



Acorns Nursery

Hamsey Green Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 13

Dear All

As always the last week of term is fun filled! On

Monday, we were AMAZED by the Year 6s production of I'm A Year 6 Get Me Out of Here! The comic timing, singing and acting was phenomenal—not to mention the amount of words they had to say. We were excited to have the children who are coming up from Acorns to Reception in the afternoon too— it was lovely to see how settled in they were already.



On Wednesday, our next Rock Steady group performed to the whole school— they raised the roof with their musical talents! What a lot they have learnt in such a short space of time and it was great to see how their confidence has developed. I am certainly not brave enough to sing to a whole hall!!! We also hosted our end of year Summer Festival. The children had a great time, with so many activities to choose from— including soak the teacher... what great sports Mr Bianco, Mr Chew and Mr Carroll were... and it was very, very, very brave of Mr Bianco to soak Mrs Smith at the end!!! A big thank you from the PTA as the money raised from the tuck shop will be used to purchase a casing for our new defibrillator which will be based at the Primary.



On Thursday we held our attendance assembly. Congratulations to the children who have achieved 100% attendance since Sept. Today, we also had our Year 6 Leaver's Assembly. There were many happy memories shared and not many dry eyes left in the hall. We wish them all the best in Secondary school and am sure they will take our motto 'together we learn for life' with them.



A big thank you to our parents and carers who have supported the amazing team we have here at Hamsey and Acorns and for the kind words and gifts. We wish all the staff who are leaving us, the best of luck and look

forward to welcoming our new staff.

Wishing you all a lovely, safe summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 4th September 8.30am!

Mrs Mace



## YEAR 6 AWARDS 2023

<b>Highest Attendance</b>	Isla & Archy	<b>English Award</b>	Niamh & Isabelle J
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	Scarlett-Rose	<b>Maths Award</b>	Rian & Elena
<b>Sports Award</b>	Sonny, Archy, Karolina & Connor	<b>Achievement Award</b>	Ilaria
<b>Science Award</b>	Bella	<b>Music and Drama</b>	Ruby, David & Jaecey
<b>Effort Award</b>	Blake	<b>Good to be Green</b>	Jacob, Lyra, Oscar & Anastasiia
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Charlie & Sam		

## Bailey's Blog

Dear All

This week I have spent time with many children on the field - trying to keep them fit by running rounds lots and lots! I have also been with all of Year 6, ensuring both the children and I have lots of snuggles before they left school. I shall miss them dearly. Wishing you all a lovely summer— think of me as I will be undertaking more training!!

## Upcoming events

**4TH SEPT: All pupils return to school/nursery**



This year's winning team is DIAMOND!!



A massive thank you to Bouncy Boss who have provided the bouncy castles and soft play to Acorns today!!! Very much appreciated and a great time had by

In our final week at Acorns, we have encouraged the children to explore their creative skills around the mini topic of "Fairies and Elves" through imaginative storytelling, small world play and creative tasks.

The children have made fairies with the playdough, they have made stick fairy puppets and they have used natural garden resources to "dress" a fairy as well as building a variety of homes using different small world and construction resources. We also enjoyed a visit to our forest school area where the children made a home for their very own Fairy!

As this is our last post for the summer, we hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break and we would like to wish our school leavers well as they transition to their new schools in September.

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



### Broom handles!

If you have any old broom handles, please can you bring them to the school office. Thank you!



## Attendance

<b>1st place:</b>	-	<b>1 Donaldson 98.57%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	-	<b>2 Murphy 94.38%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	-	<b>3 Kinney 94.3%</b>
<b>Whole School:</b>	-	<b>89.2%</b>

## Communication this week

- Email regarding Breakfast & After School Club booking procedure
- Email from the PTA
- Email regarding Camp4Champs

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - Depart, verb—to exit or leave. We depart for our new classes today!

(KS2 Lower) - Transcend, verb—to move on beyond the normal limits. They transcended all previous achievements.

(KS2 Upper) - Graduate, verb—to complete a course of study. Our Year 6s graduated today and we are so proud of each and every single one of them!

### **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](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 may be off school for 48 hours following the last episode, each case is dealt with separately.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### 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



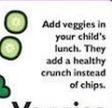
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

### 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 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.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl\\_share](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.

# Class of 2023

Starting school in 2016, full of hope and cheer,  
Moving on in '23, the King's coronation year.

What a long journey we've had together!

Learning, laughing and growing,  
But now it's all change, a new challenge,  
It's off to high school you're going!

The past few years with the pandemic have  
sometimes been quite tough,  
With staying at home, missing friends and all the online stuff.

Despite it all, you've been more resilient than we had ever hoped,  
You've shown that, "You've got this!" so we know how well you'll cope.

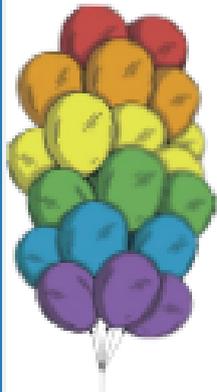
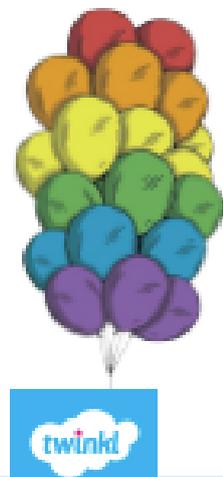
September will bring changes: new faces, new classrooms, a new start,  
But have confidence in all you've achieved so far – take heart!

Hold on to all the memories; trips and fun lessons we've shared,  
Remember your friends, your teachers and all school staff  
who've cared.

Recall times table facts, sentence types, what you've learned in SPaG,  
Keep in mind your listening skills, you've got this in the bag!

But mostly remember how much you are valued – you're superstars,  
can't you see?

We'll never forget the fabulous Class of 2023!



The School Nursing Team

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school nursing service are running three online sessions on school readiness in September 2023 for parents of reception and year 1 children. The sessions will cover toileting, sleep routines and healthy lifestyles.

These sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 2.00 – 2.45pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: 09:30 – 10:15am**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: 4.00 – 4.45pm**

If you would like to join, please email this address [csh.schoolnurseadminneq@nhs.net](mailto:csh.schoolnurseadminneq@nhs.net) with the following information.

Name of School.

The date you would like to attend.

Once you have emailed our team, you will then receive a Microsoft Teams link to log on to the session near the time.

**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