



Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Hamsey Green
Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 7

Dear All

The summer weather is finally upon us for our first week back... even though it has taken until lunchtime each day to appear! The children have been able to enjoy their summer uniforms at last and explore the wonders of the field at lunchtime, much to their delight!



This week, we have celebrated Children's Art Week! The children have been learning that art is much more than just learning about traditional techniques or artists and celebrate how art contributes to their daily lives such as interior designs, illustrations, fashion and photograph. They also have had a whole school collaborative theme 'Connecting Across Generations.' All the children have designed a square tile of what it feels like to be a child at Hamsey Green which were absolutely fantastic! We shared together what we had learned and enjoyed the mass of colour in Assembly together.

As part of art week, I was particularly impressed with designing using waterproof materials in Year 6. They have been studying Viking longboats and they launched them in the school pond!! I wonder if they saw the goldfish which are apparently breeding in there??

We have had great excitement in the playground too- not just because the old trim trail has finally come down and they can have more tarmac to play on but a swarm of bees have made a nest in one of the bushes so please beware and stay away from the taped off area.

Year 4 were involved in a photoshoot for Waringham secondary students who came to teach them parachute games and which was also great fun!

Thank you to all who came to the final parent forum of the year. There were some great suggestions, comments and questions to check. 1) Even if there was no initial interest for camp night, you may still be able to attend. Please pop into the office to enquire. (You will have to provide a tent at this late stage). 2) Did you know the school hall is available for hire? Please pop into the office any morning to ask for details.



Wishing you a lovely warm weekend

Mrs Mace



Upcoming events

19th-21st June—Year 6 residential

20th June—Year 6 trip for those not attending the residential

21st June—Year 5 assembly 9:00am

22nd June—Year 1 assembly 9:00am

22ND June— Year 5s who have signed up to go to Riddlesdown STEM day

28th June—Year 2 assembly 9:00am

29th June—Year 4 assembly 2:00pm

30th June—INSET DAY

5th July—Reception assembly 2:00pm (Nursery children who are starting school to watch)

3rd & 6th July District Sports (selected children)

6th July—Year 3 assembly 9.00am

7th July—Camp out

13th July—Sports Day Nursery 9am Rec 9-10.15, KS1 10.30-12, KS2 1.15-2.45 BACK FIELD MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

17th July 6pm Year 6 Leavers Show (Year 6 parents invited)

21st July 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly (yr6)

Bailey's Blog

I have found this week quite tricky getting up for school and I have hidden in my bed to try and stay there. My challenge has been that I have got used to being at home and that I particularly enjoy a sun spot to sleep on so I would like to spend my day sunbathing! So, I have only completed half a week at school enjoying seeing all the children on the field helping out cover lunchtime duty but when I have been at home I have continued with my on-line training so I pass my pre-level assessment. So far my success criteria is to be able to sit, wait, stay and walk to heel on command with a loose lead and move in and out of cones. I can do all of these... although I am quite stubborn and if I choose to root myself to the spot, only bribing me with a treat helps. I also still am trying to master 'lie down' as I would rather not! Hopefully, I will have completed by home-learning by the summer holiday which means I can start by Bronze Level award. I need get this and Silver to be assessed properly as a therapy dog and be awarded a special coat when I am 18 months old!





This week we have been superhero's at Acorns! We had a superhero headquarters in the role play, including a phone for calling the superhero hot line for help in an emergency.

We have enjoyed superhero play in the small world and also have explored superhero dress up too.

We have introduced the story of Supertato and we have made our own superhero pictures as well as our own pictures of Supertato and the evil pea!

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.

Attendance

1st place:	McKee (2) - 100%
2nd place:	Murphy (2) - 98.56%
3rd place:	Rowling (4) - 96.2%
Whole School:	92.9%

Communication this week

- Email to Year 6 re residential presentation
- Email to Year 6 re costume letter (Friday)
- Email for Reception to Year 6 regarding Breakfast and After School Club.

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Odd**—different to what is usual

(KS2 Lower) - **Anomaly**—something that is very different to what is expected

(KS2 Upper) - **Aberrant**—to be different from the expected standard

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.



Please find below details of upcoming Eikon charity parent webinars. These are free for all parents and carers in Surrey. Details can also be found on our website [Parent Webinars - The Eikon Charity](#)

Future webinars currently open for registration are the following:

- Thursday 22nd June 2023 19.00-20.00 (A repeat of the webinar hosted on 23rd March)
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#)
Register now by clicking [here](#)

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!

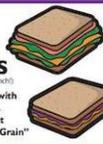
Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



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.



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

Healthy Banana Bread

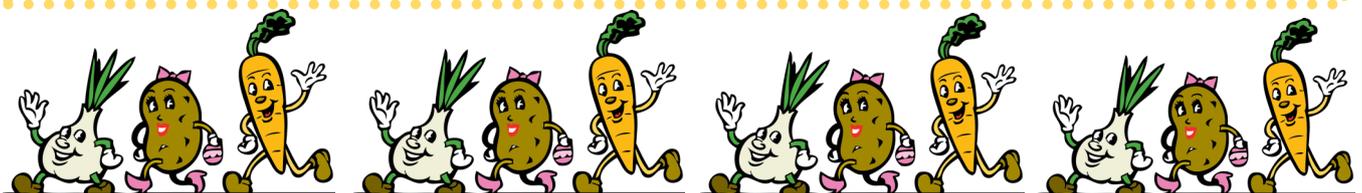
Ingredients

low-fat spread, for the tin, plus extra to serve
140g wholemeal flour
100g self-raising flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 tsp baking powder
300g mashed banana from overripe black bananas
4 tbsp agave syrup
3 large eggs, beaten with a fork
150ml pot low-fat natural yogurt



Method

- Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin with baking parchment (allow it to come 2cm above top of tin). Mix the flours, bicarb, baking powder and a pinch of salt in a large bowl.
- Mix the bananas, syrup, eggs and yogurt. Quickly stir into dry ingredients, then gently scrape into the tin and scatter with nuts. Bake for 1 hr 10 mins-1 hr 15 mins or until a skewer comes out clean.
- Cool in tin on a wire rack. Eat warm or at room temperature, with low-fat spread.



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