



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 2

Dear All

Well this was a cold week! Hopefully the new flowers and bushes that we have planted have survived the frosty starts. If you haven't had a chance to see the new floral entrance, please pop past the main office! We are slowly making our way around all of the flower beds, so if you do have any spare shrubs, plants or seeds, we would appreciate any donations. A big thank you this week to a parent who's office was having a refurbishment and has donated a massive TV screen to us. This will be used in our intervention rooms. Also a big thank you to for the tropical fish we also received from a parent, they have settled in very well in the tank!

On Tuesday, the children who attend Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs and Scouts proudly wore their uniforms into school for St George's Day. They looked amazing!

At the end of last week, Reception were very excited to learn how to play with the new playground equipment purchased for them. They also demonstrated impeccable behaviour on the first school trip out! They had a fabulous trip to Gatton Park engaging in a range of different games and activities centred around The very Hungry Caterpillar story... and just being in the mud! Even the weather was kind to them, so they were able to sit on the lawn, overlooking the lake for our picnic lunch.

Next week is Maths Week— can you challenge your child to find as much maths in the home and garden?— what numbers/ measures are the bottles in the bathroom? Baking for weighing, looking at number plates/signs, fractions— asking them to share equally in amounts? Numbers of petals on different plants— maths is everywhere!

In Year 3 we have been busy using spray paints to create hand art inspired by the Cave of Hands in Santa Cruz, Argentina.

On Thursday, Mr Chew was in fine form hosting some of our Trust Year 5's in the Royal Institute Maths Master Class at Hamsey Green, to celebrate maths and learning about Magic Squares!

Finally, well done to the Netball Team for winning their match on Wednesday and the Year 4 boys for winning one of theirs too! Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace

Upcoming SUMMER TERM Events

1st May—HGT auditions in school

2nd May— Caterham School Planetarium visiting Year 5

6th May— BANK HOLIDAY

9th May—Year 5 to Hampton Court

10th May— PTA bottle donation mufti CANCELLED AS NOT REQUIRED

13th –17th May—Year 6 SATS

13th –17th May— Year 5 to Whitgift Primary Project

13th May—5pm KS2 Camp Night Information meeting

17th May—PTA chocolate donation mufti CANCELLED AS NOT REQUIRED

23rd May—Karen's Pets and Ponies at Acorns Nursery

23rd May— Year 1 trip to Bodiam Castle

24th May— 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—3PM SCHOOL FAIR

24th May—BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM





This week, we have focused our minibeast topic on insects that "flutter and fly!"

The children have enjoyed creating an assortment of insects using different mediums in the art area, such as lollipop dragon flies and butterfly painting.

We were really excited about a delivery of caterpillars to the nursery. The children have enjoyed looking at them closeup and we will be following their life cycle over the next few weeks.

We also celebrated St George's Day on Tuesday with a story and several flag and shield making activities.

On our interest table, there has been much excitement now that several of our tadpoles have started to grow their back legs. This has prompted a lot of discussions amongst the children.

We also held a very successful parent evening this week at nursery. It was lovely for staff to share the children's development and progress with the parents.



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, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, 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:	Inkpen [R] - 97.69%
2nd place:	Rowling (3) - 96.67%
3rd place:	Donaldson (1) - 96.43%
Whole school:	95.17%

Communication this week

22.04.2024—Email to whole school St Georges Day—uniformed organisations

24.04.2024—Email to Year 5 re Whitgift Primary Project





Hamsey's Got Talent



The annual Hamsey's Got Talent Auditions are on Wednesday 1st May. Some children may want to audition and showcase their talent. The final will be held in front of Reception to Year 6 so they will need the confidence to perform in front of a large crowd too. The winners will need to be available to perform at our 75th birthday celebration on 24th May 2024 at 4pm. Each audition will be a maximum of 1 minute long and the children are encouraged to bring in any props, costumes and music that they may require. Class teachers have the sign up sheets. Good luck to them all!

Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you inform the office and not the class teacher. The office maintains the registers for all clubs and need to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance. Thank you.



Children should not be using their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, please go through the main playground area to enter or leave the school premises. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking



We have been made aware of some inconsiderate parking and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park considerably around the neighbouring properties to the school. According to the Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution.** Thank you for your assistance.

We're delighted you have chosen to share the ticket promotion with your students' families.

It's the showpiece event in the British Basketball calendar, and you can be part of the 16,000 crowd in the spectacular surroundings of **The O2, London** to enjoy this fast-paced double bill of the two top teams from the Men's and Women's leagues as they battle it out to become the last team's standing in the 2023/24 season.

Taking place on **Sunday 19th May 2024**, the day includes live action from some of the best ballers in the country as well as enjoying world-class entertainment courtside.

Book your £10 tickets here:

<https://shopbritishbasketball.com/products/playoffprimary>

To add tickets, click Add to Cart, then you can increase your ticket request to the desired numbers.



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

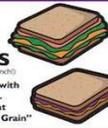
P2iP

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



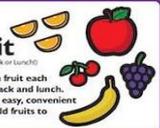
Whole Grains

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



Fruit

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



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.

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. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

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

FOR CHARITY



£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

£193 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

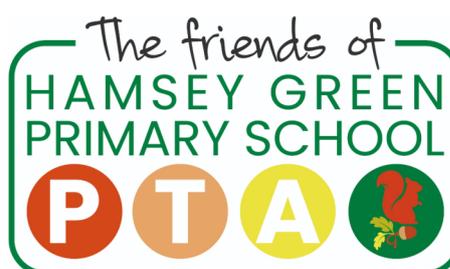
£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

THANKS
for your



DONATIONS



£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event

£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards, cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

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. **From 1st September 2024 the amount will be increasing to £80.00 and rising to £180.00 if not paid within 21 days. Any absences taken after the 2024 May half term may incur this higher penalty fee next academic year.**

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