



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 15



Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, we have finally made it to the end of a long term!

This week, we saw the final Year 3/4 play, and the Year 5/6 concert. It was again lovely to see so many of you and to showcase the acting and musical talents of the children– not to mention their dancing skills!! Performing on a stage to a live audience can be extremely daunting and something we have all be looking forward to doing so we have all fingers and toes crossed we will continue in 2022.

The final Plan B to the Christmas Fair was completed with a successful Secret Santa. The children were able to peruse and choose something they thought their chosen recipient would like. I was very proud that they all were so thoughtful.

The PTA have worked so hard in all the organisation– not just the fair, but tea towels and printing the Christmas cards too. We cannot thank them enough. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mrs Key. The grand total raised so far is an amazing **£2,538** and we cannot thank you all enough for supporting the school.

The results of the football tournament are in– 1st place Emerald, 2nd Sapphire and 3rd Ruby. This was added to the Autumn Term results and the overall winners are **Emerald!**

Yesterday, we celebrated Christingle and reflected on the importance of kindness and gratitude. The children and staff sang carols to

1st Emerald	4th Diamond
2nd Topaz	5th Ruby
3rd Sapphire	6th Opal



candlelight– it really was a truly magical end to the term.

We wish you all a lovely, safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2022!

Merry Christmas and happy New Year

Mrs Mace



Plan B of the COVID-19 Response: Autumn and Winter Plan –Hamsey Green and Acorns Nursery

The Government is clear on the critical importance of not disrupting the education of children and young people and the Government will prioritise keeping all education and childcare settings open.

Attendance

School attendance remains mandatory and all the usual rules continue to apply. Enabling children and young people to attend their education setting regularly continues to be a national priority. As usual, we are able to grant leaves of absence for pupils in exceptional circumstances through the absence forms from the office.

Children and young people previously considered CEV should attend their setting and should follow the same [COVID-19 guidance](#) as the rest of the population. In some circumstances, a child or young person may have received personal advice from their specialist or clinician on additional precautions to take and they should continue to follow that advice.

Face Coverings

These are already worn by staff and visitors in communal areas. As we are still in term time, we should not be having Year 7 and above students on site.

Wrap around provision

The Primary and Acorns will continue to offer their usual before and after-school activities, including wraparound childcare. These activities provide valuable childcare for working parents and carers and promote the wellbeing of children and young people.

Working from home

Office workers who can work from home should do so **from Monday 13 December**. Anyone who cannot work from home should continue to go into work – for example, to access equipment necessary for their role or where their role must be completed in-person. In-person working will be necessary in some cases to continue the effective and accessible delivery of some public services and private industries.

We expect to continue to provide face-to-face teaching in the Primary and Nursery. The Government has stated that Education and childcare leaders will be best placed to determine the workforce required to meet the needs of their children, pupils and students. Education and childcare leaders will need to consider whether it is possible for specific staff undertaking certain roles to work from home, while minimising disruption to face-to-face education and care.

Following expert clinical advice and the successful rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine programme, people previously considered to be particularly vulnerable, clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), and high or higher-risk are not being advised to shield again.

Testing

We strongly encourage all those involved in education and childcare settings to continue regular testing (LFD not PCR) and reporting their results and to encourage pupils and students in year 7 and above to test and report their results.

Settings are strongly encouraged to ask parents, guardians and other visitors to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test before entering the setting. **Please help us keep our school community safe.** **CONT.....**

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Isolation

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will continue to be required to self-isolate and asked to book a PCR test.

The Government plans to introduce Daily Contact Testing as soon as possible as an alternative to self-isolation for contacts of positive Omicron cases who are fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 years and 6 months.

January return

All PE kits and pupils possessions will be sent home over the holidays. Please ensure that pencil cases are checked and refilled for the start of term and all uniform is checked that it is named still.

It is assumed families will visit loved ones. If you are attending a high-risk situation, on the day or before visiting, especially meeting people who are at higher risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19, please take a Lateral Flow Device.

If your child demonstrates ANY symptoms of Covid-19, you will need to book them a PCR test and secure the NEGATIVE result before they can return to school. This way the school community starts the year safely.

To ensure we have the right staffing levels, please remember to book into Ocean and Surfer's Club and book your child's school dinners before returning on Wednesday 5th January.

Please remember that pupils are unable to participate in PE for 6 weeks if they have their ears pierced—something best saved for the long Summer holidays.

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Gold**—a semi precious metal with a yellowish colour

(KS2 Lower) **Frankincense**—a fragrant gum resin used as incense

(KS2 Upper) **Myrrh**—an oily substance used for embalming bodies



This week, Acorns have been very busy getting ready for Christmas. We baked Christmas tree biscuits, decorated reindeer biscuits and made our own magic reindeer food to sprinkle on Christmas Eve. We had a Christmas hunt outside and have been practising our Christmas talk for writing story which the children have all got very good at.

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.



Upcoming events

- **Friday 17th December—End of term early finish**
- **Tuesday 4th January 2022—INSET day**
- **Wednesday 5th January 2022—Start of term**
- **Wednesday 5th January—Reception 2022 parent tour (fully booked)**
- **Wednesday 12th January—Reception 2022 parent tour (spaces available)**

Attendance:

1st place: Kinney (3) 98.2%

2nd place: Kent (3) 93.3%

3rd place: Dodd (1) 92.5%

Whole school: 90.5%

Communication this week

- **Platinum Jubilee commemorative medal email**
- **Surrey COVID flow chart email**

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.

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!

Recycle  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

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](#).

If you have secondary school aged children: Based on recent UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA, formally PHE) advice. We have been advised to encourage students or staff **identified as contacts** in secondary schools to also test daily on a lateral flow device until they receive their PCR test result.

Please do click the link below for a guide for parents in how to talk to your child about online sexual harassment.

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/?utm_source=16%20December%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

Surrey Family Learning are offering free online courses.

Enrolments for **ONLINE** courses starting in November and December are now open. We have plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support:

- Parenting
- Wellbeing
- Managing anxiety
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Getting to grips with maths and phonics
- English for parents/carers as an additional language

Please do share this email with friends and families so that they can take advantage of our free resources. Spaces are limited so we do encourage parents and carers to sign up early. There is further course information our [website](#) and this link <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/adult-learning/courses/family-learning>

In a Nutsh-elf

The elves were surprised when their cousin arrived from the North Pole on Monday and he was able to provide a negative result!

They made a snowman for the children but unfortunately he melted! They've sled and been super heroes! Finally, today, they've got in their toboggan for heading home!

