



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 4

Dear All,

This week, the school has seemed a little depleted on numbers as a nasty sick bug seems to have spread as well as Chickenpox! We hope that the children get better soon and look forward to seeing them next week. Mrs Smith thinks I have cursed it as I have treated her to a new carpet cleaner this week and so she could test it out!! We have further reiterated the need to wash hands properly and keep up their high hygiene standards.



Classes have been enjoying the outdoors especially as it has been a bit warmer than last week! Year 1 have been especially busy, being taught to develop their throwing and hitting skills by the Warlingham Sixth Form PE Ambassadors. A big thank you to Mr Palmer, who built the new Bug Hotel in the Year 1 garden. In Forest School, the children went on a hunt for natural materials to make the bugs feel at home, such as dry leaves, twigs, pine cones, stones... they will continue to add to the Bug Hotel over the coming weeks—I am sure they will nurture all the insects who make it their home. On Monday, they also did a practical science lesson

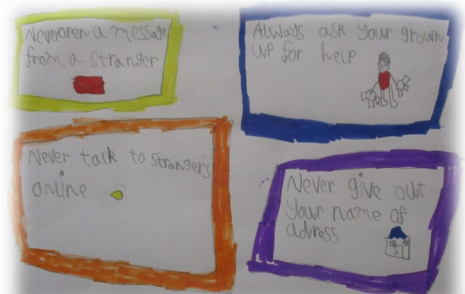
to investigate our senses. The children were asked to guess the sound, touch a variety of different textures and think about which was smoothest and roughest, build a tower with a blindfold on, guess the flavour of crisps and guess the scent of some bubble bath—I am sure they were all fired up with enthusiasm!

Year 5 have begun rugby lessons with a Warlingham Rugby Club coach and some



children have also been to Woodlea to attend a Royal Institute Maths Masterclass workshop. They were challenged to calculate algebraic problems! This week our Chair of Governors visited to discuss how the children felt safe in school. She spent time talking to the School Council, who were extremely eloquent in passing on the children's views. The children were able to discuss staying safe on-line,

the gates, friendships, our worry boxes and who to go to if they were concerned about anything. Some children have entered an internet safety competition and we even have a song made! Please look out for an upcoming parent, joint Trust online workshop hosted by the Breck Foundation.



Wishing you a healthy 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 28th January)

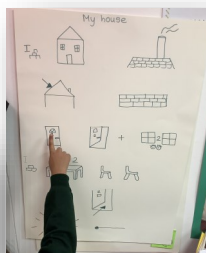
24" cardigans (x16)	26" cardigans (x2)
34" cardigans (x13)	36" cardigans (x2)
34" sweatshirt (x1)	

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 based our activities around the 'My House' poem/rhyme as part of Talk For Writing. The children have learnt the poem using the story map and have enjoyed a variety of home based activities including cooking, brick collage, door number matching, rice play and sock matching in our home corner.

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 considerably 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) **Surprise**—an unexpected or astonishing event

(KS2 Lower) **Revelation**—a surprising and previously unknown fact that has now been disclosed to others

(KS2 Upper) **Divulge**—to make known secret or sensitive information

Upcoming events

Friday 4th February—NSPCC number day

Friday 11th February—Inset day

Tuesday 19th April—school closure day

Wednesday 20th April—children return for Summer term

Communication this week

- Whole school email NSPCC number day
- Yr 3 email High Ashurst trip
- Yr 2 letter re Museum trip
- Reception email re School Nurse visit

Attendance:

1st place: Morpurgo (6) 96.8%
2nd place: Murphy (2) 96.3%
3rd place: Pullman (6) 94.3%

Whole school: 90.7%

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>

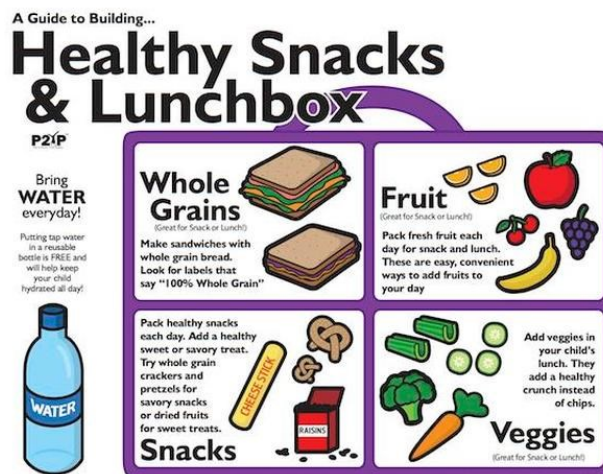
Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery.

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>



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](#).