



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 5

Number Day 2022

Dear All,



This week we have not only been celebrating National Story Telling Week, we have also supported the NSPCC on National Number Day! We have raised £229, so far! The classes have enjoyed retelling their Talk for Writing stories in assembly to each other – I think there was a bit of healthy theatrical competition! Being able to retell a story really helps reading comprehension and writing skills and we have loved seeing their Hot Tasks demonstrating the skills they have learnt.

National Number Day, although a bit wet and windy (especially for those wearing cardboard costumes!) was great fun! The children have participated in many practical activities from puzzles to a bowling session in the hall! Mr Boffa said the only reason they had the 'sides' up was to support him—he missed the pins twice and scored 0!

Resilience is one of our school values and a vital skill to learn through life. This week we have been privileged to have heard Hero play to us in assembly— he has self-taught himself the piano—staff thought the music teacher was playing it! He was amazing and we were all proud of his courage.

We are still battling the sickness bug through the school and Acorns but luckily we have relatively low cases of Covid this week—thank you for watching closely for lots of symptoms!

Just to remind you that we have an INSET day next Friday, so it is only a four day week next week, finishing at normal time. We have also been informed that there may be roadworks towards the bottom end of Tithepit Shaw Lane next week so please allow extra time!

Have a super weekend!

Mrs Mace



Absences & Sickness

If your child is absent from school, please email absence@hamseytlt.co.uk or leave a message on the absence line. 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.

Cool Milk

We have been advised that the Cool Milk delivery after half term will be on Tuesday 22nd February, not Monday 21st February.



School Uniform

We have the following remaining items of school uniform available to purchase through School Money (as at 4th February)

24" cardigans (x16)	26" cardigans (x2)
34" cardigans (x12)	36" cardigans (x2)
34" sweatshirt (x3)	

The Children's Commissioner has produced some guidance based on a survey of young people's experiences of online bullying or peer on peer abuse. Please click the link below for the guidance.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please click the link for further information

[Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/vacancies)



This week, we have been celebrating Chinese New Year at Acorns Nursery. We transformed our home corner into a Chinese restaurant and the children learnt about the traditional customs through many activities - including Chinese writing, making Chinese lanterns and lucky red money envelopes, listening to the story and learning about what animal links to our year of birth. We also had a special Chinese snack morning.

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 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.



Word of the Week

(KS1) **Pretty**—looking nice to the eye

(KS2 Lower) **Alluring**—powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating

(KS2 Upper) **Pulchritudinous**—beautiful or stunning

Upcoming events

Friday 11th February—Inset day

Tuesday 19th April—school closure day

Wednesday 20th April—children return for Summer term

Communication this week

- Yr 2 letter PSHE letter
- Yr 3 local walk letter

Attendance:

1st place: Morpurgo (6) 96.4%

2nd place: Donaldson (1) 96%

3rd place: Kent (3) 93%

Whole school: 89.8%

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. Please see previous page as to stock items we have. 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.

Book Week (28th February-4th March 2022)

Book Day (3rd March 2022)

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. The theme this year is: changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

Tasks linked to reading/books and authors will be set for children during Book Week.

It would be fantastic if children could dress up as a character from a book on **3rd March 2022**. Please ensure children have appropriate footwear and a coat for breaks/PE. On this day, M&M Theatre Company will be visiting the school to perform The Secret Garden, a classic children's story. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Your child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token (valid between 17/2/22 and 27/3/22).

You can find out how to use the voucher at: worldbookday.com/books.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Chatfield (Reading Lead)



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.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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

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](#).