



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 10



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Dear All

What a wonderful, warm week we have had at school. Thank you for remembering to put all day suncream on them and for reminding your children that they should have a sun hat in school .

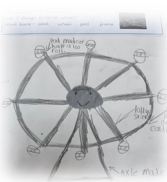


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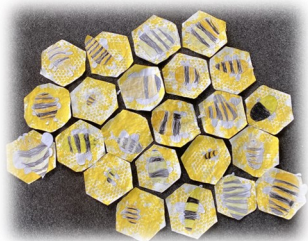
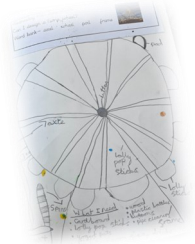
This week, the children have been thinking about politics and our British Values. With the General Election looming next Thursday, we are running our own Hamsey Mock Election. Each class has nominated their 'party' candidate who will represent them. Together they have been working on their manifestos to present to the rest of the school in their Hustings Assembly on Monday. The classes have been thinking hard on what they would like to do—which should be something with impact to the school as we lead up to the end of term! I wonder what they will come up with and who will come to be elected on Thursday! All children will be going to the Polling Station set up in the hall. I will let you know who the winning party will be ASAP and what we will need to do!

Some of our Year 6s have out for two days as they have been at Warlingham Secondary School for their transition days. I cannot believe how time flies as we remember greeting them at four years old on the Infant Site! I am so pleased that they demonstrated our school values.

Today, I hope you have all enjoyed the additional day off today for our final INSET of the year. As our school motto 'Together We Learn For Life,' the teachers have been to the lead school for Talk for Writing, Warren Road. We were so excited to be able to see others teach and gather new ideas for the classrooms. They are looking forward to sharing their learning with the children on Monday and beyond.



Year 2 amazed us all this week too! They have a Seaside topic and so, in DT, they have been learning to follow the steps of design, create and evaluate; designing their own Ferris wheel! They have been learning about them in history too. The children created them and then evaluated them.



Reception have been learning about bees and honey and created this collaborative art project.

I also have had the pleasure of teaching water colours and the artist Henri Rousseau. I was so impressed with their artistic knowledge and skills, detailing dull and vivid colours to highlight specific objects or animals. I can't wait to see their final pieces.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace

Upcoming SUMMER TERM 2 Events

- 1st July**– District Sports Field Events– selected children (letters have been sent)
- 4th July**—District Sports Track Events—selected children (letters have been sent– awaiting some replies)
- 5th July**– Swimming Gala– selected children (letters have been sent)
- 8th July– 9.00am** Year 5 Assembly
- 8th July– 1.45pm** Reception Assembly
- 9th July– 9am** Year 2 Assembly
- 9th July– 1.45pm** Year 4 Assembly
- 10th July– 8.45-10.00am** Reception Sports Day **10.00-10.30 am** Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards (more info to come)
- 10th July– 10.15-11.30pm** KS1 Years 1&2 Sports Day **11.30-12.00 pm** KS1 Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards (more info to come)
- 10th July– 1.15PM-2.30pm** KS2 Sports Day **2.30-2.50 pm** KS1 Parents can bring a snack to share with their children afterwards (more info to come)
- 11th July– 9am** Year 3 Assembly
- 12th July– 9am** Year 1 Assembly
- 12th July–1:10-2:20pm** New Reception children coming in.
- 12th July–3pm** drop in and meet new teacher for existing pupils.
- 12th July EVENING** KS2 Camp Night (more info to come)
- 17th July**—Diabetes Screening (sign up letter sent)
- 17th July 9am**– Wednesday Rock Steady Concert
- 19th July 9am**– Friday Rock Steady Concert
- 19th July**– reports out
- 19th July—Rec– Year6 3-4.15pm** Summer Festival (more info to come)
- 22nd July– 3pm** PTA preloved uniform sale in hall
- 22nd July 6pm** Year 6 Leavers Play
- 25th July 11am** Acorns Leavers Graduation
- 25th July 12pm**—Acorns finish for summer
- 26th July** MUFTI DAY YEARS R-5
- 26th July 9am** Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
- 26th July SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.05 RECEPTION 1.10 KS1 & KS2 4PM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



With the soaring temperatures this week, the children have enjoyed outdoor activities under the cool shade of our trees, especially in our sensory garden. We also used the forest school area, which was fully shaded, where the children enjoyed listening to stories as well as creating homes for mini figures using natural resources.

We have continued our transport topic by focusing on cars. The children have really enjoyed using the road system for their cars on the playground and have also enjoyed driving a car using car props and a car simulator programme on the whiteboard.

We have talked about different aspects of a car, naming familiar parts as well as learning new features. We have also incorporated road safety into this week's discussions, raising awareness of how to cross a road safely.

The children loved a specially arranged singing session earlier in the week, when a guitarist and singer visited us, playing guitar and singing popular nursery songs with the children. We were so proud of how engaged the children were.



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.

Absences, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, 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 may be off school for 48 hours following the last episode, each case is dealt with separately.

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Attendance

1st place:	Kinney (3) 98.26%
2nd place:	Donaldson (1) 97.33%
3rd place:	Butterworth [R] 97.06%
Whole school:	94.02%

Communication this week

- 24.6.24—Email to whole school regarding school dinners
- 25.6.24—Email to whole school regarding diabetes study
- 26.6.24—Email to Year R—Year 6 regarding summer event
- 27.6.24—Email to Year R—Year 6 regarding school run clubs



Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you inform the office and not the class teacher. The office maintains the registers for all clubs and needs to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance.



Children should **NOT** be riding their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, down the driveway or through the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Please ask the children to dismount and ensure you supervise your children whilst they are on them. Adults have reported some children are riding on the school grounds that is likely to cause an accident or damage to cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parking & Road Safety

We have been made aware of some inconsiderate parking and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park**

considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. According to the Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution.



A number of parents have raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Tithepit Shaw Lane at drop off and collection times. Please complete the road safety assessment form for Surrey to assess the road. We would recommend this is done as we return to school after half term to ensure they come when school is back in business. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk) - please select Road Safety Outside a School. Should anyone be interested, there is a vacancy for Road Crossing Patrol for outside the school. This is a paid vacancy through Surrey County Council.

Twelve 15

The cost of school meals will be increasing from 1 September 2024 to £2.80 per meal.

Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day sun-cream, bring a sun hat and refillable water bottle on warm, sunny days



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

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

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



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!

Recycle 4 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 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. 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. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!

FOR CHARITY



£491.51 Royal British Legion

£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

£190.94 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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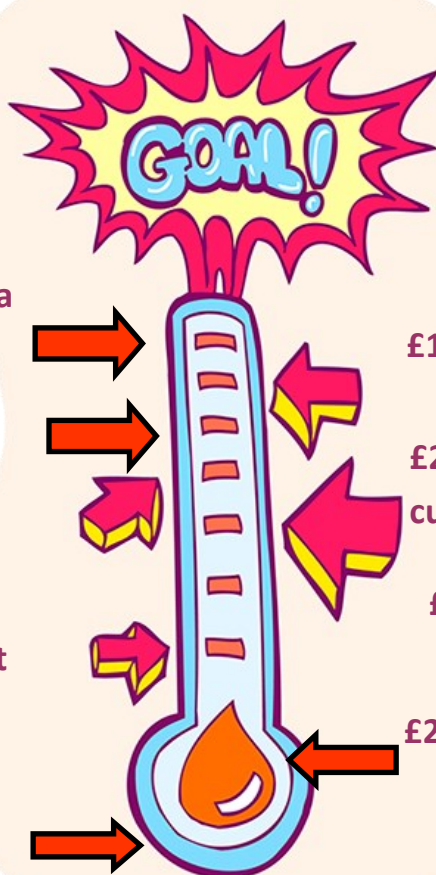
£ 115 Breakfast with a
loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event



£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards,
cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

These fantastic amounts that have been raised has enabled us to be able to order a road safety sign for the end of the drive and finish purchasing bookcases for the remaining areas that do not have them.

FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

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 Attendance Advice 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 01 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 Surrey County Council 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 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 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 Attendance Advice 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 and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children [in a rolling 3 year period](#) since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517179
North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777