



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 9



Dear All

Well, I think we have had all weathers thrown at us this week! Thank you to all who managed to make it into school on Wednesday despite the unexpected amount of snow!! The children (and staff) as always enjoy making the most of it– with snowmen popping up all over the field as we knew it would not last long– turning into massive, irresistible puddles on Thursday!

I also wanted to praise the children for an impromptu fire drill we had over lunchtime when the alarm accidentally went off. The children quickly lined up, despite the rain, calmly and awaited the all clear. This shows that the children know our procedures and how to keep safe in an emergency.

Finally, thank you all for supporting the Read with My Child afternoon last Friday. I have to say, this was the largest number of parents come in for this with over 250 children represented! The halls were packed!! The prefects and Year 6 pupils did so well helping to organise this event and to Miss Chatfield, our Reading Lead for leading Book Week. We hope you enjoyed spending your book tokens too. Next time we will run this in classrooms and the hall!

Just to remind you that school and nursery are not open on Monday as the staff are training in another school and nursery as part of our Behaviour Hubs partnership. We are looking forward to our learning too following our school motto—'together we learn for life'.

Wishing you all lovely long weekend

Mrs Mace

Bailey's Blog

I have had two home days this week and was so excited to come back to see the children– I missed them all! I was a bit bewildered though as all the ground was covered in snow– I was not sure about this at all! I decided the only option was to sleep and snuggle in my warm bed in Mrs Mace's office– refusing to get out! It wasn't until home that I ventured out to taste it!

I undertook my first fire drill too– I didn't worry with the strange bell that sounded! I have enjoyed looking at all the children working so hard in assessment week too– I am sure they have all done their best!

Upcoming events

13th March—Inset Day

17th March—Red Nose day—cake sale 3pm in hall

w/c 27th March—Guardian Consultations—please remember to book your time slot on Arbor, if you haven't already done so

31st March—end of Spring term

17th April—Inset Day

17th April—Primary school outcomes



This week, the surprise snowfall created a great opportunity for the children to have fun in the snow both inside as well as outside!

The children have continued to explore our Talk For Writing story and they are getting really confident in retelling the story using our story map.

They have also enjoyed exploring colour, pattern and shape on our new light box table.

Communication this week

- Email to Year 3—Feet First
- Email to Year 3—Warlingham Library
- Email to whole school—Red Nose Day
- Email to whole school—Inset Day

Attendance

1st place: Donaldson (1) - 94.1%

2nd place: Inkpen [R] - 93.6%

3rd place: Murphy (2) - 92.5%

Whole School: 88.95%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Altogether**—completely, in total or on the whole

(KS2 Lower) - **Subvert**— to undermine the power the power or ruling regime

(KS2 Upper) - **Contravene**—to break the rules or the law

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.

Absences & Sickness

If your child is absent from school, please email 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 must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.



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"

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

(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

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

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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 VOLUNTEER. 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  Charity

amazon
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.



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.

*** Price and Buckland have announced there will be slight price increase from 1st April * - please consider if you need any new uniform items before this price increase.**

HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

BBQ Chicken Pizza

Ingredients

For the base

- 250g wholemeal flour, plus a little for kneading if necessary
- 1 tsp instant yeast
- $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp salt
- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil, plus extra for greasing

For the topping

- pack of 3 peppers
- 1 large onion
- 1 tbsp rapeseed oil
- 1 tsp fennel seeds
- 2 tbsp barbecue sauce
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 large skinless chicken breast fillet (about 225g), diced
- 175g baby plum tomatoes, quartered
- 50g Applewood smoked cheese, grated

• STEP 1

Heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Tip the flour into a mixer with a dough hook, or a bowl. Add the yeast, salt, oil and 200ml warm water then mix well to a very soft dough. Knead in the food mixer for about 5 mins, but if making this by hand, tip onto a work surface and knead for about 10 mins. The dough is sticky, but try not to add too much extra flour. Leave in the bowl and cover with a tea towel while you halve and slice the peppers and onions. *There is no need to prove the dough for a specific time, just let it sit while you make the topping.*

• STEP 2

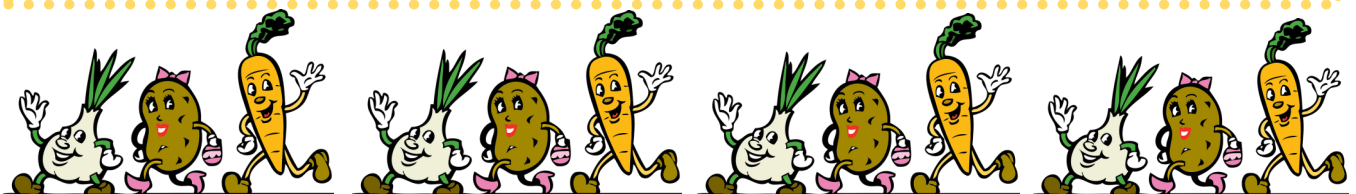
For the topping: toss the peppers and onions with the oil and fennel seeds then roast for 15 mins. Meanwhile mix the barbecue sauce and tomato purée with 5 tbsp water.

• STEP 3

Take the dough from the bowl and press into the base and up the sides of an oiled 25x35cm Swiss roll tin. Don't knead the dough first otherwise it will be too elastic and will keep shrinking back. Spread with two thirds of the barbecue sauce mix then add the remainder to the chicken and toss well to coat it.

• STEP 4

Take the roasted pepper mixture from the oven and spread on top of the pizza. Scatter over the tomatoes then evenly spoon on the barbecue chicken. Scatter with the cheese and bake for 15 mins. Serve with a salad or healthy coleslaw.



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/carers 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/carers 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