



Hamsey Green
Primary School

Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 8



Dear All,

What a fabulous week we have had celebrating World Book Day! The children across the school have enjoyed making book marks, reading stories and participated in book quizzes!

A big thank you to you all for sending in books to swap on Wednesday!

The children took great delight in selecting another book and we hope

that they enjoyed reading them to you too as promoting a love of reading is so important. On Thursday, M&M Theatre Group came to present Oliver Twist to the children. The children sat beautifully and were amazed at the superb props, singing, dancing and acting. We were stunned at how fast they could change into different characters! Following the performance, Year 6 were



treated to a back stage pass to see how stage lighting, sound effects and props are utilised to enhance a play. They will be using these skills at the end of the year in their leavers play!

Also promoting a love of reading, the children spent time reading in their 'buddy' class. Watching the older children nurture the younger children warms our hearts and shows how caring our children are. The children were very excited as they had their first story with Bailey on Thursday too. Bailey will tell you more in his blog below!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace



Bailey's Blog

This week I turned 14 weeks old— it is surprising how quick the time goes! I have loved exploring the school grounds and even went to check out if I could join the football club!

On Book Day, dressed up as Jack of Hearts to match Mrs Mace as the Queen of hearts, I had my first story time in groups! It was lovely to see a sea of faces at me (a couple of whom looked like this!!) I enjoyed them so much, I fell asleep four times! I cannot wait for more!



Change of time to the end of the school day KS1

After Easter, KS1 classes (Years 1 & 2) will finish at the slightly later time of 3:00pm and not 2:55pm to comply with the DFE requirement in length of the day.

Upcoming events

13th March—Inset Day

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

28th March—Guardian consultations (please check Arbor for times)

30th March—Guardian consultations (please check Arbor for times)

31st March—end of Spring term -early finishing

17th April—Inset Day

17th April—Primary school outcomes



What a busy week we have had at Acorns Nursery!

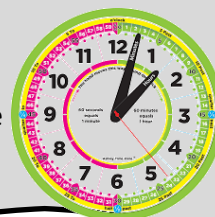
This week, we started learning our new Talk For Writing story- "Peely Wally". We also made our own versions of a Peely Wally bird to create a new wall display.

We also celebrated National Book Week. The children looked amazing in their outfits and came dressed in a fantastic array of book characters. The staff at Acorns also joined in and became "Snow White and the seven dwarfs" for the day!.



From April, the cost of school dinners will be increasing by 10p.

Please can we remind parents that Smartwatches are not permitted in school due to safe-guarding. Children are allowed to wear a watch but please with either an analogue or digital watch face to encourage the children to learn to tell the time. Thank you.



Communication this week

- Guardian consultations open for booking—if you haven't already done so, please book via Arbor
- Uniform list sent out to all families

Attendance

1st place:	Donaldson (1) - 100%
2nd place:	Murphy (2) - 99.3%
3rd place:	Rowling (4) - 98.7%
Whole School:	94.9%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Bellow**—to shout something in a loud, angry voice.

(KS2 Lower) - **Observe**—to remark about something you have seen.

(KS2 Upper) - **Posit**—to put forward an idea, theory or concept.

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 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 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.



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

P2iP

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

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.



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

Recycle  Charity

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

Vegan Baked Oats

Ingredients

- 150g porridge oats
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 225ml dairy free milk, plus extra to serve (optional)
- 1 large, very ripe banana, peeled
- 185g frozen mixed berries (ours had a combination of strawberries, blackberries and currants)
- 1 tsp maple syrup (optional)

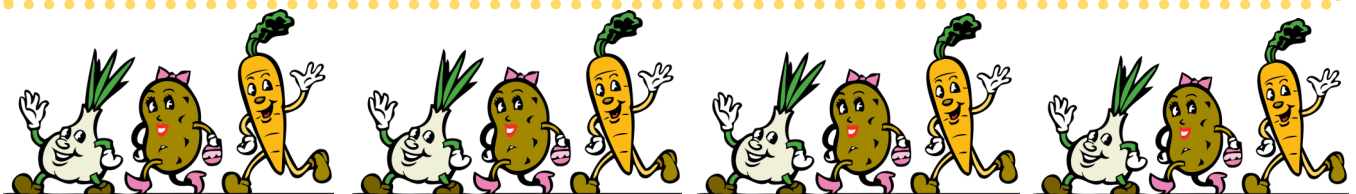


• STEP 1

- Heat the oven to 190C/170C fan/ gas 5. Tip the oats into a heatproof bowl, then pour over 450ml boiling water from the kettle. Stir well, then stir in the vanilla and milk.

• STEP 2

- Mash the banana, then spread over the base of a medium baking dish (ours was a 20 x 28cm oval) and stir in the frozen fruit to fully combine. You want the banana to sweeten the berries, but you can add 1 tsp maple syrup, if you like. Pour over the oat mixture. Bake for 30-40 mins until set and the fruit juices are bubbling at the edges of the dish. Scoop into bowls and serve with a little extra milk, 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