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Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2024 Week 9

WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear All,

What an amazing week we have had in school, sharing books and sharing our love of reading! The children have really enjoyed the book swap, bringing in a book to swap it for another one to love. The pupils and staff embraced Thursday's dress up day too— seeing them dressed as their favourite book characters or snuggly PJs ready for a story hopefully inspired them to look up someone else's favourite book.



We were so lucky to have M&M productions visit us on Thursday too with their production of The Jungle Book! Their costumes looked fantastic— we could not believe the size of Baloo! The children sat in awe at the performance and even joined in singing 'the bare necessities'— which we have been learning as a school. Years five and six also had a theatre workshop after the show, learning about scripts, learning lines, stage lighting and sounds. We hope this may have motivated them to a career on or behind stage.

Eco Club also fell on World Book Day this week. They decided to look at a traditional tale: The Gingerbread Man and create some nature artwork using a gingerbread man cut out and flour. The children used stones for buttons, twigs and leaves for eyes/mouths. Great fun and eco friendly too!



Today, we will be welcoming SO MANY grandparents and family members to Read With My Child. It is always heart warming to see the quality time you are able to spend with your children sharing stories and talking about books.

It compliments the 'breakfast with your loved one' which we hosted in the morning. Taking time to talk over a meal and a calm start to the day always has a positive impact on mental health and well-being. A big thank you to Mrs Key, Mrs Smith and Mrs Palmer who served 120 continental brekkies with me!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a Happy Mother's Day to all those who are looking after loved ones.

Mrs Mace

Upcoming Events

- 11th March— Science week**
- 12th March— Reception height and weights screening**
- 14th March— Year 3 Trip to Warlingham Library**
- 15th March— Red Nose Day— Red Mufti and cake sale**
- 18th & 19th March— Year 3 Feet First Walking Training**
- 25th March & 27th March — KS1 and KS2 parents consultations**

BREAK UP THURSDAY 28TH MARCH

12.00 ACORNS NURSERY

1.05 RECEPTION

1.00 KS1 & KS2

4.00 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

16th April— Start of Summer term

16th April— Primary School offer day

Friday 15th March— Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)

For a donation of £1, £2 or £5 (in the Arbor shop— available from this afternoon), children can wear red mufti on this day. There will be a cake sale after school on this day either in the small dining hall or

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This week we have focused our attention on animals to 'under the sea'. We created an under the sea exploration area and the children have enjoyed lots of sea creature craft and number game activities. Some children even made their own fish shaped bread!

We also incorporated the theme into our phonics sessions as well as our physical play activities, including 'fish flap-ping' games and 'don't fall in the shark sea' using the stepping stones and hoops.

We have explored and developed the aspect 'Understanding the World' by linking animals to their native countries using an atlas and a map of the world. Parents and staff have been encouraged to contribute photos of animals seen in their natural environment for our display.

And finally.... the children and staff had great fun on World Book Day. The nursery staff dressed up as the characters from the story 'Dear Zoo'. We also re-enacted the story in full costume at story time much to the children's delight. Later in the day, the children enjoyed using the props to re-enact the story too!



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.

Communication this week

- 4.3.24—Email to Year 6 with KS2 SATS info
- 4.3.24—Email to all notifying price increase at Price & Buckland
- 4.3.24—Email to school re Spanish classes
- 7.3.24—Email letter to Yrs1-6 with new terminology

Attendance

1st place:	Said (5) - 98.8%
2nd place:	Dahl (4) - 97.33%
3rd place:	Rowling (4) - 96.43%
Whole school:	94.57%



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 maintains 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.



Everything to know about the expansion: Apply for the first phase by 31 March

In 2023, as part of the Spring Budget, the government announced that they would be introducing several new measures that aim to support education and make childcare more accessible to parents and carers who are looking to return to work. This included the expansion of early years funded entitlements, starting from April 2024 onwards. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of early education and childcare support.

The new entitlements will be introduced in phases:

From April 2024, eligible working parents and carers of 2 year olds can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) **from the term after** their child's 2nd birthday.

From Sept 2024, eligible working parents and carers of children aged 9 months and above can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) **from the term after** their child turning 9 months.

From Sept 2025, the offer will be rolled out in full, with eligible working parents and carers of children aged 9 months and above able to access 30 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) **from the term after** their child turning 9 months.

By September 2026, all parents and carers who require [wraparound childcare](#) should be able to have access, either from their school or from another provider in their local area. The number of wraparound childcare places available for primary school aged children across the county will be increasing from **September 2024 onwards** in preparation for this.

The first phase of the expansion launches in April and will allow eligible working parents and carers of two-year-olds to claim 15 hours of funded early education and childcare. **Eligible working parents and carers who are interested in applying for this entitlement will need to ensure that they have received their code by 31 March.**

Parents and carers can check their eligibility and apply for the entitlement through the [Childcare Choices](#) website. **Please share this information with parents and carers who may be interested, particularly those who may have children with younger siblings.**

More information on the expansion and the different funding available in Surrey can be found on our [Funded childcare in Surrey](#) webpage.

A useful guide for parents, including everything to know about the expansion and preparing for the first phase, will also be available in the March edition of [Surrey Matters](#). Residents can sign up to receive the Surrey Matters newsletter [here](#)

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

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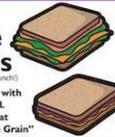
Bring **WATER** everyday!

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



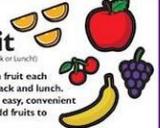
Whole Grains

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



Fruit

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



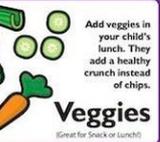
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

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. **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!



The East Surrey Family Grapevine - Spring 2024 by Family Grapevine - Issuu

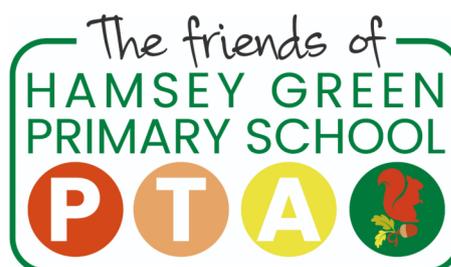
FOR CHARITY

£ Feb Event



- £193 NSPCC Number Day
- £223 Save the Children
- £232 Children in Need
- £310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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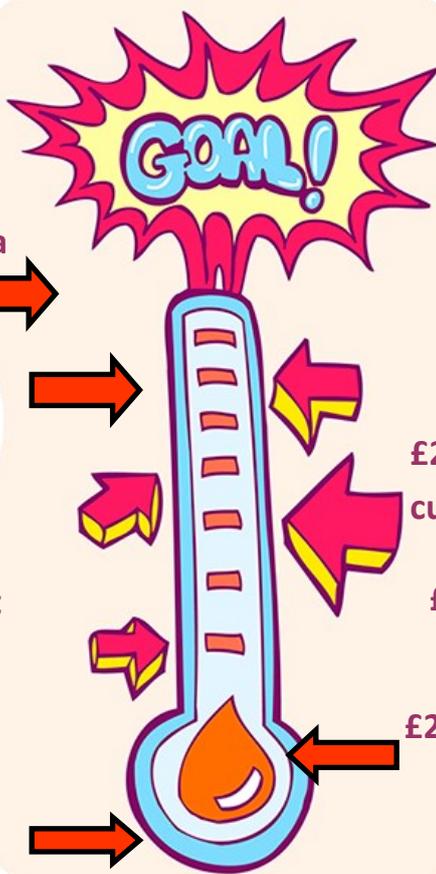
£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ Feb Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event



£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/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. **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