



Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Week 4



Dear All

Year 2 were HOT off the press last week but unfortunately missed In A Nutshell! They had a great time making their 1666 houses and constructed the City of London - and burnt it! The children learnt about fire breaks and their effectiveness in slowing the fire down. What an exciting way to learn about their topic of The Great Fire of London!

This week we have been focusing on our nurturing value with the Big Green Week. Miss Cole has been encouraging them to embrace nature. We know our children love to look after their environment and the animals within it, especially their flower beds. This tied well with the money you have helped raise with the sponsored bounce, as some of it will go towards outdoor equipment.

Watching the children bounce was great fun! They were so competitive! The children demonstrated their collaboration by cheering on each other and each bouncer had their own unique jumping style. I even spotted a few members of staff having a sneaky go too!

All clubs commenced this week too. We hope the children enjoyed their first session— from board games to lego— to so many sports, art and music— our children are so lucky to have so much on offer. Bailey and I had the pleasure of covering the Year 3 and 4 football club this week, which was a nice surprise. He demonstrated quick paws and tackled many of them!

Our final Curriculum evening was on Thursday night for Reception and it was lovely to see so many parents/carers join us in their first event. Thank you for your support.

Finally, thank you for the support you have given to our Macmillan coffee morning/afternoon. We know that this charity has supported many of our community and your donations are all greatly received. I will let you know how much we raised next week!

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Mrs Mace



## Bailey's Blog

This week I have been quite quiet as I think I have come down with a bit of sneezy cold! I have done more sleeping than normal too— apart from on Wednesday when I saw this really exciting bouncy castle in the hall! I was sad to read that the sign said no dogs allowed on it... it looked so inviting for a little chew! So I didn't get to play on it and all I could hear was the bouncy-bouncy noise of 325 children which kept me awake so I did quiet a few 'therapy walks' on the field!

I also helped out in Year 3/4 football club... my dribbling skills were amazing and I surprised them with my teklers— they had to pass the ball to each other before I tackled them— great fun! I am looking forward to reading early next week with Said and Murphy classes for their Lexia reward... and maybe earn myself a little bit of cake crumbs if I am lucky!

## Upcoming events **OCTOBER**

**Friday 29th September 2-3pm Macmillan Coffee small dining hall**

**Friday 6th October 2pm Read with Grandparent (book on Arbor)**

**Monday 9th October 3:15-6pm Parents Evening**

**Wednesday 11th October Harvest Festival**

**Thursday 12th October 3:15-6pm Parents Evening**

**Friday 13th October 2:50-4:00pm Autumn event Rec**

**Friday 13th October 4:30-6:00pm Autumn disco Yrs 1-6**

**Monday 16th October—Friday 27th October Half Term**





This week, we have used our amazing outdoor space with lots of outdoor play experiences within the different areas. The children also had fun going on a 'leaf hunt' by walking through the grounds to find a leaf match. Naturally, the walk couldn't end without throwing the leaves in the air which the children delighted in! We continued this learning by using these natural resources to create our own tree pictures.

We also transformed the hut into a soft play space for the morning which the children really enjoyed.

During a focused snack session, the children made healthy 'face' crackers to eat and have practised their cutting skills through a healthy eating craft activity.

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](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 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:	-	Dahl (4) - 98%
2nd place:	-	Butterworth [R] - 97.83%
3rd place:	-	Dodd (1) - 95.86%
Whole School:	-	93.31%

### Communication this week

- PTA letter via email
- Yr 5 Lantern letter
- Whole school and Reception Autumn event letters (separate)



### SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

Tinned meat and fish  
Jams and spreads  
Couscous and noodles  
Sponge puddings or jellies  
Tinned spaghetti or beans  
Tinned soup  
Soap and shampoo  
Small jars of coffee  
Large nappies (size 4 up)

### Harvest Festival—Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

This year we are continuing to support Caterham Foodbank who do an incredible job to help people in our local area; last year, giving out 3388 three-day emergency food supplies! Whilst we understand this is a big ask, if you are able to, any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any unopened, in date, non-perishable food items and unused toiletries to the classrooms from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please find a list below of the 'most needed' items. Thank you for your continued support!



### **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.



### **Travelling Book Fair—during the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.**

The Book Fair will be available after school in the small dining hall from 3.05pm-3.30pm each day and outside Mrs Mace's office during the parent consultations.

The Travelling Book offers a range of books for all ages, from £2.99. Every purchase earns the school rewards that can be spent on books to enhance the library and promote reading for pleasure.

Further information has been attached to the email with this newsletter (with examples of books that can be purchased).

This is a cashless fair. The QR code will be on display for making payment. Books will be displayed for you to browse. Books purchased (with confirmation) will be available to collect from the book fair.

Many thanks for your support. Miss Chatfield

### 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)

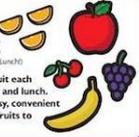
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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 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](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.

**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