



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 9



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed your half-term and the children were able to rest in preparation for the run up to Christmas!! This half term is always a busy one in the school calendar. It was great to welcome so many of you back into the school building during our parents consultations. We hope you were amazed to see how lovely the inside of the school is looking– Mrs Smith was especially busy painting more corridors during the half term holiday– we are always so grateful to have her!



This week in school, we have spoken about the importance of safety when celebrating Guy Fawkes Night and Diwali and hope they demonstrate this over the weekend if they attend any firework shows. We have reminded them of these Fireworks

Safety Tips.

Year 6 had an exciting outdoor learning session linked to their topic of life in the 1940s WW2. They were set the challenge of making their own version of an Anderson Shelter for Lego figures, using only materials they could find in forest school.

**Firework Safety**

- Fireworks should not be touched
- You must always be with an adult when watching fireworks
- Stand far back from both fireworks and bonfires
- Once a firework is lit, never go near it
- If an adult allows, always wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Pets should stay indoors

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Year 4 worked with Warlingham Secondary Schools's PE students coaching them to improve their skills in catching, which was great fun!

Also, Mrs Mace is now recovering at home albeit very slowly! We are in constant contact with her.

***Just to remind you, school and nursery will be closed for INSET day next Friday 12th November.***

***The staff are being trained in their next session for Talk for Writing.***

Look out for something exciting on the playground on Tuesday!

Mr Boffa



This week, we have been enjoying some Halloween themed activities. We have had bugs in the discovery tray, made tissue window silhouettes and enjoyed making potions both inside and outdoors in Forest School. We have also been learning about the celebration of Diwali; making paper lanterns, paper hands with mendhi and clay diva lamps. We watched a video about Diwali and danced to a happy Diwali song 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
- Year 4 trip to Butser Farm
- Year 6 Home Front bus
- INSET day—Friday 12th November

### Communication this week

- Disco letter (Years R-6)

### Attendance:

**1st place:** Kinney (3) - 97.8%

**2nd place:** Walliams (5) - 97%

**3rd place:** Dodd (1) - 96.9%

**Whole school: 93.9%**

### 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.

### School Dinners—Monday 8th November

If you have ordered the vegan sausage roll option for Monday's dinner, please be aware, as detailed in our email, that this option is now a PORK sausage in a wrap. This is due to a supply issue to our caterers, 1215. If this is not a suitable alternative, please amend your booking by Sunday evening. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Help**—to make something easier for someone else to do

(KS2 Lower) - **Avail**—to help or benefit someone

(KS2 Upper) - **Succour**—give assistance or aid to 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.

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!

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wishlist

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)

The Child Accident Prevent Trust has issued some guidelines and safety advice if you are considering having fireworks at home this year. [https://www.capt.org.uk/firework-safety?mc\\_cid=6d3e380e4d&mc\\_eid=e4829dc3d0](https://www.capt.org.uk/firework-safety?mc_cid=6d3e380e4d&mc_eid=e4829dc3d0)

## 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.

Surrey Family Learning are offering free online courses.

**Enrolments for ONLINE courses starting in November and December are now open.** We have plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support:

- Parenting
- Wellbeing
- Managing anxiety
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Getting to grips with maths and phonics
- English for parents/carers as an additional language

Please do share this email with friends and families so that they can take advantage of our free resources. Spaces are limited so we do encourage parents and carers to sign up early. There is further course information our [website](#) and this link <https://mailchi.mp/f40867b163e4/family-learning-733532>.

