



Hamsey Green
Primary School



Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 2



Dear all,



This week has flown by! The children have been excited to complete the first full week of 2022, although many of them (and staff!) are now quite tired! We were pleased to welcome back all those who have been poorly too. Thank you all again for your support as we are still a few adults missing. This week, all classes have been busy starting their new topics. Classes have also been engaged in new Talk for Writing 'hooks'. Mr Boffa and I were surprised to find Year 6 in the Amazon aka Forest School! The classes have become explorers and were given an Amazonian Trail to complete. They were very imaginative and have used some of their findings in their writing this week. I'm glad they

didn't find too many exotic species on their travels back to school!

As part of their new Science topic, year 3 have been learning how plants grow by growing

butter beans in jars. I am sure they have a competitive spirit—who's will grow the tallest, incorporating maths in the real world and the importance of accurate measurement skills.

As part of Reception's 'Home Sweet Home' topic, they are learning the story of the three little pigs. They used construction kits to make their own homes for a pig - with amazing results. The Big Bad Wolf won't be able to blow these houses down! Year 1 have been excited to put the Beebot robots in to programming trails together and Year 4 were blown

away on Monday when they returned to the classroom, a ship wreck had appeared! This linked perfectly to learning their new model text, an abridged version of 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. I hope no one was sea sick – I have terrible sea legs! I can't wait to find out what they will all be learning next week.

Please check the once again updated guidance to ending self isolation to help you (on page 4). Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in taking home all the additional items brought to school- such as fidgets toys and cuddly toys as we are still being mindful of cross contamination. I can see so many of you carrying these home after drop off and appreciate your help in keeping the class community safe.

Wishing you a happy half way through January.

Mrs Mace





Pullman were such a delight in Amazon Rainforest School! They listened to the model text as they explored for clues about the Amazon forest.



Year 5 Hook lesson



This week we have focussed our learning on the story of Handa's Surprise. The children have been cutting and sticking to make fruit pictures. We have been exploring the fruits from the story; feeling them, smelling them and talking about them. We had a go at carrying a basket on our heads just like Handa and also used fruits to print in paint.

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) **Hug**—to show affection/love for someone else by squeezing them gently

(KS2 Lower) **Embrace**—to show affection/love for someone else by squeezing them gently

(KS2 Upper) **Enclasp**—to squeeze something tightly with your arms

Attendance:

1st place:	Murphy (2) 99.5%
2nd place:	Donaldson (1) 96.2%
3rd place:	Rundell (5) 95.4%
Whole school:	93.2%

Upcoming events

- Saturday 15th January—Primary school application deadline

Communication this week

- Platinum Jubilee medals (on School Money)

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 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.

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Absences & Sickness

If your child is absent from school and you leave a message on our 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.

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](#).