



Hamsey Green Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2024 Week 5

## Number Day 2024



Dear All

We have been very busy squirrelling away this week. Thank you so much for supporting NSPCC's Number Day! Not only did the children look fantastic in their outfits— they had great fun enjoying all things 'number' related. Mr Boffa set up a crazy golf course for the whole school to enjoy (the chance of winning a chocolate bar certainly spurred on the teachers!!) We are proud to say you raised **£187** at the time of sending this out! The money you raised could help the NSPCC run its [Speak out Stay safe programme](#) to help children understand what abuse is and what to do if they're scared or worried.



On Wednesday., there was an outcry in Reception. They received an email from Mrs Smith explaining that there had been a 'burglary' at the weekend. The children became detectives and used the clues to work out that it must have been the Big bad wolf! They were very excited and spent the rest of the day making a wanted poster, searching for clues, making maps to find him and designing traps/cages to catch him! I do hope they did... we don't want him wandering around the site and eating the delicious wraps Year 2 made...To celebrate the upcoming Chinese New Year, and the year of



the dragon, the children created wraps containing: hoisin sauce, cut up cucumber and grated carrots.

Year 4 had been water detectives with SES Water. They have been learning about the process of cleaning water to make it drinkable and the water cycle. They listened extremely well to their visitors and demonstrated great manners.



Our Year 5 girls were invited to Croydon High School to watch their performance of Beauty and the Beast. It really was like watching a West End Show and inspired their drama and singing skills. They were so well behaved they were given drink and cookies too— this made it even more special!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



### Upcoming events

- 5th February 3:00-4:10pm**—Reception event
- 5th February 4:00-5:30pm**—Year 3-6 disco
- 6th February 8.45-9.20am** – Reception parents Phonics Workshop
- 7<sup>th</sup> February 3:15 - 4:30pm.** Open drop-in session for parents/carers. Reception parents to meet in Butterworth class, Year1/2 parents to meet in Dodd. For those who need help logging in to online books -**MORE INFO TO COME**
- 9th February 4:00-5:30pm** —Year 1-2 disco
- 12th-16th February** half term holiday
- 20th Feb Year 2** trip to Rural Life Victorian Museum
- 20th Feb & 22nd Feb**—Reception parents consultations— more info to follow
- 4th –8th March**—book week activities
- 7th March**—The Jungle Book M&M theatre group in for



This week, our nursery has been awash with lots of bright colours as we have explored rainbows. The children have enjoyed several baking activities as well as creating rainbows with a variety of mediums and materials. Throughout the week, we have also explored rainbows through a variety of simple science-based activities. The children have enjoyed creating a rainbow by adding hot water to an arranged plate of skittles and showed great delight when the colours dispersed. They also enjoyed colour mixing, experimenting to see what new colours could be made by mixing two colours together as well as creating their own rainbow by absorbing different paint colours in cups. We have also linked the weathers to our emotions and have talked about how certain weathers make us feel. Sunshine was definitely the most popular one for making us happy! We have linked this idea to a movement activity where we explored moving in different ways to different types of weather.



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](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.

### Communication this week

29.1.24—Email to individual year groups with correction of dates letter for Valentines events

1.2.24 –Email to Reception—Year 6 regarding wrap-around care

### Attendance

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| 1st place:    | Inkpen [R] - 99.23%      |
| 2nd place:    | Pullman (6) - 97.59%     |
| 3rd place:    | Butterworth [R] - 95.45% |
| Whole school: | 93.74%                   |



**Upcoming PTA events**

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| Week beginning Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb-Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb | 8.20-8.50<br>Small dining | PTA Drop off second hand World Book Day costumes               |  |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | 8.20-8.50<br>Small dining | PTA World Book Day costume sale                                | £3 per costume                                 |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February  | 2.50-4pm<br>4.30-6.00pm   | Reception & KS1 Valentines Event<br>Year 3- 6 Valentines Event | £3.50 per ticket<br>+ Raffle ticket            |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March   | From 7.30-9.00            | Continental Breakfast with your special one                    | Tickets £5 per adult. 2 children free & £1 per |

Please can we remind all parents of children in Years 3 and 4 that they will need to be brought into school and not dropped off at the gate.



Children and Family Health Surrey has launched a new webpage to provide winter safety advice to families including tips about road crossing and being seen in the dark, cycling, playing in the snow and keeping warm.

The advice includes:

- Remind older children to put away their phones and take out any earphones when crossing roads.
- Get your child into the habit of wearing their helmet and if you cycle as a family, remember to wear yours too. It is a legal requirement to have lights and reflectors on bikes when you are out between sunset and sunrise.
- When sledging in the snow choose a slope that is not too steep, make sure it is free of obstacles and does not end near a road, body of water or solid objects such as trees, fences and walls.
- Babies lose heat through their heads so remove hats or hoods when indoors, in a shopping centre or in a car, and remove all outdoor clothing when indoors to avoid overheating.

Visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#) to find out more.

**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!

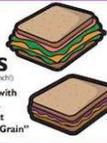
Plugging top water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



### 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



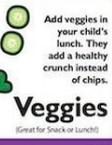
### Snacks

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.



### Veggies

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



### 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](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!



**RECRUITING  
NOW**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have parental experience? Could you spare 2-4 hours a week to share your invaluable knowledge? If yes we would love to hear from you!

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support, tailored to each family.



Our volunteers are fully trained and given expert ongoing support

Volunteering for local families can change your life and the life of a family in your community!



Preparation courses beginning in September '23

Home-Start Surrey covers all 11 boroughs in 8 local branches:  
East Surrey, Elmbridge, Epsom,  
Ewell & Banstead, Guildford,  
Runnymede & Woking,  
Spelthorne, Surrey Heath &  
Waverley

<https://homestartsurrey.org/>



For further details please call:

01252 737453

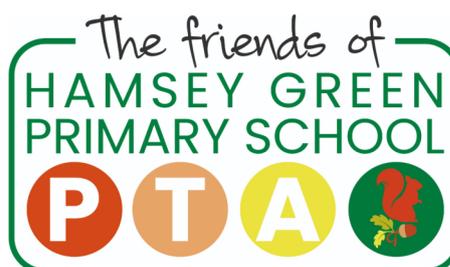
Or email: [volunteers@homestartsurrey.org](mailto:volunteers@homestartsurrey.org)

FOR CHARITY



THANKS  
for your  
DONATIONS

- £187 NSPCC Number Day
- £223 Save the Children
- £232 Children in Need
- £310 Macmillan Coffee Morning



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**

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