



Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 13



Dear Parents & Carers,

This week has seen Hamsey turn into a winter wonderland, thanks to the festive cheer of Mrs Smith the site manager. What could be more festive than these decorations I hear you ask? The joyful tunes and voices of the year groups dress rehearsal, in preparation for their shows next week!

We have also had an amazing week in terms of historical days! Year 3 had the History Man back to engage and entertain the children with artefacts and weaponry from Ancient Greece. The children explored the Ancient Olympics, all about the clothing and money that was invented to even taking part in their own ancient Greek battles.



Year 4 also had their homemade Roman day where they made their own bread and were lucky enough for the History man to pop in and show off some of his Roman weaponry for the children to explore!



Mrs Johnson has done an amazing job at sourcing 30 saplings to be planted in our school field. We look forward to watching them grow over the coming years and it will particular be lovely to see those in Nursery, EYFS and Key Stage 1 seeing how their trees have grown when they are in their final year of school.



I look forward to seeing everyone after school at our Christmas fair.... You won't miss me!

Mr Boffa

### Word of the Week

(KS1) **Jolly**—happy and smiley

(KS2 Lower) **Jovial**—cheerful and friendly

(KS2 Upper) **Convivial**—cheerful and friendly



This week, the elves at Acorns Nursery have been very busy creating our popcorn sheep for enterprise.

### 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.



### Attendance:

**1st place:** Rundell (5) - 97.7%  
**2nd place:** Kinney (3) - 96.5%  
**3rd place:** Rowling (4) - 94%

**Whole school:** 90.9%

### Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Friday 3rd December—Christmas class stalls (as per letter)
- w/c Monday 6th December—Christmas plays/concerts amended (please see table on page 4)
- w/c Monday 6th December—Santa's Grotto by class (as per letter)
- 6th-9th December—ticket sales for chocolate and bottle tombola
- 9th December—Chocolate tombola draw
- 10th December—Bottle tombola draw
- Friday 10th December—Christmas jumper day. £1 donation payable on school money
- Friday 17th December—End of term early finish

### Communication this week

- Christmas performance letter
- Christmas fair letter

### 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 its 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.

## Christmas events (tickets have been sent home by class—one adult per ticket)

Tuesday 7th December	Wednesday 8th December	Tuesday 14th December	Wednesday 15th December (new date added)
Reception (9am)	Yr1 & 2 (9am)	Yr3 & 4 (9am)	Yr5 & 6 (9:15am)
Yr3 & 4 (10.30am)	Reception (1.30pm)	Yr5 & 6 (1.45pm)	
Yr1 & 2 (1.30pm)			

### 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.

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)

### COVID testing

Schools are being encouraged to ask their community to continue to regularly test using lateral flow tests. They can be ordered online [here](#).

If you have secondary school aged children: Based on recent UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA, formally PHE) advice. We have been advised to encourage students or staff **identified as contacts** in secondary schools to also test daily on a lateral flow device until they receive their PCR test result.



Surrey Family Learning are offering free online courses.

**Enrolments for ONLINE courses starting in November and December are now open.** We have plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support:

- Parenting
- Wellbeing
- Managing anxiety
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Getting to grips with maths and phonics
- English for parents/carers as an additional language

Please do share this email with friends and families so that they can take advantage of our free resources. Spaces are limited so we do encourage parents and carers to sign up early. There is further course information on our [website](#) and this link <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

## In a Nutsh-elf

The elves have arrived back to Hamsey Green in style!

We are hoping that they are better behaved this year than they have been in previous years.....!

