



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 5

Dear All,

This week, school has been busy, especially today. We celebrated Number Day and the children were really excited to participate in the 'addition hunt' around the playground looking for hidden numbered cones! Sounds simple but each colour of cone represented a different number— with the winners being the ones with the highest number once the cones were collected up. Needless to say, the motivation was not just who achieved the highest number but the chocolatey treat! The Maths theme tied in with some of our Year 5 and 6s' who were out and about at a maths master Class at St Francis school. As always, our children represented the school proudly with excellent learning and manners.



We have also had our Fantastic Fred workshop in association with the NHS. It is a specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience for primary aged children

through simple, memorable and practical ways so that young children can look after their mental health and help them understand the link between our physical and mental health which is so important in our current times. They thoroughly enjoyed their sessions so please do ask them what strategies they have learnt.

Also visiting Year 1 to support their superhero topic again were the paramedics!

Delivering an interactive session, the children learnt how important their role is to us all— something I am sure we all appreciate.

Next week is our last before half term. We also say farewell to Mrs Shapland, who has dedicated 21 years to Hamsey Green. We thank her for her service supporting hundreds of children over

lunchtime as well as keeping our families safe when crossing the road as our lollipop lady. We wish her well in her retirement.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace



Bailey's Blog

What a week I have had! I am loving seeing you all in the playground at the start and end of the day. It has been a little windy and cold so I feel safe snuggled in my mummy's fleece where I can bury my head. I have to admit the fresh air is certainly making me sleep! On Thursday I got to meet the Nursery children who sat beautifully and watched me chew one of their sticks from their 3 little pigs small world. I am learning to walk on my lead and have realised that when my harness comes out— I can explore the classrooms and see what crumbs I can find!

Upcoming events

13th-17th February—Half term

2nd March—World Book Day -dress up

13th March—Inset Day (confirmed)

17th April—Inset Day (newly added)

3rd February—Fantastic Fred has been!

<https://vimeo.com/493772413/76bbbc47ca>



This week we have been focussing our learning on the story of the 3 little pigs. We have had a variety of story based art and craft activities, we have retold the story using props in the tray and also using sequencing cards. We have experimented with a hair dryer to huff and puff just like the wolf and see if we can blow down different houses; and we have also been counting and sequencing pigs in the maths areas. Our role play areas were transformed into a building site and we have been very busy builders!

We also had our very first visit from Bailey the puppy, we all loved meeting him!

Active Surrey will be running a free 'Help your child be their best' workshop in conjunction with YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team, giving tips on how parents can help their children reach their potential physically and mentally. Parents will learn about the Tree of Wellbeing and the links to activity, nutrition, hydration and sleep.

Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/116178?source=Newsletter&guid=E3E32158-D2F8-4461-8976-337991860A0C>



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.



Communication this week

- Inset day letter
- Years 3-6 expression of interest letter for camping

Attendance

1st place:	Rosen (4) 98.7%
2nd place:	Kinney (3) 97.6%
Joint 3rd place:	McKee (2)/Rowling (4) 96.2%
Whole School:	93.8%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Warn**—to tell someone about danger

(KS2 Lower) - **Impart**—to share information or advice with others

(KS2 Upper) - **Divulge**—to share a secret or otherwise confidential or sensitive information

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.

School Dinners

If you have booked a school dinner and then send in a packed lunch for your child/ren. Please can you advise the office that you no longer require it. Thank you.

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 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

P21P

Bring **WATER** everyday!

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



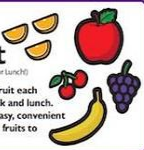
Whole Grains

(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



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!

Recycle  Charity



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 wish-list. 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.

*** Price and Buckland have announced there will be slight price increase from 1st April * - please consider if you need any new uniform items before this price increase.**

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HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chicken Shish Kebabs

Ingredients

- 6 chicken breasts, chopped into large chunks
- 2 each red, orange and green peppers, deseeded and chopped into large chunks
- warmed flatbreads, chopped
- tomato and lemon wedges, to serve

For the marinade and sauce:

- 2 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 300g natural or Greek yogurt
- 1 tbsp paprika
- 3 tbsp ketchup



STEP 1

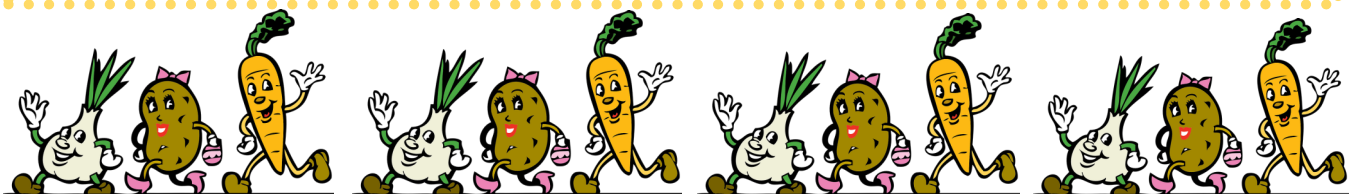
Make the marinade by mixing all of the ingredients together in a large bowl. Spoon a third of the mixture into a smaller bowl then cover and chill until needed. Stir the chicken into the marinade and set aside for 20 mins. *Can be chilled for up to two days, covered.*

STEP 2

If using wooden skewers, soak them in water for 1 hr before using. Alternately thread the peppers and chicken onto the skewers until you have 6-8 kebabs. You can do this in advance if you like and chill the kebabs until needed.

STEP 3

The kebabs can be cooked under a hot grill on a tray lined with foil for 15-20 mins; or in nicer weather on a barbeque.
Serve the kebabs with the reserved yogurt sauce, warmed flatbreads, chopped tomatoes and lemon wedges on the side.



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