHOIR TO GREENACRES TO SING

COFFEE/TEA/HOT CHOCOLATE AND MINCE PIES WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES!

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 9.00 YEAR 1 & 2 PLAY

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 1.30 YEAR 5 & 6 CONCERT

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 9.00 RECEPTION SHOWCASE

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER 1.30 YEAR 3 & 4 PANTOMIME

WEDNESDAY 13TH DECEMBER 9.20 ACORNS CONCERT

THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 9.20 ACORNS CONCERT

FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER EARLY FINISH DOUGHNUT SALE

12PM ACORNS

1.05 RECEPTION

1.10 YEARS 1—6





This week, we focused our activities at the beginning of the week around the children's interest in fireworks with several mark making, scissor control and painting activities linked to fireworks. The children enjoyed talking about their experiences of seeing fireworks. We also created a list of descriptive words to describe the sounds fireworks make.

In phonics, the children have taken part in several rhythm and rhyme activities and we have also started learning our new Talk for Writing Autumn poem.

We have also touched on Remembrance Day using a simple poem and poppy based activities in the tuff tray and creative area.



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.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Attendance

1st place:	-	Blackman (5) - 100%
2nd place:	-	Donaldson (1) - 98.6%
3rd place:	-	Butterworth [R] - 96.9%
Whole School:	-	96.2%

Communication this week

- PTA flyer



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ADHD MEDICATION

The government has announced a national shortage of medicines used to help manage ADHD symptoms. The shortage of these products is being caused by a combination of manufacturing issues and increased global demand; it is expected that the delay will impact until at least December. This is going to be a difficult time for families, and the Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust want to help schools feel equipped with the necessary resources to be able to prepare and support these families over the next few weeks.

We will be contacting all affected families over the next week to update them on the national issue and set out our advice. This will include children and young people currently on, and those awaiting an initial appointment to discuss and potentially commence, medication following an ADHD diagnosis. At present we are asking parent-carers to take a look at our information and resource page for [Neurodevelopmental needs](#) on the Mindworks website. This page, which has recently been updated, provides signposts to lots of helpful strategies and interventions to support ADHD symptomology as well as some medication advice under the [ADHD section](#). Parent-carers should also keep up to date with our [talking point](#) section of the Mindworks website which will be updated regularly.

We'd particularly like to draw attention to this statement: [National ADHD Medication shortage: Mindworks Surrey \(mindworks-surrey.org\)](#) which includes an important reference to what families should do where a child/young person is taking guanfacine (Intuniv®). This medication should not be stopped suddenly as it can cause the child/young person to experience high blood pressure, so parents / carers are being asked to only contact us if they are having difficulty obtaining guanfacine on 01372 216555, lines are open 9am to 12:30am.

NHS

102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

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.

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** every day!

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



Whole Grains

(Great for Snacks or Lunch)

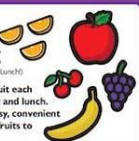
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



Fruit

(Great for Snacks or Lunch)

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



Snacks

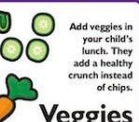
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.



Veggies

(Great for Snacks 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.


Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!

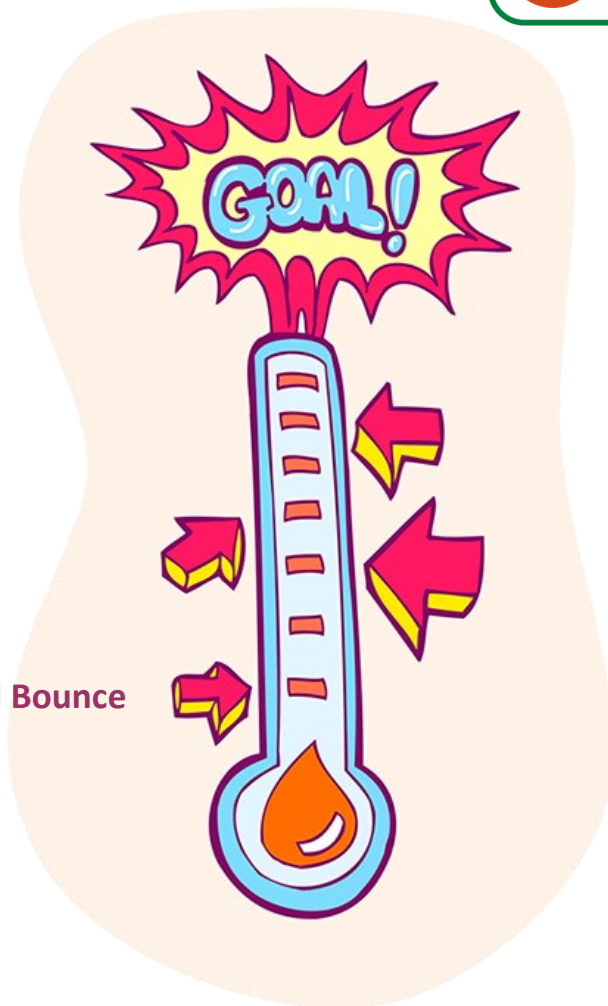


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FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

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/carers 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/carers 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