



Acorns  
Nursery

Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 1



Dear All

**WELCOME TO SUMMER TERM 2023** and what a fun packed week we returned with. I hope you all had a relaxing, lovely holiday?

Everything seemed to have been on this week. We have had an exciting maths week and the children have putting their problem solving skills to the test! Mr Boffa has been setting them daily puzzles to complete in the chance of winning some chocolate! We have had many entries! It was lovely to see so many of you for the Maths games afternoon too! We hope you enjoyed playing the board games, target practice or maths games with your child.



Today, the children were imaginatively dressed in many outfits with a number theme! And to top off their outfits they were wearing wacky socks in exchange for bringing chocolate in for the Coronation Fair!

Please see page 2 for our flier. Thank you so much for your donations. Not long now until the Fair!! We wish any of you that may be celebrating St George's Day on Sunday a good day!



Next week, the children are auditioning for Hamsey's Got Talent! They have been very brave signing up and the Head Pupils are looking forward to seeing what amazing talents we have at school!



There is no set day for the auditions, we will call them throughout the week depending on the number of children.

We have vacancies for Midday Supervisors to start ASAP as well as still being desperately in need of a Patrol Crossing Person. Please see the school website for details. Inkpen and Butterworth have also sent out a plea for some items— please see page 2.



Wishing you a dry weekend!

Mrs Mace

## Bailey's Blog

I have loved being back at school following my holidays! I have really missed the children's cuddles and smiles. Over the holiday, not only have I had a massive growth spurt to make me longer, I have met lots of new doggy friends and I have been so good with my training, I am allowed off the lead when I am walking in a park!! A big step to independence! I am looking forward to auditioning for HGT too.... and I am really pleased with myself. I have realised that if I have a talent for chewing my toys until the stuffing and squeakers come out and there is mess everywhere... Somehow my mummy is not so impressed with this!

## Upcoming events

25th April—Year 3 trip

1st May—Bank Holiday

3rd May—Year 1 trip

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

8th May—Bank Holiday

7th July—Camp out



This week we have taken part in maths week with lots of number focussed activities!

We have played number bingo in groups and also have explored number matching in the garden driving the cars into the matching numbered parking space.

We have been throwing beanbags onto numbered mats, predicting and identifying different numbers as we played and also tried out hopscotch in the playground.



**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.**

Arbor

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.



### 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 seeds	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.



### Summer Coronation Fair dates:

**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!



### Attendance

<b>1st place:</b>	<b>Pullman (6) - 97.62%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Butterworth [R] - 95.56%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>Rowling (4) - 94.93%</b>
<b>Whole School:</b>	<b>93.04%</b>

### Communication this week

- Summer term club letter/timetable

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Shuffled**—to walk by dragging your feet and not lifting them from the ground

(KS2 Lower) - **Meandered**—to wander at random with no real purpose

(KS2 Upper) - **Sashayed**—to walk in a casual manner, emphasising the movement of the hips and shoulders

### **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.

### **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 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 considerably 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)

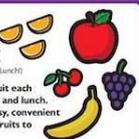
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

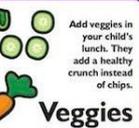
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.



### Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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 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.



### 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.

## HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Pitta Pocket

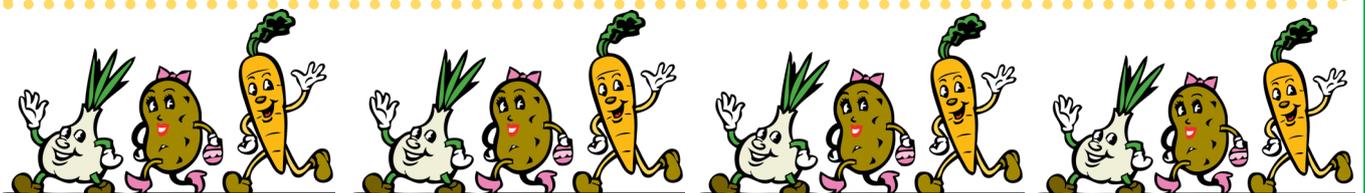
#### Ingredients

- $\frac{1}{2}$  wholemeal pitta bread
- 25g cooked skinless chicken breast
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cucumber, cut into chunks
- 4 cherry tomatoes, halved



#### Method

- Toast the pitta bread and slice on side of it open to create the pocket.
- Fill the pitta with the cooked chicken breast tomatoes and cucumber.



**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