



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Week 6

Dear All

I cannot believe that we have reached half term holiday already!! It does not seem like yesterday that we returned to school.

This week, we have celebrated World Mental Health Day. Across Acorns to Year 6, we discussed the importance of talking about mental health and to let them know that it's okay to ask for help, no matter what you're going through. Classes tried strategies to help regulate emotions and support their mental health. Activities carried out included mindful colouring; sharing smiles—which are contagious!, to giving compliments; closing their eyes and taking deep breaths, to cloud gazing and doing zoomies around the field with Bailey in the sun! Year 1 even took their PE on the adventure playground demonstrating that fresh air and exercise can help support mental health too. Year 2 have been learning about Andy Goldworthy who is a British sculptor and photographer. He is known for using natural materials, such as rocks, mud, pine cones, leaves and branches to create his artwork. They created some beautiful art in his style outside too!

We have worry boxes around the school, talk about sharing feelings with trusted adults, have ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) at both Acorns and the Primary where pupils can be referred for support.

We hope your children enjoy their books they have chosen from the book fair this week and love chilling, reading over the holiday!



On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest Festival. The children learnt more about harvest during an online-live lesson as well as enjoying their rendition of the Harvest Samba! Thank you so much for the generous donations of non perishable goods which will be sent to the Caterham Foodbank. These will be delivered over the holiday.



Finally, our Year 4s went back in time to the Celts and Romans, visiting Butser Ancient Farm on their trip. Undertaking skills in archaeology, chalk carving and Celtic jewellery making ensured a great time was had and brought to life history! Their behaviour was impeccable!

Wishing you all a lovely half term! Mrs Mace



Bailey's Blog

This week, I have judged some extremely creative artwork by Year 2! I have never seen such huge cones and they were too big for me to pick up and run with... let alone have a chew! I have been helping run the book fair as well as see as many children as I could during lunchtime this week as companionship can help to ease anxiety and boost self-confidence. I am also a great listener! I have definitely had fun doing zoomies with them (exercise without them realising) and the laughter and smiles were defiantly good for mental health! I am going in for a 'delicate' operation over the half term so will be taking it a bit easier when we return!



Upcoming events

Monday 16th October—Friday 27th October Half Term

Monday 30th October—children return to school

Friday 3rd November— children can wear mufti for bottle donation

Thursday 9th November 8:45am—9:20am—Current Reception parent workshop (in Reception classes)

Friday 10th November—children can wear mufti for unwanted & unused gifts



This week, we have focused on Harvest Festival. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for donating to our Harvest collection which will be going to Nightwatch this year.

The children have enjoyed exploring harvested fruits and vegetables in a variety of ways. Our tuff tray was converted into a farm, we have used the fruits and vegetables to paint and print with and we have also used them in a memory game.

As part of celebrating Mental Health Day, some of the children also had a chance to focus on some positive breathing techniques whilst being at one with nature on our field. They also laid down to gaze and spot images in the clouds.

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.



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

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Attendance

1st place:	-	Dahl (4) - 99.35%
2nd place:	-	Murphy (2) - 97%
3rd place:	-	Dodd (1) - 95.86%
Whole School:	-	94.74%

Communication this week

- Email to whole re missed flu vaccine
- Email from Trust for World Mental Health Day
- Email to whole school re Autumn event



102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

Parents/carers

If you were not able to complete the Survey the link will allow you to do so: <https://forms.office.com/e/Acz2tS8JMv>

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.

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** every day!

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



Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

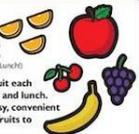
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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

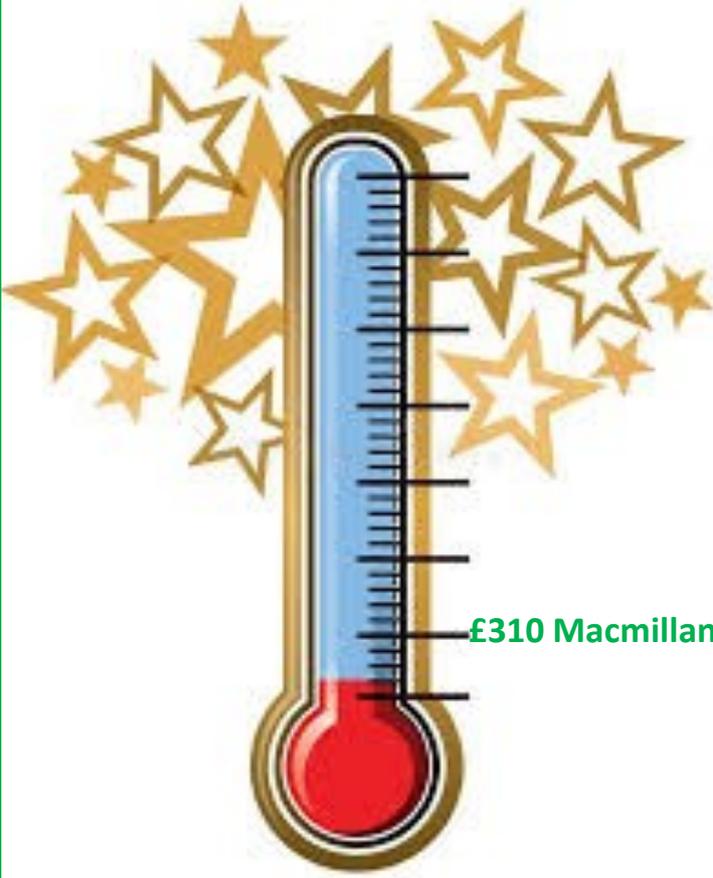


School Uniform

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.

Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!



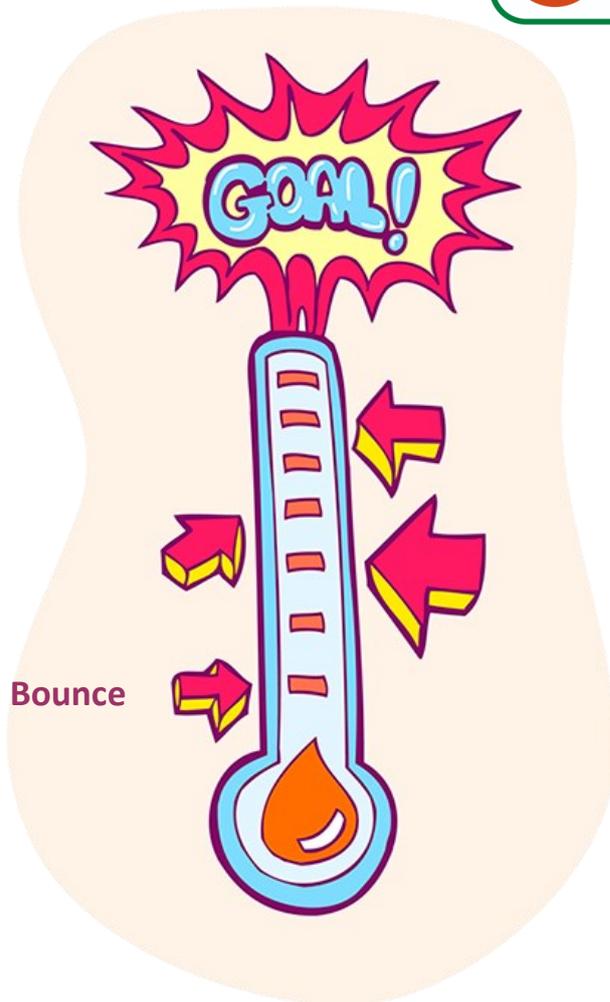
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FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

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