



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2024 Week 6

Dear All

This week we have been promoting Children's Mental Health Week. This is such an important topic to share. The theme this year is: Your Voice Matters and we have been talking to the children about what matters to them. We will be purchasing new worry boxes for the classrooms and the PTA have kindly offered to pay for each class to have their own 'worry monster' which we hope they will benefit from. Please do take a look at the links attached to see how you can support your child at home with sharing their worries with you.



Thank you so much for supporting Number Day last Friday. You have kindly raised £193 for the NSPCC!

Year 5 have been engrossed in their Egyptian topic and have been learning about mummification and the embalming process. They had great delight in making their own mummies! Not only have Reception hosted a handwriting workshop for parents this week, they have been using their DT skills to create houses to finish our topic of Home Sweet Home. They have learnt how to open out boxes, turn them inside out and then re-join them using tape. They also cut out a door, printed on brick patterns then added a window showing every person we share our home with. A great demonstration of their collaborative skills.



Following your feedback, we have enhanced the driveway with new lighting to aid anyone collecting children in the evenings— I believe now we can now be referred to as the new Gatwick landing strip! We hope this helps.

We wish you a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th Feb.

Mrs Mace

Upcoming events

- 12th-16th February half term holiday
- 20th Feb Year 2 trip to Rural Life Victorian Museum
- 20th Feb & 22nd Feb—Reception parents consultations
- 4th –8th March—Book Week activities
- 7th March—The Jungle Book M&M theatre group in for World Book Day/ Dress Up Day
- 12th March Reception height and weights screening
- 18th & 19th March Year 3 Feet First Walking Training
- w/c 25th March—KS1 and KS2 parents consultations— more info to follow
- BREAK UP THURSDAY 28TH MARCH
- 12.00 ACORNS NURSERY
- 1.05 RECEPTION
- 1.00 KS1& KS2
- 4.00 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

DO YOU SOMETIMES WORRY ABOUT HOW YOU ARE FEELING? *If so, read on!*

Here are some brilliant tips from children just like you. These children have also had ups and downs with their mental health and want to pass on some ideas that have helped them:

- Ask for help – from a teacher, parent, brother, sister, or other family member. Keep telling until someone listens to you.
- Remember you are not alone – everyone goes through tough times.
- Be kind to yourself – everyone is perfect in their own way.
- Stay calm – take some breathers or find somewhere to sit quietly for 2 minutes.
- Go outside and get some exercise to make yourself feel stronger.
- Spend time with your family and friends (or pets).
- It's okay to not always be okay.
- Think of your favourite thing and write it down.
- Keep a diary to track all your emotions.
- Stay positive and focus on things that make you happy. If you can't think of anything, maybe a friend can help you.
- Remember you are enough, and you are the only you.
- If you are being bullied, maybe the bully is being bullied or has something going on at home and they're taking it out on someone else. Tell an adult or trusted friend.

DO YOU SOMETIMES FEEL A BIT WORRIED ABOUT HOW SOMEONE ELSE IS FEELING? *If so, read on!*

Things you can say to help support someone else:

- Do you want to be my friend?
- Do you want to play?
- I'm here for you.
- You're a star!
- Shall we tell an adult?
- Would you like me to find your friends?

With thanks to the pupils at Seascope Primary School and Ark Global Primary School. BEANO CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



This week, we have linked our learning around Chinese New Year. Our role play area has been transformed into a Chinese restaurant and the children have had fun taking on different roles such as a chef, waiter/waitress or customer. We also enjoyed making and eating our own version of healthy vegetable spring rolls at snack.

We have experimented in trying to write topical words and numbers in Chinese and we have also enjoyed dragon crafts and cutting activities.

The children really enjoyed a dragon themed assault course and after learning the history of how the Chinese calendar was created, we investigated which animal the children were linked to by the year they were born.



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.

Attendance

1st place:	98% - Kinney (3)
2nd place:	96.5% - Pullman (6)
3rd place:	95% - Dahl (4)
Whole school:	91%

Communication this week

9.2.24—Email to Reception for Parents Consultations

9.2.24— Email to whole school with RSE Policy

9.2.24—Email to whole school regarding School Fund



Dear All,

As you are aware, Bailey has not been at school for this half term. Whilst he has been off school, he has been working hard on his training, but sadly has not managed to reach the required pass standards. We know this is disappointing, but this was always a possibility with the success rate being small, but we can say he certainly gave it his all.

During this time away, Bailey has been enjoying his lie-ins so much (sometimes he has been known to take 6-hour naps!). With this in mind, rather than put him through it again, we have decided that he now needs to focus on being a family dog which he has got used, and we do not

Bailey has been such a big part of the school, and we know you will miss him dearly. We would like him to remain a positive experience for them so Bailey would love to become the children's virtual school dog, where they can write to him, share their feelings with him in a special Bailey box and see video footage of what he has been up to. We also have a life-sized cuddly toy Bailey now in school, who they can talk and cuddle, should they need too.



Upcoming PTA events

Friday 8 th March	From 7.30-9.00	Continental Breakfast with your special one	Tickets £5 per adult. 2 children free & £1 per
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Please can we remind all parents of children in Years 3 and 4 that they will need to be brought into school and not dropped off at the gate.



Children and Family Health Surrey has launched a new webpage to provide winter safety advice to families including tips about road crossing and being seen in the dark, cycling, playing in the snow and keeping warm.

The advice includes:

- Remind older children to put away their phones and take out any earphones when crossing roads.
- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet and if you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too. It is a legal requirement to have lights and reflectors on bikes when you are out between sunset and sunrise.
- When sledging in the snow choose a slope that is not too steep, make sure it is free of obstacles and does not end near a road, body of water or solid objects such as trees, fences and walls.
- Babies lose heat through their heads so remove hats or hoods when indoors, in a shopping centre or in a car, and remove all outdoor clothing when indoors to avoid overheating.

Visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#) to find out more.

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

P2/P

Bring **WATER** every day!

Plugging top 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 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.

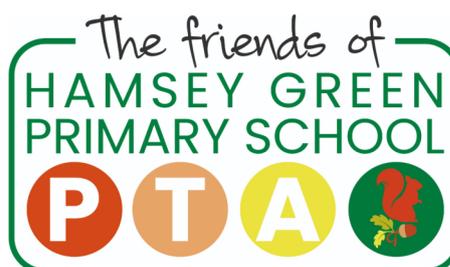
Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!

FOR CHARITY



THANKS
for your
DONATIONS

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



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.

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