



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Week 7

Dear All

This week we have all settled back into life after a relaxing 2 week holiday! The weather has shown us that we have truly hit Autumn! It did not go unnoticed that Storm Ciaran chose drop off and pick up times to produce a deluge of rain upon us! Soon we will need a rowing boat to cross the playground!



I have had a lovely time this week visiting classes. It has been fantastic to see the children learning. From in addition and subtraction lessons, grammar learning homophones they're, there and their to learning about special Jewish objects and the what the Holy Trinity is! I was intrigued to learn that there had been a slaying in forest school! Year 5 detective work, found the remnants of an Anglo-Saxon skeleton in forest school and apparently, thought that Grendel had visited them— as a pig-like monster jumped out at them!

As part of our build up to Anti-bullying week, Year 2s upwards have participated in a workshop for resilience. This involved understanding the definition of bullying with reference to a power imbalance, taking part in a role-play activity to practice conflict resolution, understanding the importance of using appropriate voice tonality and body language in resolving conflicts, learning how changes in our body language can help us to look and feel more confident. The children also learnt to identify where they can access support if they see or experience bullying. Please do ask your children about this to help them remember what they have learnt.

Thank you for the bottles you sent in today for the bottle tombola. We cannot believe that the Christmas Fair is only 4 weeks away now! If you are able to offer to help or know of someone who would like to have a stall, please contact the PTA on friends@hamseytlt.co.uk. We will also be meeting at the Parent Drop in on Tuesday morning in the hall at 8.30am if you are able to make it.

Wishing you all a drier weekend and safely celebrating Bonfire Night! Please see advice on fireworks on p3.



Bailey's Blog

I have had a quiet week this week in the final stages of my recovery as my stitches hadn't quite healed. I visited school on Wednesday morning to say hello to classes and have a sniff about the playground whilst doing zoomies around the massive puddles! (I am a typical sausage dog who does not like getting his paws wet..) I even greeted new families at the start of the parent tours— and I didn't bark at all! I was so pleased to see everyone again but I was shattered! Being frightened on storms too, I was so scared to come in during Storm Ciaran but am looking forward to seeing everyone this afternoon and next week.

Upcoming events

Tuesday 7th November 8.30-9.15 Parent Dropin (hall)
Wednesday 8th November Year 6 Height and Weights
Thursday 9th November 8:45am—9:20am—Current Reception parent workshop (in Reception classes)
Friday 10th November—children can wear mufti for unwanted & unused gifts
Friday 17th November CHILDREN IN NEED SPOTTY MUFTI/ donation of chocolate
Monday 20th November Year 6 WW2 Day
Tuesday 28th November Year 3 Greek Day
FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 3.15-5.30PM CHRISTMAS FAIR



Following the children's excitement over Halloween, we added fun, harmless spooky activities into our curriculum this week!

The children loved dressing up and participating in lots of spider-based activities, including making spider biscuits, creating glittery spider webs and playdough spiders in our art area; as well as taking part in several spider number, sorting and threading games. The children were also encouraged to use their hand and eye coordination to pick up the spiders in our tuff tray spiders web as well as finding spiders in the jelly tray!

We also read the story of "Room on the broom". This prompted an opportunity for us to create our own spell... the children verbally added silly items into our cauldron before adding a coloured vinegar and bicarbonate of soda solution. This created a great bubbling chemical reaction in the cauldron much to the children's delight!

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

Joint 1st place:	-	Inkpen [R]/ Donaldson (1) 100%
3rd place:	-	Rowling (3) - 98.08%
Whole School:	-	95.5%

Communication this week

- Email regarding Children in Need mufti
- Email to Year 6 regarding Heights & Weights screening
- Email to all regarding school meals on Monday and Tuesday

Advice from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service

Firework and bonfire evenings provide great entertainment, providing everyone follows the right safety procedures and remembers that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly.

Surrey Fire and Rescue Service recommend that the safest way to enjoy these activities is to attend a professionally organised event. If you are having your own celebration please use common sense and follow our advice to avoid injuries or damage to your property.

Fireworks are a great way to celebrate but please remember important advice:

- Only buy fireworks from a reputable supplier and ensure they carry a CE or UKCA mark;
- Store fireworks in a sealed metal container;
- Keep children and pets a safe distance away from fireworks and away from lighters;
- Be aware of wind direction and ensure you have sufficient space to set them off;
- Never go back to them once they are lit. Even if a firework hasn't gone off, it could still explode.

Respect your neighbours, let them know so they can keep pets indoors.

Bonfires

Bonfires are a popular event to host this time of year, and can be a great way to spend time with family and friends as long as they are held safely. Please keep everyone safe this Autumn and:

- Don't use flammable liquids to start a bonfire;
- Only burn untreated wood, not painted items, or dangerous materials such as furniture or aerosol cans;
- Keep bonfires a manageable size and clear a 10metre zone around the area from foliage;
- Never leave bonfires unattended, keep a bucket of water or hosepipe nearby in case of emergency.

Enjoy bonfire night and firework celebrations this Autumn, and remember, in an emergency always call 999. Find more information on safety around fireworks and bonfires on the [seasonal fire safety web page](#).



The logo for White Rose Education is displayed on a dark blue rectangular background. The text 'White Rose' is in white, with a small registered trademark symbol. Below it, the word 'EDUCATION' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The letter 'A' in 'EDUCATION' is replaced by a teal triangle. The letter 'I' is replaced by a yellow power button symbol. To the right of the text, there is a red graphic consisting of a central circle connected by lines to three smaller circles, resembling a molecular or network structure.

White Rose EDUCATION

Hello all parents/carers,

White Rose Education have created an APP called 1-minute maths. Children go on the App for no more than 1 minute every day. It is simple to use and works through subitising, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Here are 7 reasons why it is a great idea to use the App every day:

1. Excellent practice - and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... how many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!

Here is a link to find the app and more about it: [1-minute maths app | White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](https://whiteroseeducation.com)



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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!

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



Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

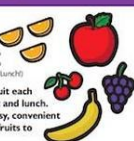
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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

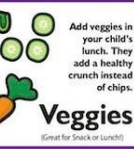
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.



Veggies

(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.


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

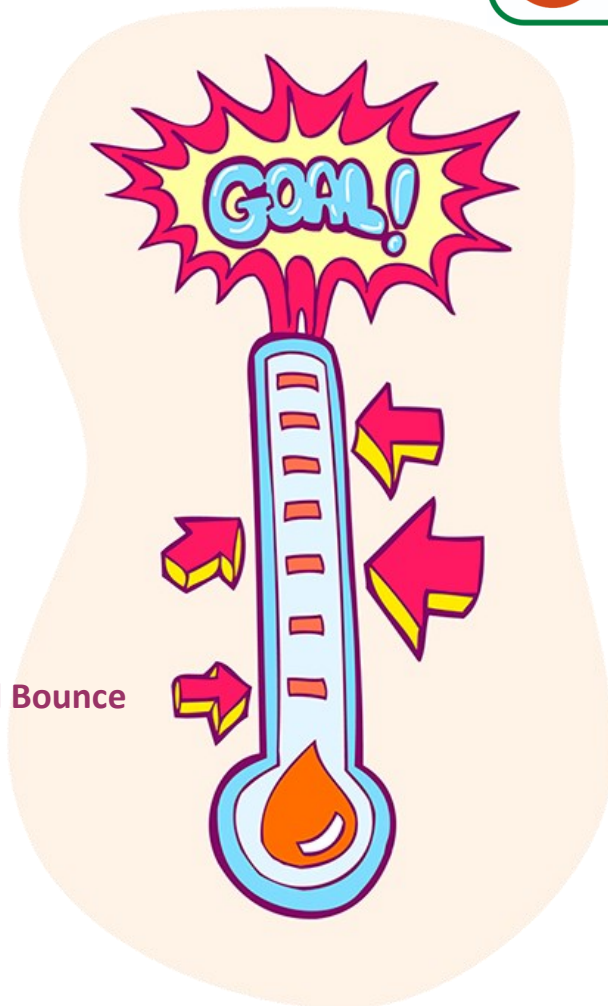


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FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

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/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