



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a pleasure to write to you all while Mrs Mace is currently on leave. This week, has been a great week with fantastic and exciting learning taking part all over the school. Some of you may have noticed her sneaking in today– this is due to her operation being postponed until after half term!!

On Monday, in assembly, we introduced our themed week of Black History and shared how Black History links to our community. Children in Year 6 learnt about 'Windrush' and how the arrival of so many from the Caribbean, transformed British culture. Year 3, focused on how Marcus Rashford used his status in football to show awareness of the support needed for families who are struggling.



On Tuesday, we have also shown how generous our community is by donating plenty of non-perishable food for our Harvest Festival. Mrs Mellis led the children in song and shared with the school how their donations would help the less fortunate and Night Watch who support homelessness.



It's not always the children who get to have fun at school though! The staff had some extra Forest School training- all about making fires, using sticks as charcoal pencils and even roasting marshmallows. We are looking forward to planning these fun activities with the children in the future. The instructors informed us that the fine twigs that fall from silver birch trees are the best to start our fires, so whilst walking if you happen to stumble across any, please bring them into your class teacher.



Don't worry the teacher responsible for the picture in the middle was spoken with.

SPORTS REPORT BY THE FOOTBALL TEAM

“Hamsey Green began their first league game in 2 years. They were hoping to pick up something from a difficult game away at St John's. Picking a predominantly Y5 team, Hamsey dominated much of the early play - Lucas narrowly missing a trio of chances. With five minutes of the half left to play, Hamsey conceded a corner after a good defensive play, snuffed out a rare St John's foray into the opposition half. Disaster then struck when consequently, Luca (who had a magnificent game in goal) was beaten on his near post from the corner. Shortly after half time, Hamsey got an equaliser when Lucas was finally rewarded for his earlier hard work, shooting from short range. Despite both teams having opportunities to win in the second half, neither side could break the deadlock. Archie was deservedly voted Man of the Match by the team for his heroics but pointed out that several other players could have been in the running too.” An excellent first outing for Mr Cannon and Mr Brown's boys.

Finally, a couple of reminders from me for next week: The nurses are in on Monday morning to administer the nasal flu spray. They are only allowed to administer this to the children who have consent. Also, the last day of this half term is Thursday 21st October at the normal time. This is due to the an additional day in lieu being given by Surrey, for the Queen's Jubilee.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mr Boffa

Fixed Penalty Notices

A letter has been sent under separate cover regarding fixed penalty notices issued by the council for unauthorised absences from school. It has also been attached to the email sent with this newsletter. Please familiarise yourself with this document.



This week, we have been learning all about autumn. We have enjoyed leaf play on the parachute and collected leaves in the garden to match to a colour chart. We have baked hedgehog rolls and used play dough and natural resources to create animals too. The children have also enjoyed making pictures with different things gathered from outside and reading our special acorn story too.

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 considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. We do have slightly staggered starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Monday 18th October—whole school nasal flu
- Travelling book fair (week of 18th October)
- Half term starts from Friday 22nd October (additional day agreed by Surrey)

Communication this week

- Year 6 trip letter
- Whole school parents evening letter

Attendance:

1st place: Kent (3) **96.7%**
2nd place: Kinney (3) **96.4%**
3rd place: Pullman (6) **94.9%**

Whole school: 91.5%

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.

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Scold**—to tell someone off

(KS2 Lower) - **Rebuke**—to express sharp disapproval or criticism of someone due to their poor behaviour or actions

(KS2 Upper) - **Remonstrate**—to forcefully and often angrily disagree with someone

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.

Travelling Book Fair



During the week commencing 18th October 2021 (after school in the small dining hall), The Travelling Book Fair will be at Hamsey Green, offering a range of books for all ages, from £2.99. Every purchase earns the school rewards that can be spent on books to enhance the library and promote reading for pleasure.

This is a cashless fair, please see details (sent previously) how to make a purchase/payment. The QR code will be on display for making payment. Books will be displayed for you to browse. Books purchased (with confirmation) will be available to collect from the book fair.



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

Recycle Charity

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!

The Netflix logo is displayed in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters with a 3D effect, set against a solid red rectangular background.

Netflix programmes

Further to our newsletter last week; where we highlighted concerns over children who had been accessing programmes not suitable for their age group. Please click the link for further guidance and information regarding safeguarding and guidance tips for Netflix. <https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2021/10/08/squid-game/>

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.

Secondary School open events information

<https://riddlesdown.org/admissions/admission-into-year-7/>

<https://www.warlinghamschool.co.uk/87/admission-arrangements>

<https://www.oxtedschool.org/>

School tours are running every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (9am-10am and 12.15pm-1.15pm) starting from next Tuesday 21 Sept up to and including Thursday 21 October. Please visit our Open Evening section on our school website <https://www.oxtedschool.org/News/Main-School-Open-Evening/>, where you can register for our Open Evening and also find more information regarding school tours.

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

Croydon High School for Girls <https://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/>

Surrey County Council are running these workshops, please click on the links below for further information. www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning.

Courses for Parents who speak English as an additional language

[Raising Bilingual children EAL workshop Friday 15th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Applying for a primary school place EAL workshop Friday 22nd October 1-2.30pm](#)

Storytelling fun and half term activities

[Fun activities for half term \(3 & 4 yrs olds\) workshop Friday 22nd October 10-11.30am](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 10.30am-12pm](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 1.30-3pm](#)

[Elmer Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 30th October 10-11.30am](#)

Courses for family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 week course Tuesday 5th - 19th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Yoga \(5-10 yrs\) 3 week course Wednesday 6th-20th October 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Yoga for Resilience 3 week course Thursday 7th-21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Soups and Bread 2 week course Thursday 14th -21st October 10-11.30am](#)

Parenting Courses

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 14th-21st October 7.30-9pm](#)