



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 6

Dear All

It has been yet another busy week at school. We started Monday with our annual school safeguarding audit which was really successful. The children were able to explain to the auditor how the school kept them safe, were happy and knew that they could talk to a trusted adult if they had any concerns. They talked about the adults wearing high vis jackets and that our gates kept them in! I am also pleased to say that we will be having a brand new gate put in between us and the Warlingham path entrance very shortly!! It was interesting to hear that they also felt that building a cinema on site would also help keep them safe!

On Tuesday, Year 4 brought their learning for their India topic alive. I had the privilege of cooking a vegetable curry with them. Some learnt what an aubergine was and despite them saying they did not like cauliflower, it was amazing to hear they wolfed it down! The recipe has been written up for you to try. The children also learned how to make Rangoli patterns and how to Bollywood dance!!

The children and staff glammed up on Wednesday for their annual class photo. As the weather was so lovely, we decided to pose them outside on the field. I think this has been the first time in years that it has not been cold, rainy or grey! We cannot wait to see how the photos turn out.

On Thursday, I could not have been more proud of the nursery and primary. The Heads of our Trust schools and CEO came to each class to see how engaged our children are in their learning; how our work with the Behaviour Hub has continued to embed a culture of kindness and positive behaviour and how we are developing children's love of reading. The children and staff were amazing in all three areas, showing our visitors that Hamsey Green and Acorns are really superb! I even got to stroke Butterscotch, the rabbit from the farm visiting the nursery!

Thank you to The Scoop Company who have kindly donated prize vouchers for their colouring competition. The ice-cream and waffle shop opens in Warlingham on the 22nd May and the winners will be there with BBC Surrey for the opening! How exciting!! hope that you all have a wonderful May half term holiday and that the good weather continues. Mrs Mace



Upcoming events

- 6th June - Parent Forum 8.30am
- 19th-21st June Year 6 residential
- 21st June—Year 5 assembly 9:00am
- 22nd June—Year 1 assembly 9:00am
- 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 parents invited)

Bailey's Blog

I am really enjoying the sunshine and warmth now and am mastering the tummy crawl as the sun moves! I have been out and about a lot as the grass has been cut back so we can see where I am not supposed to roll.... I have been trying to have lots of chats with children from all ages to help support anxiety—something that was discussed on Monday's assembly. I have had a lovely time reading with children this week too.

I have to say, I am looking forward to the half term holiday so I can relax in the garden sniffing for squirrels. Hope you have a good holiday too.





This week, Acorns Nursery enjoyed a very special event which linked to our farm topic. A variety of animals including “Dotty” the pony, two sheep, several ducks and chickens, two Guinea Pigs, a rabbit, and “Lyla” the dog came to visit the nursery. The children enjoyed small group time, stroking the animals, brushing the pony and joining the animals in their pens for close contact time and petting. They even got to take the pony and dog for a walk! The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all and prompted lots of opportunities to share knowledge and talk about their experiences. 😊

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?



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| 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: Kinney (3) - 98.62%
- 2nd place: Rosen (4) - 97.39%
- 3rd place: Walliams (5) - 94.67%
- Whole School: 93.69%

Communication this week

- Letters to those confirmed on camp out
- Email to Reception parents re health screening
- Year 5 PHSE letter

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Explore**—to search for something

(KS2 Lower) - **Rickety**—poorly made and likely to collapse

(KS2 Upper) - **Altruistic**—to be charitable and put others' needs first

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 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.

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!

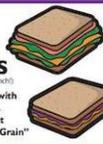
Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



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 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

Healthy Tikka Masala

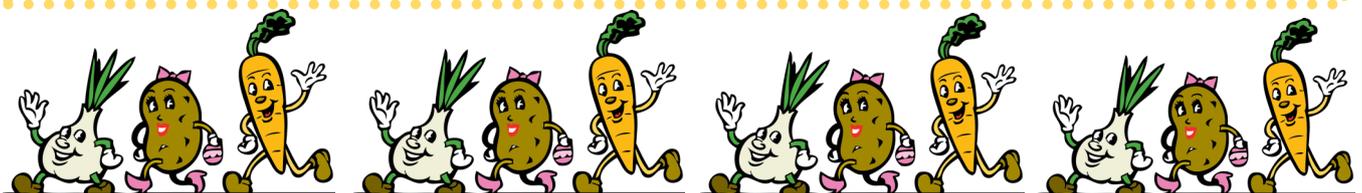
Ingredients

1 large onion, chopped
4 large garlic cloves
thumb-sized piece of ginger
2 tbsp rapeseed oil
4 small skinless chicken breasts, cut into chunks
2 tbsp tikka spice powder
1 tsp cayenne pepper
400g can chopped tomatoes
200g spinach
3 tbsp fat-free natural yogurt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ small bunch of coriander, chopped
brown basmati rice, to serve



Method

- Put the onion, garlic and ginger in a food processor and whizz to a smooth paste.
- Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a flameproof casserole dish over a medium heat. Add the onion mixture and fry for 15 mins. Tip into a bowl and wipe out the pan.
- Add the remaining oil and the chicken and fry for 5-7 mins, or until lightly brown.
- Stir in the tikka spice and cayenne and fry for a further minute.
- Tip the onion mixture back into the pan, along with the tomatoes and 1 can full of water. Bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer and cook, uncovered, for 15 mins.
- Stir in the spinach and cook for a further 10 mins. Season, then stir through the yogurt and coriander.
- Serve with brown rice.





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 6th June 2023 at 12.00-13.00pm
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#) - for parents of children with SEND
Register now by clicking [here](#)
- 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](#)

SENT ON BEHALF OF TANDRIDGE FAMILY CENTRE

Our new website is now live!

Information regarding our family support service and groups/courses available at Tandridge Family Centre can now be viewed on the new Barnardo's Surrey Family Centres website, together with a timetable and online referral form.

<https://www.barnardosfamilycentressurrey.org.uk/>

If you feel that any of the families that you support would benefit from attending one of our groups or courses, please complete the online referral form. Parents can self refer for any of the parenting programmes, so please feel free to signpost families directly to the website for Parenting Puzzle, Talking Teens (suitable for parents of children in Year 5 and up) or Who's In Charge.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please let us know by emailing TandridgeFamilyCentre@barnardos.org.uk.

Tandridge Family Centre

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

what a lovely smell!

It looks so good, Yum!

Delicious Chicken Curry!

Have you ever wanted to taste the flavour of some cheap, healthy, Indian food? Then, this is the meal for you! This mouth-watering, easy to make curry is perfect for sharing with family and friends and ideal for a cold, winter day in the middle of December.

INGREDIENTS:

- Potatoes
- Tomato puree
- Ginger
- Chicken
- Onions
- Coriander
- Rice
- Sunflower oil
- Chilli powder

1. First off, spread some sunflower oil, evenly across the bottom (inside) of the pan gently.
2. Next, carefully dice the some onions on a wooden, chopping board, with a sharp knife and dump it in the pot.
3. Now, add in a tbsp of coriander and ginger but 1 tsp of chilli powder in the pot, too give it a good stir then leave it to simmer.
4. After that, ~~is~~ aggressively, squeeze in some tomato puree into the pot.
5. Then, also cut up some potatoes and ~~lets~~ put them in the pot and ~~put in~~.
6. ~~Finally~~ Finally, let it simmer for 1 hour and 30 minutes then enjoy.

TIP: Best served with rice.

Recipe by Janson, A

Spicy Chicken Curry

This sensational, amazing curry will make your mouth water, your stomach rumble like a train. Have you ever had a better curry. No way! Will you try it? Well heck how you do!

Ingredients: Here are the ingredients!
 potatoes, Chicken, Oil, Chilli powder, Chilli flakes, rice, Salt and pepper, Spring onions, normal onions, tomato puree and chopped tomatoes.

Recipe by Janson, A

Method:

- Get a pan and heat until it's not add oil
- pour vegetable oil in the pan
- Add the normal onions
- After 3 minutes of cooking add the chilli powder
- Put in a pepper bit of salt and pepper
- Next combine the chopped tomatoes and puree
- Throw in the chicken
- Cook the rice for 12 minutes
- Pan the spring onions
- Put on the chilli flakes
- Enjoy!

A WARNING! The pan is very hot, be careful!