



Acorns  
Nursery

Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 11



Dear all,

This past week we have seen the last of the year group assemblies. Reception did a fantastic show all about pirates with beautifully read under the sea stories. It is incredible to see how much progress the children have made this year and how much confidence they have gained. In year 3 the children showed so many of our values, presenting all about their topic 'Zoos'. They showed their collaborative skills to bring it all together and their nurturing skills to support one another. Mrs Mace and I would like to extend our thanks to all those who stayed to give us feedback on how this year has gone and any ideas for making Hamsey Green an even better place for your children to learn. For those who couldn't give feedback, here is a link if you would like to add more: <https://padlet.com/jboffa3/what-has-gone-well-and-what-could-be-even-better-zimm5ybpgiwvuyz>



This week, we have hosted the District Sport event with the field events on Monday and the track events on Thursday. The children did the school proud in all events and showed their competitive nature. With all their hard work I am pleased to announce that we won District Sports in the Small School category. Now the children will be taking this competitive nature into next week for their Sports Day on Thursday—please remember hats and water bottles for this day.



I hope all the children are excited for the 'Camp Out' night this evening - perhaps more than the parents, who are setting up the tents and the adults who are staying. But as I write this the weather is great so it promises to be a great evening for the children and the volunteers.

Finally, I am sure you, along with your children, are eagerly anticipating the news of who your child's teacher will be next year. You only have to wait a few more days until Wednesday, when your child will meet their new teacher and bring home a letter informing you.

A quick request from me to help raise some money for the school, if you have any unused, good quality uniform - could you bring them into your class teacher. This is because we will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th July outside the main hall. Thank you for your generosity.

Mr Boffa

## ~~Bailey's Blog~~

### Boffa's Blog

This week I have been very busy in Mrs Mace's absence. I have visited lots of classes this week to see how they are getting on with their learning and I've been very impressed. I was even able to show off our learning to one of the Governors of the school (she was impressed). Unlike Bailey, I've not been able to take naps but luckily all the teachers here have made sure the week has gone smoothly, even with all the events.

### Upcoming events

7th July—Camp out

13th July—Sports Day **Nursery 9am Rec 9-00-10.15, 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)

19th July Summer Festival **2.50/3pm-4.15/4.30pm Rec-Yr 6**

21st July **9am** Year 6 Leavers Assembly (yr6) parents invited)



This week we have been getting ready for school! We have shared stories about school and taken part in discussions about what school will be like.

Most of our children have had a visit from their new class teacher or have visited their new school and this has been very positive! We have had activities such as dressing for school cutting and sticking and choosing healthy foods to put into a lunchbox.

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?

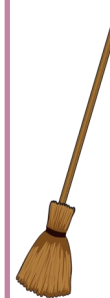


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| Tyres             | Wooden trellis | Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades |
| Large cable reels | Wooden pallets | Old road signs/number plates                |
| Packets of seeds  | compost        |   |

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) - 98.33%
- 2nd place:** Inkpen (R) - 98.28%
- 3rd place:** Murphy (2) - 98.08%
- Whole School:** 95.18%

### Communication this week

- Whole school email regarding Breakfast & After School Club

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - - Vast—very large in size

(KS2 Lower) - - Gargantuan—enormous

(KS2 Upper) - Behemoth—something of monstrous size

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

<https://surreyeducationservices.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



### 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

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](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.

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