



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 12

Dear All

Well, we have finally made it to the end of the Spring Term! We had ended in an EGGCELLENT way with a fun packed week!



On Wednesday, both Acorns and the Primary children had a fantastic assembly presented by one of our prefects, Lilly. Lilly and her mum brought in 2 week old quails that they have hatched! We learnt about the life cycle of the quail, about the species, how to look after them and what they eat. Did you know that tweets identify if they are male or female? We listened very carefully and heard the different sounds! Mr Chew was very brave and held one too.



On Thursday, we drew the Easter Raffle, kindly sponsored by Paul Meakin our PTA sponsors and our PTA. We also judged 'the best dressed egg' competition—the standard was AMAZING!! A big thank

you to you all for sponsoring these events. This morning, we tested

to see which egg rolled the furthest! The furthest rolled 8.8m! Congratulations to all the children who won Easter eggs and chocolatey nibbles!

(We also hope you enjoyed the doughnut sale!)



Year 3 have ended their week, proudly representing Hamsey at Warlingham Library and Church. They were beautifully behaved.



It has been lovely seeing you all at our parents' consultations this week too. I hope you found it informative and how you can help us support your children reach their targets.



Wishing you a lovely Easter break

Mrs Mace



Bailey's Blog

I've been a bit of a lazy hound this week to say the least and have had some VERY long naps! I assume it is because I possibly am going through a growth spurt, I am confused with the clocks oing forward or because I have become obsessed with doing 'zoomies!' too late at night. I have also overcome my worries and am loving my walks now outside of school as well as on lunchtime duty. I hope to be more energetic next term!

Love Bailey

Upcoming events

31st March—Surfers Club ends at 4:00pm

17th April—Inset Day

17th April—Primary school outcomes

18th April—Start of Summer term

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

7th July—Camp out



This week we have been learning about being healthy. We have learnt about foods that are healthy and foods that we only eat as a treat. We have spoken about oral hygiene and the things we can do to keep our teeth healthy, including brushing well and visiting the dentist.

We also had a very exciting visit from Hamsey Green school on Wednesday when a student came to show us her quails, the children were all very excited to see them and asked lots of questions.



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.



PARENT SURVEY

If you haven't already done so, please can you complete our parent survey, thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/e/zS21DgBHVZ>

Summer Coronation Fair dates:

Friday 21st April—Wear wacky socks for chocolate donation

Friday 28th April—Wear trainers for bottle donation

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



Early Years outdoor area redevelopment

Do you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate?

Tyres	Wooden trellis	Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades
Large cable reels	Wooden pallets	Old road signs/number plates
Packets of	compost	

Please let us know via the Office if you have any of the larger items so that we can arrange a suitable day for delivery.

Attendance

1st place:	97.8% Rosen (4)
2nd place:	96.9% Kinney (3)
3rd place:	96.7% Pullman (6)
Whole School:	92.3%

Communication this week

- Whole school letter re Maths Week
- Yrs 1 & 2 Crystal Palace letter

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Shrugged**—to raise and lower your shoulders quickly as a sign of not being certain about something

(KS2 Lower) - **Indecisive**—not able to make quick and clear decisions

(KS2 Upper) - **Ambivalent**—to have mixed feelings about someone or something

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://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130697?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Strep A/Scarlet fever.

<https://surreyeducationservices.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.

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

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"

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

(Great for Snack or Lunch!)

Whole grain bread

Crackers

Pretzels

Dried fruits

Sweet treats

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HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

No Bake Easter Egg Fruit Tarts

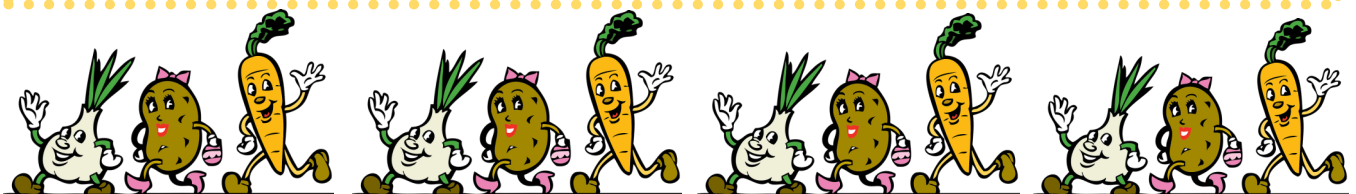
Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cup oats, dry
- 3/4 cup Greek yogurt, vanilla
- 3/4 cup strawberries
- 3/4 cup blueberries
- 1 medium banana
- 3/4 cup grapes, green



Method

- In a microwave safe bowl, add butter, honey, vanilla and salt. Microwave for 20 seconds, then stir until smooth.
- Take 1 cup of the oats and place in a blender. Blend until the oats are finely chopped and resembles flour. Set aside.
- Add the other cup of oats to the almond butter mixture and stir. Slowly add in a little of your homemade oat flour at a time until you get a mixture that you can form into a crust. Depending on your brand almond butter the amount of flour may vary.
- Take small amounts of the mixture and form Easter egg shaped disks. Place onto parchment paper or foil for easy clean up.
- Once all the Easter eggs are formed, spread on a layer of greek yogurt. Top with sliced fruit to make your designs and enjoy!



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