



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



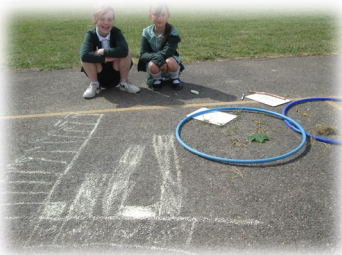
In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 10

Dear All

A much needed four day week this week! The teachers today have been very busy looking at the Curriculum topics ready for their next years classes. I am sure the children will enjoy finding out about their topics ready for class swap.

On Monday, Year 4 took their learning outdoors to begin their statistics topic. They were investigating the different types of natural objects found on our school field. Once the data was collected, children displayed their findings using Venn diagrams and chalk bar charts.



I was particularly impressed with their statistics knowledge by the end of the week as I had the privilege of showing our Behaviour Hubs CEO partner, their learning. I was so proud of the children and staff. The behaviour they demonstrated showed not only how polite and well-mannered they are, but how quickly they settled to learning, modelled the proud walking, held doors open for others without being asked and eloquent sharing their understanding of the school values, rules and expectations.



We have seen some amazing class assemblies this week too. Both Year 2 and Year 4 have wowed us all with the dancing, singing, speaking, story telling and acting. The confidence of the pupils has been phenomenal— a clear example of how our Talk for Writing has been successful. We have missed our Year 6s this week as they have been on their Secondary transition days. By all accounts they have had a great time!

I would also like to let you know about staffing for next year. Sadly, we have a few people leaving us this year; our teachers - Mrs Johnson is departing Hamsey to take up a new role of SENDco, Mrs Knolles is leaving to undertake a new role and Miss Bishop is taking up a teaching position in Devon! - we wish them all the best for the future. Mrs Roberts, our longest standing TA will be retiring after 25 years service at Hamsey which we are extremely grateful for. We wish her all the best.. and are a little bit jealous! We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Larkman after a dedicated five years service— her legacy lives on in our new library and to Miss G Walker and Miss Cook too, who are leaving to pastures new. We also say farewell to Natalie in Acorns as she starts a new career— what a great start our youngest children have had with her as a founding Acorns staff member. And finally our Midday Supervisor Miss Aitken— although some will see her at Warlingham School! We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Poullain, Mrs Target and Miss Cole to our teaching staff. We also welcome Emma Elsley who will be joining our fabulous Acorns staff.

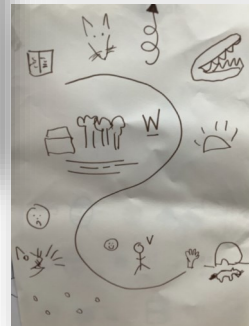
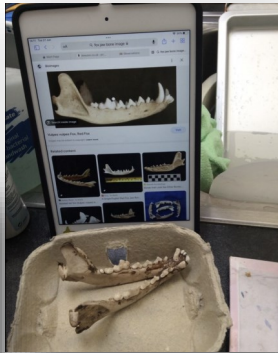
Wishing you a lovely weekend! Mrs Mace

Bailey's Blog

I have my mojo back! You could say that I have been full of beans this week (which is a vast change from being on chicken and rice from last week!) I have read stories with both Murphy Class and McKee classes this week and have been building up my energy meeting and greeting- I have even helped on lunchtime duty! This week I have also learnt a new game called hide and seek, my toys are hidden under a blanket and I have to find them— hours of fun!

Upcoming events

- 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
- 6th July—Year 4 to DeStafford for Sports morning
- 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)
- 19th July Summer Festival 2.50/3pm-4.15/4.30pm Rec-Yr 6
- 21st July 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly (yr6) parents



This week we have continued our pirates and mermaid theme, we made pirate maps and had an under the sea themed tray to explore.

Mid-week, we were very excited to make a very special discovery in the garden when we uncovered bones! The children were very keen to explore where the bones had come from and through research found it was from a fox. This changed the course of our learning for the week and we continued with the children's keen interest in this. We researched different bones, including looking at bones we have in our bodies and we even made a talk for writing story together about the fox who lost his teeth!

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?

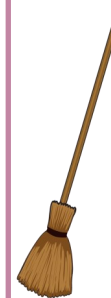


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| Tyres | Wooden trellis | Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades |
| Large cable reels | Wooden pallets | Old road signs/number plates |
| Packets of seeds | compost | |

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: Rowling (4) - 97.39%

Joint 2nd place: McKee & Murphy (2) - 96.92%

Whole School: 94.83%

Communication this week

- Year 5—email regarding residential
- Year 5 and Morpurgo—email regarding class closure

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Colossal** - Extremely large

(KS2 Lower) - **Merit**—Deserve or be worthy of praise, punishment or attention

(KS2 Upper) - **Repudiate** - Refuse to accept something

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 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



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 5th September: 2.00 – 2.45pm

Thursday 14th September: 09:30 – 10:15am

Monday 18th September: 4.00 – 4.45pm

If you would like to join, please email this address csh.schoolnurseadmin@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