



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 1



Dear All

Welcome to Summer Term! I hope you all had a relaxing break over the holidays? I am sure you are all enjoying the various weather patterns April has to offer! Please remember to send you child to school with a coat and a jumper just in case! The children have settled back in so well– enjoying the use of the glorious outdoors we have with our field. It was lovely seeing them working quietly on my visits to classrooms and Mr Boffa has really enjoyed watching their lessons on the learning walk. It was a little cold finding Year 4 on their scavenger hunt although they were fully engaged in their trail.

Over the holidays, the renovation of the flower beds began. Please do have a look at the very, large beds at the front of the school, by the carpark and enjoy the brightly coloured flowers. A third of the school has been jet washed and is looking fresher and I will slowly make my way round the building over the next few weeks. We are hoping that those of you who volunteered to help or who are able to on an adhoc basis will be available on Friday mornings just after drop off or pick up to help get the school beds looking lovely again. I am really pleased to say we have won a £320 grant to help with this from the Surrey Garden's Association!

We launched Physi-Fun in assembly today too. We have invested in game cards and the play equipment to go with them, for our young leaders to use and to engage children in new games to keep them fit and fun during lunchtimes.

This week, was Primary offers day which starts a journey of being at school. I am so proud to announce that we are full in both Reception Classes– with a waiting list. We welcome all our new families to Hamsey Green as well as our siblings and Acorns who join us in September.

Wishing you a lovely weekend



Mrs Mace

Upcoming SUMMER TERM Events

23rd April 8.30-9.15 PTA Meeting re Birthday Celebration & parent drop in for tea/coffee

24th April—Reception trip to Gatton Park

26th April 6.30-8pm —Family PTA Quiz! - **postponed—new date to follow**

6th May— BANK HOLIDAY

9th May—Year 5 to Hampton Court

10th May— PTA bottle donation mufti

13th –17th May—Year 6 SATS

13th –17th May— Year 5 to Whitgift Primary Project

13th May—5pm KS2 Camp Night Information meeting

17th May—PTA chocolate donation mufti

23rd May—Karen's Pets and Ponies at Acorns Nursery

23rd May— Year 1 trip to Bodiam Castle

24th May— 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—3PM SCHOOL FAIR

24th May—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM



It has been lovely welcoming the children back after the Easter break. We have really enjoyed hearing all their news!

This week, we launched our mini-beast topic. The children have enjoyed exploring our hub table and have participated in bug themed arts and craft activities such as making playdough bees, potato print bugs, caterpillar printing and bug collage.

We also launched our new Talk For Writing story - "The sleepy bumblebee", with a hook using a letter addressed to the children alongside a soft toy bee. The letter asked the children to look after Mr Bee and create a cosy, quiet area for him to sleep in. The children have had great fun finding different places for Mr Bee to sleep in.

We have also developed our technology and math skills by predicting what number to programme the robot-bee to move to in order to reach its hive!



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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Communication this week

- 15.04.24—Email to whole school re school lunches
- 15.04.24—Email to whole school re extra curricular clubs
- 16.04.24—Email to Reception Year 1 and Year 2 re Reading and Phonics
- 18.04.24—Email to Year 6 re Residential balance



Attendance

1st place:	Inkpen [R] - 100%
2nd place:	Dodd (1) - 96.67%
3rd place:	Donaldson (1) - 96.43%
Whole school:	92.41%



Hamsey's Got Talent



The annual Hamsey's Got Talent Auditions are on Wednesday 1st May. Some children may want to audition and showcase their talent. The final will be held in front of Reception to Year 6 so they will need the confidence to perform in front of a large crowd too. The winners will need to be available to perform at our 75th birthday celebration on 24th May 2024 at 4pm. Each audition will be a maximum of 1 minute long and the children are encouraged to bring in any props, costumes and music that they may require. Class teachers have the sign up sheets. Good luck to them all!

Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you inform the office and not the class teacher. The office maintain the registers for all clubs and need to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance. Thank you.

Children should not be using their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, please go through the main playground area to enter or leave the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking

We have been made aware of some inconsiderate parking

and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. According to the Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution.** Thank you for your assistance.



Year 4 Scavenger hunt

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

P2iP

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"

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



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



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

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)



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 VOLUNTEER. 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. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

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

FOR CHARITY



£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

£193 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

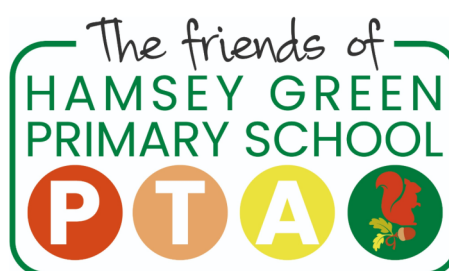
£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

THANKS
for your



DONATIONS



£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event

£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards, cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

These fantastic amounts that have been raised has enabled us to be able to order a road safety sign for the end of the drive and finish purchasing bookcases for the remaining areas that do not have them.

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. **From 1st September 2024 the amount will be increasing to £80.00 and rising to £180.00 if not paid within 21 days. Any absences taken after the 2024 May half term may incur this higher penalty fee next academic year.**

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