



Hamsey Green
Primary School

Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 6



Dear All

We have finally made it to the end of this half term! We have been marking both Internet Safety Week and Children's Mental Health Week over the last five days. Learning how to keep ourselves safe is vital for all of us to know. This year, the theme of Children's Mental Health was 'Let's Connect'. We have discussed

the importance of making meaningful connections for all, not just for Children's Mental Health Week but beyond. As you well know, people thrive in communities and this connection is vital for our wellbeing.



We have shared Place To Be's advice, that 'when we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. So, for Children's Mental Health Week 2023, they're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. This linked so well to Internet Safety Day, as making connections online, as we learnt last week that their theme was 'Want to talk

about it? Making space for conversations about life online,' develops their understanding connecting in a digital world. Please click this link for parent/carers top tips to help your child (aged 3 years old and up) <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Connectivity and mental health oozed on Thursday when the classes met with their buddy class to read and talk. This is one of the most rewarding times and enables out pupils to use their nurturing value.



Bailey's Blog

It has been so lovely seeing you all in the mornings and after school. A couple of times I have been asleep so have not made it out! I am now walking well on the lead so I went to visit classes to see how well they are learning. I have even found a couple of sun spots looking out on the fields which I have a lie down on!

The children have been reminded they can bring in a change of footwear as I am enjoying the grub/mud off the floor!

I will be 11 weeks at the weekend and during the holiday I will have my second vaccination. This means I can go on grass and meet other furry friends!

Year 6 were connecting with the road!! They did amazingly well and achieved their Bikeability Award—this means they can ride on the road with confidence!

We would also like to wish Mrs Shapland all the best as she leaves us today after many years of her dedicated service. We all said goodbye to her in assembly this morning and we are sad to see her go.

Wishing you all a lovely, safe half term
Mrs Mace

**INTERNET
SAFETY DAY**



Upcoming events

13th-17th February—Half term

2nd March—World Book Day -dress up

13th March—Inset Day

17th April—Inset Day



This week, we have been looking at the story of Goldilocks and the three bears; the children read the story in forest school and went on a hunt for the bears!

We have re-created the story in the small world area using our spoon puppets and using key phrases from the story.

We made our own porridge, which we enjoyed for snack time, wrote a recipe using talk for writing and have learnt a new song about Goldilocks!



We have just been informed that Hamsey Green raised a fantastic £532.08p through the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion. They are always so grateful for our support. Thank you!

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.



Communication this week

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Attendance

1st place: Kinney (3) - 99.4%

Joint 2nd place: Butterworth/Donaldson (1) - 97.9%

Whole School: 94.1%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Mutter**—to say something quietly or under one's breath

(KS2 Lower) - **Assert**—to state a belief or opinion confidently

(KS2 Upper) - **Asseverate**—to declare in a serious or solemn manner

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.

School Dinners

If you have booked a school dinner and then send in a packed lunch for your child/ren. Please can you advise the office that you no longer require it. Thank you.

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.

Parking

We have been made aware that some of our families have recently received penalty notices for parking outside the

school. Penalty notices are issued by the Council and we are unfortunately unable to comment or advise on this issue.

The zig zag lines are marked clearly as are the times where parking is not allowed on these markings. **Please park**

considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. We have had some complaints recently, of

inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times for school and other activities. Some of our nursery parents have also noted parking issues, making it difficult when walking with their young children. We do have slightly staggered

starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



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

P21P

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"

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

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

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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!

Recycle  Charity



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 wish-list. 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.

*** Price and Buckland have announced there will be slight price increase from 1st April * - please consider if you need any new uniform items before this price increase.**

HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

One-Pan Egg and Veg Brunch

Ingredients

- 300g baby new potatoes, halved
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tbsp rapeseed oil
- 1 knob of butter
- 1 courgette, cut into small chunks
- 1 yellow pepper, cut into small chunks
- 1 red pepper, cut into small chunks
- 2 spring onions, finely sliced
- 1 garlic clove, crushed
- 1 sprig thyme
- 4 eggs
- Toast to serve



STEP 1

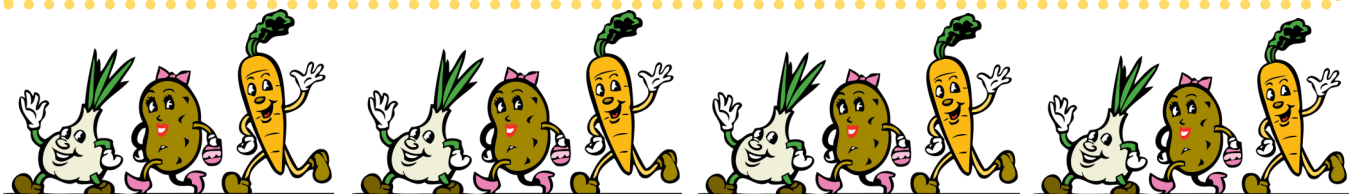
- Boil the new potatoes for 8 mins, then drain.

STEP 2

- Heat the oil and butter in a large [non-stick frying pan](#), then add the courgette, peppers, potatoes and a little salt and pepper. Cook for 10 mins, stirring from time to time until everything is starting to brown. Add the spring onions, garlic and thyme and cook for 2 mins more.

STEP 3

- Make four spaces in the pan and crack in the eggs. Cover with foil or a lid and cook for around 4 mins, or until the eggs are cooked (with the yolks soft for dipping into). Sprinkle with more thyme leaves and ground black pepper if you like. Serve with toast.



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.

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