



## Dear All

We have packed a lot into this four day week. Year 5 travelled back in time to learn about life in the Tudor times, visiting Hampton Court. Having spoken to them, their favourite parts of the trip included finding their way through the giant maze, looking at the historical apartments and wandering in the vast gardens smelling the tulips! On Thursday, Reception had their visit to Godstone Farm. They learnt about pond creatures through pond dipping, went on mini beast hunts and had great fun learning about the different animals and reptiles the farm has. I am sure one of their highlights was the piglet racing and handling the animals/insects! I have to admit stroking a cockroach was quite unexpected and I much preferred cuddling the rabbits! Both Year groups were a credit to the school and absolute delight to take out.

We send our best wishes to all the children in Year 2 who are the final year 2s to take KS1 SATs. They have already started their tests and just taking them in their stride. Next week, we also wish



a massive good luck to our Year 6s. We know they have had to overcome many barriers with Covid school disruptions over the last two years; and have shown great resilience to be undertaking their KS2 SATs next week having worked so hard. I am sure they will do themselves proud.

Year 4 were very excited to show me a nest of eggs hidden well in the playground. We discovered a new free App called Seek by iNaturalist which identifies plants, animals and birds. We used the school mobile to hover over the eggs to discover one of the Perch Bird family laid them. We hope to watch them closely to see them develop.

Now that the weather has finally warmed up, please can I remind you that the

children will need to have once a day sun cream applied in the mornings and a sun hat that stays in school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



This week we have had lots of fun learning about growth. We have enjoyed playing in our role play garden centre, watering the flowers and pretending to work in the shop.

We have planted cress and also sunflower seeds and are looking forward to watching them grow.

In forest school we experimented with natural resources to make clay faces on the trees.



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## 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 considerately 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

#### Attendance

1st place: Joint 2nd place: Whole School: Kent (3) - 98.4% Rundell (5) Kinney (3) - 96.6% 92.9%

#### **Communication this week**

Year 5 Primary Project letter

### **Upcoming events**

Monday 9th May — Yr5 Primary Project at Whitgift (all week) Tuesday 17th May—Yr1 to Godstone Farm 30th May—3rd June—Half Term

#### **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.

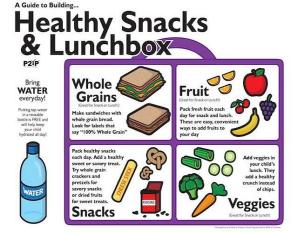
# **School Gates**

Please can we ask you to remind your child/ren not to climb or pull on our driveway and pedestrian gates. We have had a lot of maintenance on the gates over the last year and they are prone to malfunction at the slightest hiccup as you are well aware!. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **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.



#### **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!



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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

#### 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. <u>https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School</u>

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. Please order any uniform from Price & Buckland by 1st August for home delivery before the start of the new school year.