



Acorns  
Nursery

Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2023 Week 8



Dear All

The sun has shone down on us this week! We have been so lucky as so many children have been out and about. This week, Year 3 went on safari. They have been learning about large wild animals and visited Chessington Zoo to find out more about their sea life, conservation projects, animal habitats and diet. It looks like they had a great time on Zoofari searching the African savanna looking for my favourite animals— giraffes! The animals were out in force—with our current weather being more like their natural habitat.



I was so excited that also on Tuesday, some children in Years 1 and 2 went to Warlingham School to participate in the local schools Multiskills competition. I was so proud of their determination and resilience – as well as their amazing teamwork—it won them 1st place! Well done to all those who represented Hamsey!! Mr Bianco made Mr Brown quite jealous this week as he took eight Year 4's to Crystal Palace Stadium. They practiced their skills with other schools at the Crystal Palace For Life Foundation event, Fun at the Park. The children were excited for their stadium tour— and pretended to be the manager in the dug out!



Congratulations to all our Year 1's who have worked so hard on their National Phonics Check tests and our Year 4's who took their National Multiplication Tables Check too. We are all so proud of your efforts and resilience— well done! It was also lovely to see the strawberries we planted last year being harvested! Can't wait to see the rest of the flowers and fruits coming into bloom.



Please can we ask that children bring a suitable water bottle into school. Prime and Air Up caps are not suitable for school. It is hot—please remember your child needs to bring a sun hat daily!! Thank you.



Reception have had a fabulous day at Pirate school!

Have a super weekend!

Mrs Mace

## Bailey's Blog

I have not been at school this week sadly. Just like the children I have to follow the 48 hour rules when I am poorly. And I have been very poorly! I have had gastroenteritis and I even had to have an anti-sickness injection as well as being put on antibiotics! Until yesterday, I have not wanted to eat or drink so have been snuggled up having lots of cuddles with my Granny. I am starting to perk myself up and today have managed to keep some chicken and rice down so I hope to regain my strength over the weekend to see you all next week.

Missing you all xx

## Upcoming events

- 19th-21st June—Year 6 residential
- 20th June—Year 6 trip for those not attending the residential
- 21st June—Year 5 assembly **9:00am**
- 22nd June—Year 1 assembly **9:00am**
- 22ND June— Year 5s who have signed up to go to Riddlesdown STEM day
- 28th June—Year 2 assembly **9:00am**
- 29th June—Year 4 assembly **2:00pm**
- 30th June—INSET DAY
- 5th July—Reception assembly **2:00pm (Nursery children who are starting school to watch)**
- 3rd & 6th July District Sports (selected children)
- 6th July—Year 3 assembly **9.00am**
- 7th July—Camp out
- 13th July—Sports Day **Nursery 9am Rec 9-10.15, KS1 10.30-12, KS2 1.15-2.45 BACK FIELD MORE INFO TO FOLLOW**
- 17th July **6pm** Year 6 Leavers Show (Year 6 parents invited)
- 21st July **9am** Year 6 Leavers Assembly (yr6)



This week the children have enjoyed lots of out door play under the shade of our beautiful trees in the sensory garden, where they have had a variety of opportunities to explore the wooded area as well as having lots of water play activities.

We have continued to learn our “Supertato” Talk for Writing story and the children had great fun in making their own “Evil Pea” biscuit. We have also explored a different aspect of Fantasy and Adventure by focusing on dragons and unicorns. The children have enjoyed unicorn shaving foam play, created their own unicorns and dragons in the art area and have been encouraged to invent their own dragon/unicorn story using a five sentence structure.

Please can we ask adults to supervise any children at the start and end of the day—children should not be climbing any of the outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.



### Early Years outdoor area redevelopment

Do you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate?



- |                   |                |   |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| Tyres             | Wooden trellis | Plastic piping, funnels, buckets and spades |
| Large cable reels | Wooden pallets | Old road signs/number plates                |
| Packets of seeds  | compost        |   |

Please let us know via the Office if you have any of the larger items so that we can arrange a suitable day for delivery.



### Broom handles!

If you have any old broom handles, please can you bring them to the school office. Thank you!

## Attendance

<b>1st place:</b>	<b>Kinney (3) - 98.28%</b>
<b>2nd place:</b>	<b>Rowling (4) - 98.26%</b>
<b>3rd place:</b>	<b>McKee (2) - 96.15%</b>
<b>Whole School:</b>	<b>94.32%</b>

## Communication this week

- Email to year 2 regarding school dinners
- Email to Rec-Year 6 parents regarding Breakfast and After school club

## Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Charm** - To delight someone by your personality

(KS2 Lower) - **Lamentable** - Something in a bad state of repair or poor quality

(KS2 Upper) - **Vestige**—A trace of something that is disappearing or no longer exists

### **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](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.



Please find below details of upcoming Eikon charity parent webinars. These are free for all parents and carers in Surrey. Details can also be found on our website [Parent Webinars - The Eikon Charity](#)

#### **Future webinars currently open for registration are the following:**

- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 19.00-20.00 (A repeat of the webinar hosted on 23<sup>rd</sup> March)  
[Supporting your Child with the Transition to Secondary School](#)  
Register now by clicking [here](#)

### 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!

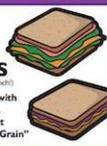
Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



### Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

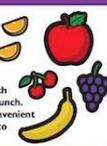
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



### 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



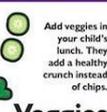
Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

### Snacks



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

### Veggies



### 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.**



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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share)



### 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

### Vegan Spinach and Cherry Tomato Quiche

#### Ingredients

325g wholemeal flour  
2 tsp mustard powder  
90ml olive oil

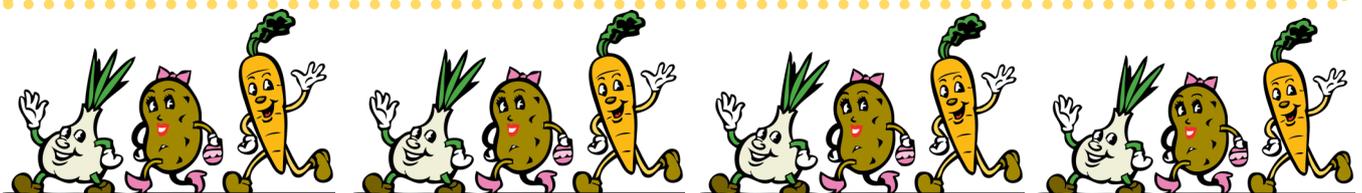
#### For the filling

400g extra-firm tofu, drained  
3 tbsp nutritional yeast flakes  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp ground turmeric  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp ground white pepper  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp onion granules  
2 tsp cornflour  
125ml oat or soy milk  
small bunch of basil, leaves shredded, plus a few extra leaves to serve  
2 tsp olive oil  
100g baby leaf spinach  
225g cherry tomatoes, halved  
2 thyme sprigs, leaves picked  
green salad, to serve



#### Method

- Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. To make the pastry, mix the flour and mustard-powder with a generous pinch of salt in a large bowl. Drizzle in the olive oil, stirring continuously until evenly dispersed through the flour mixture. Slowly stir in 6-8 tbsp water to bring the pastry together.
- Roll the pastry out between two sheets of baking parchment into a 3mm-thick circle and use it to line a 22cm tart tin. Chill for 20 mins. Line the pastry case with baking parchment and fill with baking beans. Bake for 15 mins. Remove the parchment and beans and bake for another 10 mins until the pastry is golden and dry.
- Reduce the oven temperature to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. For the filling, tip the tofu, nutritional yeast, turmeric, white pepper, onion granules, cornflour and 1 tsp salt into a food processor. Blitz together briefly, then, with the motor running, slowly add the milk until you have a smooth, thick filling (this may take a few minutes). If the food processor starts to strain, add an extra 1 tbsp milk. Scrape the filling into a large bowl and stir in the shredded basil leaves. Taste and adjust the seasoning, if needed.
- Heat the olive oil in a non-stick frying pan and cook the spinach, cherry tomatoes and thyme for 2-3 mins until the spinach has just wilted. Stir most of the tomatoes and spinach into the filling mixture, reserving a few tomatoes for the top of the quiche. Spoon the filling into the pastry case and smooth the surface with the back of the spoon. Press the reserved tomatoes into the top and bake for 30 mins until the quiche is golden and just set in the middle. Leave to cool for a few minutes, then scatter over a few extra basil leaves, slice and serve with a green salad.



The School Nursing Team

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The school nursing service are running three online sessions on school readiness in September 2023 for parents of reception and year 1 children. The sessions will cover toileting, sleep routines and healthy lifestyles.

These sessions will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September: 2.00 – 2.45pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September: 09:30 – 10:15am**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September: 4.00 – 4.45pm**

If you would like to join, please email this address [csh.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net](mailto:csh.schoolnurseadmin@nhs.net) with the following information.

Name of School.

The date you would like to attend.

Once you have emailed our team, you will then receive a Microsoft Teams link to log on to the session near the time.

**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/carer 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/carer 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