



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 9



Hamsey Green  
Primary School

Dear All



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What a fantastic sports week 2024 we have had and the weather has been so supportive! We launched the week with Acropad sessions for every class. Miss Emily, Mr Liam and Miss Chloe taught the children further acro skills and it was lovely to see them all smiling and bouncing about! From body conditioning activities to forward rolls and some who back flipped and front tucked across the mat– to the staff who also joined in– there were some achy legs and arms at Hamsey!



On Wednesday, we were so proud to host two GB Olympians, Chad Ryan and Mercy Brown who gave a motivational assembly to the children, discussing resilience, determinations and sacrifices they had to succeed in their careers. Mercy Brown is a GB weight lifter– the children were fascinated that she could lift the equivalent of Mr Brown and Mr Poulloin above her head!! Chad inspired them also as he is about to complete in the qualifying final for the 200m Paris Olympics. The children were also amused that I only came up to his chest in height and for every step he took, I had to take two! We were so impressed with all the Acorn children who learnt to pass the baton– I wonder if any of them will be motivated to be in the Olympics in years to come!

On Thursday, Year 6 set up five sport stations and each class had a go at completing them. They showed their fantastic leadership skills and ensured that the children taking part showcased their ACORN values. It was lovely to witness the children supporting each other and celebrating sporting talents.



The classes have also been on mini sport challenges this week too, to see who could hop, jump rope and hoola hoop the longest in each class. We are excited to find out who this is in grand finale on Friday afternoon! There has also been great fun practicing the long jump and high jump.

Year 4 have had a busy week as they also visited the British Wildlife Centre. They observed many of Great Britain's creatures and learnt how to look after their environment. As always the elusive red squirrels were in hiding– and we know how special the red squirrels are to Hamsey!

Next week, we will be learning our British Values first hand, as we find about what a General Election is with our mini Hustings. The children will be voting for the 'party' leader (class rep) and will design their class manifestos. We will then go to the 'polls' on the 4th July too.

We were privileged to watch the drama students from Croydon High School, performing Jason and the Argonauts to KS2 this morning. The children were a great audience - amazed at how a long play can be put in so much detail without the need for props!



Finally, the Year 6s had a great time at their residential! We climbed Jacob's Ladder, rock climbed, crate stacked, competed in teams on Aeroball, completed the obstacle course, rode wacky cars, hunted each other in the 'cave', played hide and seek in camouflage outfits in the dusk, learnt archery and inflatable football and played rounders! Note that there is not really a mention of sleep as there was not a lot to be had!



Wishing you a lovely weekend– and to a four day week next week as please remember there is an INSET day next Friday.

Mrs Mace

## Upcoming SUMMER TERM 2 Events

**25th & 26th June** Year 7 Warlingham Secondary Transition Days for year 6

**28th June**—INSET day

**1st July**— District Sports Field Events— selected children (letters to follow)

**4th July**—District Sports Track Events—selected children (letters to follow)

**5th July**— Swimming Gala— selected children (letters to follow)

**8th July— 9.00am** Year 5 Assembly

**8th July— 1.45pm** Reception Assembly

**9th July— 9am** Year 2 Assembly

**9th July— 1.45pm** Year 4 Assembly

**10th July— 8.45-10.00am** Reception Sports Day **10.00-10.30 am** Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards (more info to come)

**10th July— 10.15-11.30pm** KS1 Years 1&2 Sports Day **11.30-12.00 pm** KS1 Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards (more info to come)

**10th July— 1.15PM-2.30pm** KS2 Sports Day **2.30-2.50 pm** KS1 Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards (more info to come)

**11th July— 9am** Year 3 Assembly

**12th July— 9am** Year 1 Assembly

**12th July—1.30pm** class swap. New Reception children coming in **3pm** Meet the new teacher

**12th July EVENING** KS2 Camp Night (more info to come)

**17th July**—Diabetes Screening (sign up letter sent)

**17th July 9am**— Wednesday Rock Steady Concert

**19th July 9am**— Friday Rock Steady Concert

**19th July**— reports out

**19th July—Rec— Year6 3-4.15pm** Summer Festival (more info to come)

**22nd July— 3pm** PTA preloved uniform sale in hall

**22nd July 6pm** Year 6 Leavers Play

**25th July 11am** Acorns Leavers Graduation

**25th July 12pm**—Acorns finish for summer

**26th July** MUFTI DAY YEARS R-5

**26th July 9am** Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

**26th July SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.05** RECEPTION **1.10** KS1 & KS2 **4PM** AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



This week, we have focused our transport theme on different types of transport in the air. The children have continued to enjoy our role-play bus with the new addition of a hot air balloon! The children have used binoculars whilst in the hot air balloon to tell us everything that they have seen on their journey. We have also incorporated these modes of transport within a fully immersive experience where the children have sat in an additional role-play aeroplane in front of our whiteboard, where they watched and joined in with a real clip of a bus journey as well as a take-off and landing video from the cockpit of an aeroplane.

We have enjoyed lots of aircraft activities within our craft area. The children also enjoyed flying their own large glider as well as small aeroplanes where they competed to fly their planes own planes the furthest to measure the distance. In addition, we used balloons to host aeroplane races which caused much excitement, chanting and discussions as to how big the aeroplane balloons should be blown up to expel air in the fastest takeoff down the zip line!

On Wednesday, we had our very own Olympic athlete visiting the nursery! He really engaged with the children, telling them briefly about his role in the upcoming Olympic trials as well as leading a mini session with the children where they copied his instructions in a variety of warmup activities as well as taking part in various relay activities which included relay running, and scissor kicking strides.



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, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, please email [absence@hamseytlt.co.uk](mailto: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:	Donaldson (1) 98%
2nd place:	Said (5) 95.6%
3rd place:	Murphy (2) 95.2%
Whole school:	93.8%

### Communication this week

- 17.6.24—Whole school email—meal bookings
- 18.6.24—Whole school email—last uniform order date
- 18.6.24—Email to attendees of camp night



### Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

### After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you inform the office and not the class teacher. The office maintains the registers for all clubs and needs to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance.



Children should **NOT** be riding their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, down the driveway or through the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Please ask the children to dismount and ensure you supervise your children whilst they are on them. Adults have reported some children are riding on the school grounds that is likely to cause an accident or damage to cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Parking & Road Safety

We have been made aware of some inconsiderate parking and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park**

**considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school.** According to the Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution.



A number of parents have raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Tithepit Shaw Lane at drop off and collection times. Please complete the road safety assessment form for Surrey to assess the road. We would recommend this is done as we return to school after half term to ensure they come when school is back in business. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk) - please select Road Safety Outside a School. Should anyone be interested, there is a vacancy for Road Crossing Patrol for outside the school. This is a paid vacancy through Surrey County Council.

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The cost of school meals will be increasing from 1 September 2024 to £2.80 per meal.

### Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day sun-cream, bring a sun hat and refillable water bottle on warm, sunny days





### 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

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

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



### Whole Grains

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

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



### 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!

**Recycle 4 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 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)



### 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. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

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

FOR CHARITY



£491.51 Royal British Legion

£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

£190.94 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

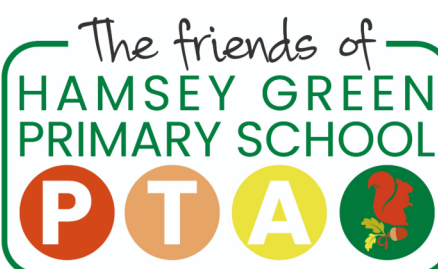
£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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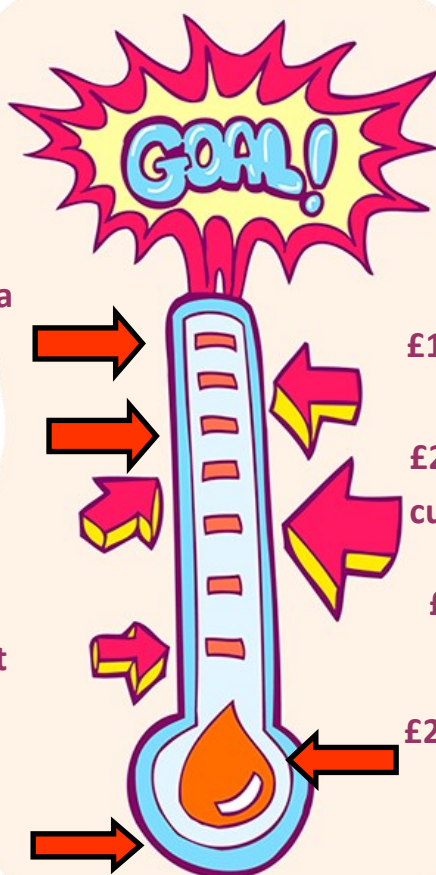
£ 115 Breakfast with a  
loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event



£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards,  
cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

These fantastic amounts that have been raised has enabled us to be able to order a road safety sign for the end of the drive and finish purchasing bookcases for the remaining areas that do not have them.

**FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS**

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 Attendance Advice 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 01 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 Surrey County Council 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 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 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 Attendance Advice 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 and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences**

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children [in a rolling 3 year period](#) since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

**Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.**

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130    South West - Tel: 01483 517179  
North East - Tel: 01372 833588    South East - Tel: 01737 737777