



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 2

Dear All

Possibly a very apt background for the first, full week back! The rain certainly has come down but on a positive— the emergency roadworks have finished!

The whole campus demonstrated their resilience this week as we returned on Monday morning without internet or computers due to technical issues. I was so proud of how quickly staff and children adapted and secretly it was nice to have some electronic downtime! Unfortunately, our phone lines then went down so we thank you for your patience and resilience for having to email everything rather than being able to pick up the phone.

The children have been very hard working this week and have all been raring to go with their learning.

They have been engaged in their new topics and when I have visited classes, they have been so quiet.



It was a privilege to see how well our nursery children practiced a fire drill— they walked quietly out of the building to be registered without any tears. This shows how sensible they are and independent. Now... just to find them a fire engine for them to learn about....



At the end of last week, year 6 went to forest school, AKA The Amazon, as part of their hook for English. They were keen to find out which of the items they found there, belong to the Amazon and which have been placed by a mischievous archaeologist trying to confuse them and create havoc!! No idea who that could have been?? Year 1 have been thinking about the seasons and the weather—they certainly have had lots to choose from! They have been learning about weathervanes in the Year 1 garden to see which way the wind is blowing. They have also installed a rain gauge which will be used to monitor the rainfall this week—I wonder how many millimetres we will have? Year 3 have been learning about descriptions and have written about the Iron Man—hope he is not too scary!!! And in Year 4 this week, they have very much been enjoying starting their mornings off with an additional circle time to further build relationships and connections, practising using suspense tools in their writing and have enjoyed learning to use an atlas to name the important rivers within the UK. How many of the 1500 UK rivers can you name? ... we are hoping to host a PTA quiz night in February so get your thinking caps on!! More details to follow shortly,

Wishing you a lovely weekend

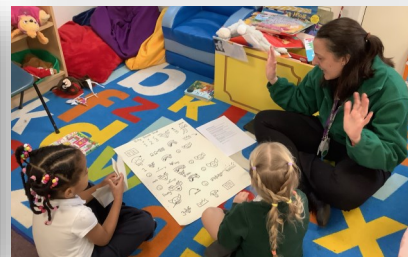
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King Charles III commemorative Medal

If you would like to order one of these medals please order and pay in the shop on School Money. The deadline for placing an order is Friday 20th January.

Upcoming events

15th Jan—Primary school application deadline



This week, we have introduced the story of the 3 billy goats gruff. We have been using our talk for writing story map to learn the key parts of the story and familiarising ourselves with the actions.

We have used props in the small world area to retell the story and have also been busy making trolls and goats in the art area.

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://surreyeducationservices.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

- Year 6 bikeability extended deadline
- Telephone system down until further notice

Attendance

1st place:	Pullman (6) - 98.1%
2nd place:	Donaldson (1) - 97.9%
Joint 3rd place:	McKee(2)/Butterworth [R] - 96.9%
Whole School:	94.3%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Magnificent**—something that is either very beautiful or very impressive

(KS2 Lower) - **Impose**—forcing an unpopular opinion or rule on others

(KS2 Upper) - **Vigilant**—keeping careful lookout for dangers and criminals

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

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"

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

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

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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.

HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Healthy Apple Crunch

Ingredients

240g cooking apples
3-4 small dessert apples
340g porridge oats
2 tbsp ground cinnamon
2 tsp vanilla extract
3 tbsp rapeseed oil
400g soya yogurt



STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C. Tip all of the apples into a small pan with 6 tbsp water, then cover and cook over a medium heat for 6 minutes, stirring halfway through, until the apples are just cooked. The cooking apples should be pulpy, but the dessert apples will retain their shape.

STEP 2

Tip the oats, cinnamon and vanilla into a bowl and add 3 tbsp of the apple mixture, the oil and 100g of the yogurt. Mix everything together well using your hands, until the mixture has formed into chunky clusters similar to granola. Spread the clusters out over a large baking sheet lined with baking parchment, and bake for 10 minutes. Shake the tray to turn the clusters over and bake for 10 minutes until firm. Leave to cool for 5 minutes so the clusters can firm.

STEP 3

Meanwhile, spoon the remaining yogurt into a small, shallow ovenproof dish, then spoon the rest of the apples on top. Scatter over the oat clusters, and bake for 10 minutes until the topping is firm and golden and the apple mixture has warmed through.

