



Hamsey Green  
Primary School

Acorns  
Nursery



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 3



Happy Chinese New Year!



Dear All

The cold spell definitely has bitten back this week! I whole heartedly agree with many of you who commented how beautiful the grounds look with the frost sparkling on it.

This week at school, the children have been focusing on being kind and the importance of mutual respect. They have had assembly stories on celebrating their similarities and differences.

The Eco club have been sharing their top tips which will help the environment. They are also looking forward to planting some dogwood and hawthorn trees which have been kindly donated – we just need for the ground to thaw out a bit first! We are hoping to renovate the raised beds outside the main office, so if you do have any spare shrubs, bulbs, flowers or top soil, please let us know. The prefects clubs have been very popular too– they encouraged children to join their mindful colouring, story and chess clubs which run through lunchtimes.

In Year 1 phonics have been great fun! They have been learning about polysyllabic words - words which have two or more syllables e.g. shampoo, chicken. The children have learnt to clap out a word to find out how many syllables it has. To encourage them to use this skill in reading, they made dens under their desks and read through familiar books to see how many polysyllabic words they could find!



We wish all of our community who celebrate Chinese New Year, a super year of the rabbit! The sign of Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity in Chinese culture. **2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.** I for one am certainly looking forward to a Chinese meal!



Wishing you a lovely weekend  
Mrs Mace

## King Charles III commemorative Medal

If you would like to order one of these medals please order and pay in the shop on School Money. The deadline for placing an order is Friday 20th January.

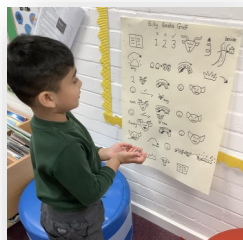
## Upcoming events

**13th-17th February—Half term**

**2nd March—World Book Day -dress up**

**13th March—Inset Day (confirmed)**

**17th April—Inset Day (newly added)**



This week, we have continued exploring our Talk For Writing story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. The children re-enacted the story using props; the children retold the story using our story map and had great fun going on a Billy Goats Gruff assault course. We have also continued to have lots of creative activities in the art area including troll making with the playdough, cutting activities to make a grass scene and troll art. The children also explored the story in the tuff tray with coloured rice, character props and natural resources.

Active Surrey will be running a free 'Help your child be their best' workshop in conjunction with YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team, giving tips on how parents can help their children reach their potential physically and mentally. Parents will learn about the Tree of Wellbeing and the links to activity, nutrition, hydration and sleep.

Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/116178?source=Newsletter&guid=E3E32158-D2F8-4461-8976-337991860A0C>



### 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.**



### Attendance

1st place: Donaldson (1) - 98.9%

2nd place: Kinney (3) - 98.6%

3rd place: Pullman (6) - 98.1%

Whole School: 94.1%

### Communication this week

- Telephone lines up and running again
- Email to year 5 parents

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Enjoy**—to do something that makes you feel happy or positive

(KS2 Lower) - **Serene**—calm, peaceful and untroubled

(KS2 Upper) - **Compunction**—the feeling of guilt that comes as a result of having done something wrong

### **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.**

### **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.

### **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 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)

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



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 wish-list. 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.



## HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

### Chicken and Veg Bowl!

#### Ingredients

- 250g [brown basmati rice](#)
- 1 tbsp [rapeseed oil](#)
- 1 [garlic clove](#), crushed
- 2 [chicken](#) breasts, sliced
- 2 tbsp hoisin sauce
- 100g frozen edamame beans or peas, defrosted
- 100g [frozen sweetcorn](#)
- 100g [grated carrots](#)
- 100g [red peppers](#), cut into small cubes
- 1 [avocado](#), stoned and sliced

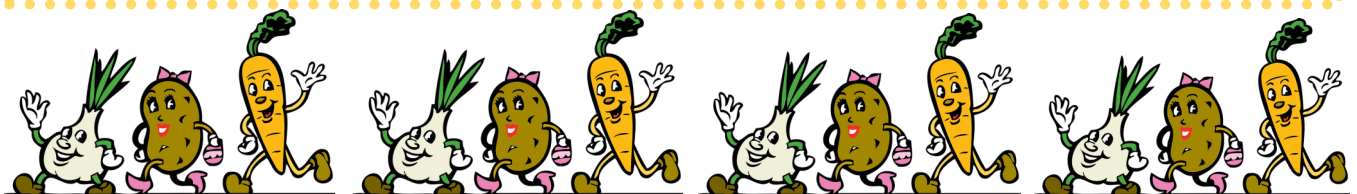


#### STEP 1

- Cook the rice following pack instructions, then drain and return to the pan to keep warm. Heat the oil in a frying pan or [wok](#), add the garlic and fry for 2 mins or until golden. Tip in the chicken and fry until the pieces are cooked through, then stir in the hoisin sauce, season and continue cooking for a further 2 mins. Cook the edamame beans and sweetcorn in simmering water for 2 mins, then drain.

#### STEP 2

- Divide the rice between four bowls and top with the chicken slices in a strip down the middle, with the carrot, red pepper, beans or peas, sweetcorn and avocado down either side. Serve with the lemon to squeeze over, if you like.



**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