



Hamsey Green
Primary School

Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2023 Week 1

Happy New Year
2023

Dear All

I hope that you had a safe and enjoyable holiday and are raring to be back as much as the children! It was lovely to see them bound back to school. This week, we have spoken about the meaning of New Year, how it is celebrated and made New Years Resolutions!! Please do ask your child what they have chosen—they should have either one for school or at home or may even have one for both!

The INSET staff had on Tuesday was linked to Restorative Practice and how to make amends if things happen. We also had fun with pondering daily 'Thunks' to help develop thinking skills—based on a book by Ian Gilbert. A 'thunk' is a simple question about everyday things designed to stop you in your tracks and to help you to look at the world in a completely different way. Thunks help individuals to develop their thinking, confidence in their own opinions and the ability to listen to others; through open-ended questions where there are no right or wrong answers. In school, they offer a great way to get learners thinking and enable us to understand HOW students are thinking and what knowledge they have. All learners are able to contribute to a class discussion and teachers are able to facilitate this discussion by building on one person's answer and including all members of the class. I have posed some thunks below for you to enjoy over the weekend!

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the kind gifts and cards.

How did people make the first tools, if they didn't have any tools?

Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?

If the hands fall off my clock, is it still a clock?

If I deliberately drop a bucket full of paint onto a canvas, is it art? What if I drop the bucket accidentally?

Which is more important, being right or being nice?

If Monday was a colour, what C o L O u R would Monday be?

Can you have a conversation with an invisible friend?

If you expect the unexpected, will the unexpected still be expected?

Can you touch the wind?

IF WE'RE ALL TOLD TO BE AN INDIVIDUAL, IS THERE SUCH THING AS BEING ORDINARY?

If we've read the whole dictionary, is every other book a remix?

If you borrow a million dollars does that make you a millionaire?

Which is better, natural or manmade?

Is childhood the best time of our lives?

Happy weekend!
Mrs Mace

Spring Term Clubs

Letters regarding the Spring term clubs have been sent home with the children today. Replies should be returned to the school office on Monday/Tuesday next week. If your child did not receive a letter please print a copy from the school website and return to the school office.

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

Tuesday 10th Jan 8.30am Hall—parent forum 3

Wednesday 11th Jan— 9.30am final parent tour for Reception 2023

15th Jan—Primary school application deadline



This week we have welcomed back our children from the Christmas break. We have loved hearing about all the things our families have been doing over the holidays.

We have settled the first of our new starters and there have been lots of opportunities to play and explore.

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.



Communication this week

- Letter for level 2 bikeability letter for Year 6
- Arbor parental engagement letter

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Disappointed**—feeling let down by someone or something

(KS2 Lower) - **Disillusioned** —being disappointed that something isn't as good as you thought it would be

(KS2 Upper) - **Apoplectic**—extremely angry or furious



Nursery are requesting for any pre-loved, outgrown clothes for ages 2-4 years, including socks and underwear. If you are able to help with this request, please can they be delivered to Acorns Nursery. Thank you in advance for your kindness and help.

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

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.

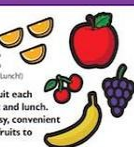
Snacks



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



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

Salmon pesto traybake with baby roast potatoes

Ingredients—serves 2 adults and 2 children

- 500g baby new potatoes, cut in half
- 1 tsp olive oil
- 2 large courgettes, cut into small chunks
- 1 red pepper, cut into small chunks
- 1 spring onion, finely sliced
- **25g pine nuts ***
- 3-4 salmon fillets
- Juice 1/2 lemon
- **1 1/2—2 tbsp pesto ***

STEP 1

Boil the potatoes for 10 mins until tender, then drain. Heat over to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Toss the potatoes in the oil, then transfer to a baking tray. Roast for 20 mins. Push the potatoes to one side and put the courgette, pepper, spring onion and pine nuts down the middle of the tray. Put the salmon on the other side. Squeeze lemon juice over the fillets and vegetables (not including the potatoes). Season everything with pepper. Spread each of the salmon fillets with pesto and return the tray to the oven for 12-15 mins until everything is cooked through.

*** please be aware of any allergies**

