



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 7



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Dear All

I hope you all had a lovely holiday. A massive THANK YOU to you all for making the 75th birthday celebration such a success. We were extremely lucky with the weather and everyone seemed to have a lovely time— even seeing some of the adults on the bouncy castles!! As a community you raised just under £2000 for the school (see PTA letter)!



A huge thank you to @sarahwilliamsphotofilm for photographing the whole day (look out shortly for them on the website!) The children have been working collaboratively on a whole school project developing a mosaic mural to decorate the main gate entrance to the school. We hope to have it up very shortly! The new fence has been installed which gives the children additional space to play and looks so much nicer too and the bike rack fence also makes this area more aesthetically pleasing. We hope you like the new changes. The children's toilets are nearly completed and look amazing!- the children are very excited to start using them.



This week, Year 3 have been on safari at Chessington Zoo. They will be learning about wild animals and conservation and were mesmerised about how they could help support the Western Lowland Gorilla and other endangered species. Unfortunately, Zoofari was not open so they had the chance to go on the Gruffalo ride which made their day! I am sure we have some budding David Attenboroughs in the making.



Next week, we wish our Year 4s good luck as they take their Multiplication Check test. They have to have learnt their times tables up to 12x12 with a six second recall! Also good luck to Year 1s who start their Year 1 Phonics Check Test too. They have been working hard to recognise their keep phonemes and sound out familiar and alien words. Year 6 are heading off on their residential and we have all our fingers crossed for good weather!



We launch next week with a mufti for Euro's week. The children will be having some fun learning about the competition and about the nations that are taking part. We are also hosting our own mini tournament.



Congratulations to Mr Bianco and his wife who welcomed another daughter to their family on Monday. We are sure you join us in wishing them well and we look forward to Mr Bianco returning after his leave.

Wishing you a lovely weekend Mrs Mace



Upcoming SUMMER TERM 2 Events

10th June—Football mufti £1 in Arbor shop

10th –14th June— Year 4 MCT and Year 1 Phonics Check

11th June—Parent Drop in—focus on events next year

12th June—Year 6 residential

17th-21st June National Sports Week— Acropad in & Olympic Athletes (more info to come)

19th June—Year 4 to British Wildlife Centre (letter to follow)

21st June—Croydon High Production of Jason and the Argonauts to KS2

25th & 26th June Year 7 Warlingham Secondary Transition Days for year 6

1st July— District Sports Field Events— selected children (letters to follow)

4th July—District Sports Track Events—selected children (letters to follow)

5th July— Swimming Gala— selected children (letters to follow)

8th July— 9.00am Year 5 Assembly

8th July— 1.45pm Reception Assembly

9th July— 9am Year 2 Assembly

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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—1.30pm class swap. New Reception children coming in **3pm** Meet the new teacher

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

26th July MUFTI DAY YEARS R-5

26th July 9am Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

26th July 11am Acorns Leavers Graduation

26th July SCHOOL CLOSING 12PM ACORNS 1.05 RECEPTION 1.10 KS1 & KS2 4PM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



It has been lovely welcoming the children back this week and hearing all about their half-term adventures!

For this last half term, we will be exploring the topic of transport. We have introduced this by encouraging the children to share their current knowledge and experiences of transport. The children have enjoyed making their own junk box vehicles and have loved using our new carwash and road system on the playground. It has created a great opportunity for imaginative play and social interactions where the children have taken on different roles such as the traffic warden, lolly-pop person or car-wash attendant.

We have also introduced our new Talk For Writing story - "The journey home from Grandpa's." The children are enjoying becoming familiar with the story text and images.



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:	Donaldson (1) - 99.1%
2nd place:	Kinney (3) - 98.9%
3rd place:	Inkpen[R] - 98%
Whole school:	95.2%

Communication this week

04.06.2024—Email to Year 6 parents of those attending residential with presentation

06.06.2024—Email with letter to whole school regarding Diabetes screening



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. Thank you.



Children should not be using their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, please go through the main playground area to enter or leave the school premises. 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 \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) - 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.**



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



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

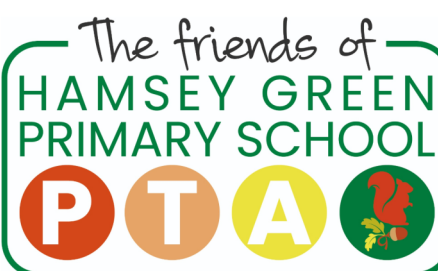
£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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DONATIONS



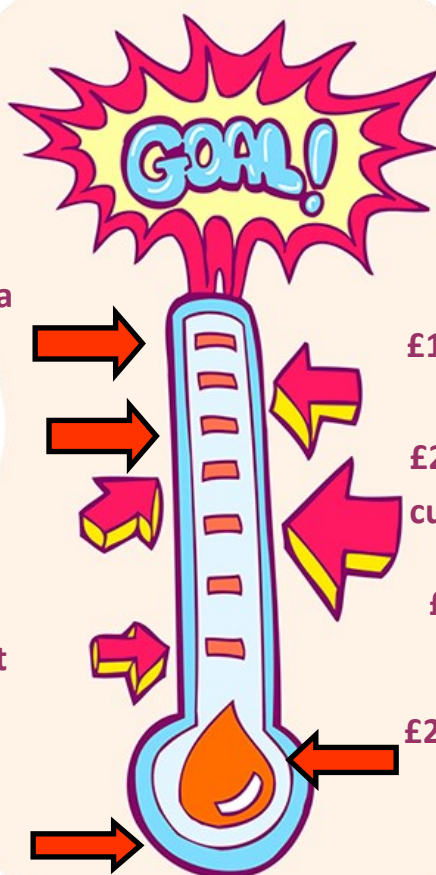
£ 115 Breakfast with a
loved one Event

£ 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

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/carers 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/carers 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. **From 1st September 2024 the amount will be increasing to £80.00 and rising to £180.00 if not paid within 21 days. Any absences taken after the 2024 May half term may incur this higher penalty fee next academic year.**

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