



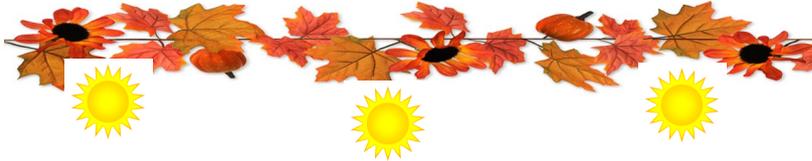
Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Week 1



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Dear All

I am sure you were all just as delighted as we were for your children to return to school this week! The children were very excited to see their friends and adults who look after them as well as settle back into routines and straight back into learning. Returning on a full week has flown by with the help of the heatwave! I have to say the children and the staff have done brilliantly coping again with the temperatures but I am sure all feeling rather tired now!! Please ensure your child has a school hat in case the weather continues as well as a coat in school everyday just in case it does not!

A big thank you to Mrs Smith and Mr Parker who have worked over the summer to paint most of the classrooms and oversee the construction of the lovely outdoor canopy in the Reception garden. Mr Parker has also been very busy putting up Caterham Schools artwork too. We are very excited that the HUGE new TV screen has finally arrived and hope that many of you will come to see it in the first parent drop in. For our new parents this is a very informal opportunity where you can pop in for a cuppa and a chat. We always value your input on what is going well and areas we could work on and the PTA attend for sharing information and a chat too when they can.

We offer a very warm welcome to our new children in both the nursery and primary, their families and new staff. We wish you many lovely years at Hamsey Green and Acorns.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Mace

Bailey's Blog

I returned to school on Wednesday as the children had all settled in! I was so excited to see everyone and have been heading up and down the corridors seeing the classes are working hard and practicing their proud walking. I have also enjoyed being on lunchtime duty— I can't tell you how many strokes I have had.. apart from on Thursday afternoon when I discovered something on the field... it was sweet perfume to my nose... but a terrible pong to everyone else's. I had to have a quick wash! I am looking forward to seeing which class I am reading with on Friday— I hope everyone has completed their Lexia!

Upcoming events **SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday 12th 5-6pm Curriculum Eve Year 1-6 in classrooms book on Arbor

Tuesday 19th 8.30-9.00 Parent Drop in (Forum) Main Hall

Tuesday 19th—Year 5 Science Museum Trip

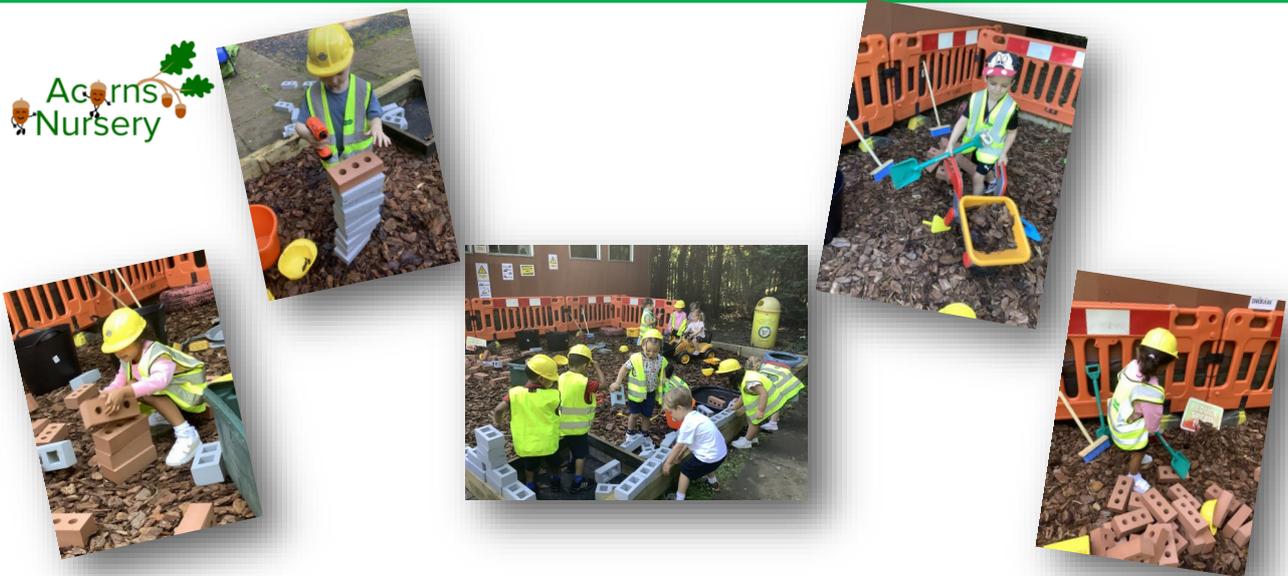
Friday 22nd - flu immunisations

Tuesday 26th Sponsored Bounce info to follow

Wednesday 28th Harvest Festival— non perishable goods donations

Thursday 28th 6-6.45pm Rec Curriculum Eve (sign up on Arbor)

Friday 29th 8.30-9.30 & 2-3pm MacMillan Coffee main hall



This week, Acorns Nursery has enjoyed welcoming back our returning families. It has also been nice to welcome some of our new families. We have been so pleased with how well the new children have settled.

With the amazing weather this week, we have had an ideal opportunity to introduce our new construction area to the children. They have had a fantastic time and have really shown their creative and imaginary skills within their play. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Ian Sheridan and his team for their construction work and materials in building the area, to Paul Antino@NRT Group-Banstead for his extremely generous donation and to all nursery parents past and present who kindly donated money and resources to this project. Thank you once again!

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@hamseytit.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.

Attendance

1st place:	-	Donaldson (1) - 97.41%
2nd place:	-	Dodd (1) - 96.67%
3rd place:	-	Murphy (2) - 95%
Whole School:	-	92.67%

Communication this week

- Arbor log on details sent

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://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130697?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Strep A/Scarlet fever.

<https://surreyeducationservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/130698?source=Newsletter&guid=9BD81055-C11E-44A3-80FC-DA10DF698E3E>—Guidance on Norovirus.

The School Nursing Team

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school nursing service are running three online sessions on school readiness in September 2023 for parents of reception and year 1 children. The sessions will cover toileting, sleep routines and healthy lifestyles.

These sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

Thursday 14th September: 09:30 – 10:15am

Monday 18th September: 4.00 – 4.45pm

If you would like to join, please email this address csh.schoolnurseadminneg@nhs.net with the following information.

Name of School.

The date you would like to attend.

Once you have emailed our team, you will then receive a Microsoft Teams link to log on to the session near the time.

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"



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



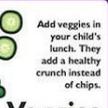
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

Snacks



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!



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



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.

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