



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 2



Dear All

This week, I have had the absolute pleasure being a judge alongside our Head and Deputy Head pupils! They have been auditioning children for Hamsey's Got Talent... and my gosh— what a lot of talent we saw. From yo-yo skills to card tricks; singing, dancing, football skills, acting, joke telling, soloists and a rock band—we were certainly entertained. It really was a hard decision and we really admired the children's aspiration and resilience to audition. The finalists went through to

perform this afternoon to the whole school. From stage management, technical set up and IT backing, the Head and Deputy Pupils organised the afternoon flawlessly... I was made

completely redundant! The classes went off to deliberate and I am pleased to announce the winners of HGT 2023 will be sent out later. I am sure you will be looking forward to seeing them perform at our Coronation Fair next Friday after school. We were impressed with all entrants for Dragon's Den this morning too, 1st place goes to Year 5, 2nd place to Acorns Nursery and 3rd place to Year 2; with a special commendation to Year 3—well done all!

Year 3 had a trip to High Ashurst on Wednesday! They needed to demonstrate all their school values when climbing the high ropes, aiming in archery and learning to orienteer! The children were complimented on their impeccable behaviour as well as their team work.

We have had many other children representing Hamsey Green this week. Four of our Year 5 children embarked on the Royal Institute Maths Master Class at Woodlea Primary School and wowed them all with their maths problem solving and superb behaviour! The Year 4 and 5 football teams competed against the local schools in the football rally with amazing effort, team work and sportsmanship. They have certainly

made us all proud.

Finally, thank you for coming to support the Maths Games last week, it was wonderful to see so

Bailey's Blog

This week I was a guest judge at Hamsey's Got Talent! Part of my training is to get used to loud noises and I sat beautifully to cheer on the acts! They all certainly did very well. I was secretly hoping I could sneak into Dragon's Den to taste all the goodies for the fair but I wasn't allowed as Mrs Mace at all the prototypes! I had a lovely time

with the nursery children this week outside— so many strokes and cuddles.. I ended up like this!!



Upcoming events

1st May—Bank Holiday

2nd May—Primary School offer acceptance deadline

3rd May—Year 1 trip

5th May—Coronation Summer Fair 3:15pm—5:30pm (please see page 2)

8th May—Bank Holiday

9th-12th KS2 SATS and Yr5 week at Whitgift School

7th July—Camp out





This week we have been focussing our learning around farms, we have had discussions about things that farmers grow and explored the animals we might find on the farm.

We have taken part in messy play with farm animals stuck in the mud.

We have been cutting and sticking animals to create our own farm pictures and made bird feeders for the garden using wild bird seed.

We have played animal themed board games in groups and explored farm animals in our small world area.



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?



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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



Summer Fair

Friday 5th May—3:15-5:30pm—dress up day as Prince/Princess/King/Queen or a royal party guest!



Communication this week

- Yr 5 computing workshop email

Attendance

- 1st place: Rosen (4) - 97.83%
- 2nd place: Pullman (6) - 97.62%
- 3rd place: Donaldson (1) - 96.55%
- Whole School: 91.96%



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Stall at the Summer Fair
 5 May, 3.15 - 5.30pm
 Wanted: Your outgrown school uniform in good and clean condition
 Please bring into school on 3 and 4 May



Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Thud**—a dull or thick sound when made when a heavy object hits something

(KS2 Lower) - **Defunct**—no longer existent or functional

(KS2 Upper) - **Revelatory**— making something known that was previously secret

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 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** 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)

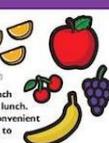
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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



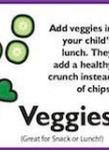
Snacks

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

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 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

Super Healthy Pizza

Ingredients

100g each strong white and strong wholewheat flour
1 tsp or 7g sachet easy-blend dried yeast
125ml warm water

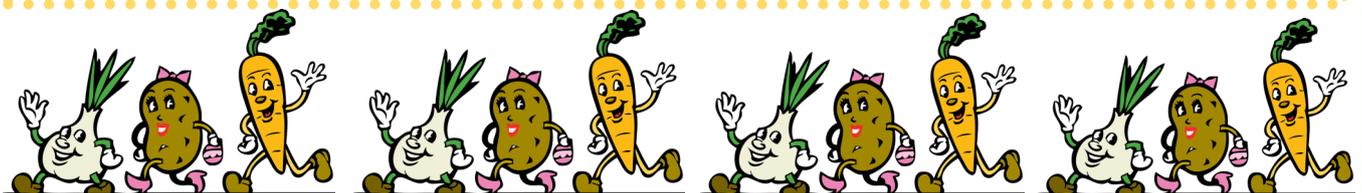
For the topping:

200g can chopped tomato, juice drained
handful cherry tomatoes, halved
1 large courgette, thinly sliced using a peeler
25g mozzarella, torn into pieces
1 tsp capers in brine, drained
8 green olives, roughly chopped
1 garlic clove, finely chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp chopped parsley, to serve



Method

- Mix the flours and yeast with a pinch of salt in a food processor fitted with a dough blade. Pour in the water and mix to a soft dough, then work for 1 min. Remove the dough and roll out on a lightly floured surface to a round about 30cm across. Lift onto an oiled baking sheet.
- Spread the canned tomatoes over the dough to within 2cm of the edges. Arrange the cherry tomatoes and courgettes over the top, then scatter with the mozzarella. Mix the capers, olives and garlic, then scatter over the top. Drizzle evenly with the oil. Leave to rise for 20 mins. Heat oven to 240C/ fan 220C/gas 9 or the highest setting.
- Bake the pizza for 10-12 mins until crisp and golden around the edges. Scatter with the parsley to 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 4th May 2023 19.00-20.00
- **[Supporting your Child's Self Esteem and Confidence – Secondary](#)**
Register now by clicking [here](#)

- Thursday 11th May 2023 19.00-20.00
- **[Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Confidence \(Primary\)](#)**
Register now by clicking [here](#)

- Thursday 6th 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 22nd June 2023 19.00-20.00 (A repeat of the webinar hosted on 23rd 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