



Acorns  
Nursery



# In A Nutshell

Hamsey Green  
Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 3



## CELEBRATING THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III 6TH MAY 2023

Dear All

This week we have been getting ready to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles and the Queen Consort. The children have been learning a Coronation song which they sang beautifully together in our whole school assembly! Each class has been excited to perform something special. Reception sang a royal song, to the tune of 'wheels on the bus'; Year 1 & Year 2 performed a dance to 'I Just Can't Wait to be King'; Year 3 demonstrated warm up exercises fit for a Royal; Year 4 sang us the National Anthem accompanied by musical instruments; Year 5 also sang a song a cappella and Year 6 recited an animated Coronation poem! A great way to start the celebrations and we are pleased to see you all at the fair after school today. Thank you for bearing with us as we set up the stalls!

I was ever so proud to accompany Year 1 on their school trip to Bodiam Castle on Wednesday— the guides there commented how engaged they were, learning about the history of the castle and how polite they all were! I must admit—going up the spiral stairs to the top of the tower has made my legs very achy!!

I was also beaming with pride for our Year 6 netball and football teams (as were the staff and parents who came to watch!) Both teams played valiantly against seven other schools— with the netball team placing 3rd and the football team winning the rally! Well done on your excellent sportsmanship which was demonstrated by all.

Finally I would like to wish all of our Year 6s who have now reached the crucial moment— their Year 6 SATS next week. We all have our fingers crossed for you and know you will achieve you best.

Wishing you all another lovely three day weekend!



### Bailey's Blog

Mrs Mace

This week, I have been out and about enjoying seeing the children— I really missed them on the Bank Holiday! I have been reading with McKee class— a story called the BFG— I was a bit worried the thought of what he could be! Having helped put up some bunting, I then attempted to help with the netball rally set up but really I wanted to sit in the sunshine...! I went on a reward walk with Rosen Class and hope I have helped any anxious Year 6s this week. I shall be on hand for lots of strokes for them next week and they have invited me to their party on Friday which I am really excited about!

### Upcoming events

- 8th May—Bank Holiday
- 9th-12th KS2 SATS and Yr5 week at Whitgift School
- 24th May—Class photos
- 25th May—Pet farm @ Acorns Nursery
- 7th July—Camp out



This week acorns have been learning about the royal family and preparing for the coronation celebrations at the weekend.

We have made wands and cakes to sell at the school fair as well as exploring shapes to fit on a crown, small world castle play and making our own flags.



Arbor

**Thank you for everyone who has booked a lunch through Arbor this week.**  
**If your child is on a school trip, please do not book a lunch.**

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?



|                   |                |   |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 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.

### Attendance

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1st place:    | Walliams (5) - 98.91%    |
| 2nd place:    | Donaldson (1) - 98.71%   |
| 3rd place:    | Butterworth [R] - 94.17% |
| Whole School: | 92.58%                   |

### Communication this week

- Yr 2 email re KS1 SATs
- Yr 6 email re KS2 SATs
- Whole school email fair reminder

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Darting** - to run quickly, short bursts.

(KS2 Lower) - **Sedulous** - describing someone as being hardworking.

(KS2 Upper) - **Roistering** - to enjoy oneself or celebrate in a noisy and boisterous way.

### **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.

### **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 must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

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** every day!

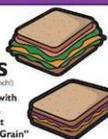
Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



### 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

(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.



### 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.

## HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Squash, chicken and couscous one pot

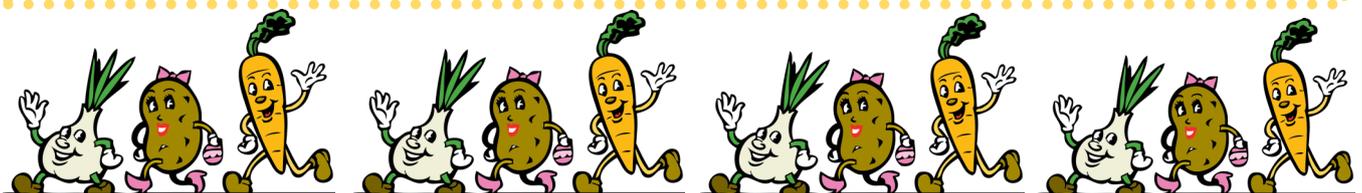
#### Ingredients

- 2 tbsp harissa paste
- 1 tsp each ground cumin and ground coriander
- 2 red onions, halved and cut into thin wedges
- 2 skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized chunks
- 1 small butternut squash, cut into 1cm chunks (no need to peel)
- 2 x 400g cans tomatoes
- 2 lemons, zested and juiced
- 200g cherry tomato, halved
- 140g couscous
- small bunch coriander, roughly chopped



#### Method

- Heat a large non-stick casserole dish or pan on the hob. Add the harissa, spices and onions, stir and cook gently for 10 mins until soft. Add chicken and brown for 5-10 mins. Add squash, stirring to combine, and a splash of water if it starts to stick. Cook for 5 mins more.
- Tip canned tomatoes into the pan with  $\frac{1}{2}$  can of water, cover and simmer for 20-30 mins. Add the lemon zest and juice, cherry tomatoes, couscous and seasoning. Cover and turn off the heat. Leave on the hob for 10 mins, then stir through the coriander and serve.





Please find below details of upcoming Eikon charity parent webinars. These are free for all parents and carers in Surrey. Details can also be found on our website [Parent Webinars - The Eikon Charity](#)

**Future webinars currently open for registration are the following:**

- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 19.00-20.00
  - **Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Confidence (Primary)**  
Register now by clicking [here](#)
  
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 12.00-13.00pm  
**Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School** - for parents of children with SEND  
Register now by clicking [here](#)
  
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 19.00-20.00 (A repeat of the webinar hosted on 23<sup>rd</sup> March)  
**Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School**  
Register now by clicking [here](#)

**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