



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 6



Internet Safety Day 2022

Dear All

This week, we have linked Internet Safety Day learning on how to stay safe online to Children's Mental Health Week. This is a National Week, which takes place February 7-13. This year's theme is on Growing Together which is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other to grow. The children have been learning that challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and that sometimes we need to adapt and try new things which can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential. However, emotional growth is often a gradual process that happens over time and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'. Recognising that it is OK to ask for help and so the children have been discussing who their support bubbles are, learning about emotional resilience and learnt some tips to help regulate their emotions. Year 6 children have presented in assembly on recognising different emotions, how people can react differently and have designed posters on 'how the looks we give could be perceived by others.' In school, we are very lucky to have a Mental Health Leader, Miss Lambert. For more details about Children's Mental Health week visit <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>.

Year 4 were really engaged in their water workshop by an SES water employee. She spoke to the children about where our water comes from and how it is treated to make it safe for use. She also spoke to the children about ways to save water and gave them some tips to try at home which included giving them a small sand timer to take home to time their showers. She set them a challenge of reducing their shower down to four minutes- I wonder how many minutes they do spend in the shower?!



As you know, today is an INSET day for Talk for Writing across both the School and Nursery; so we wish you a happy additional day off and we look forward to seeing you on

Monday 21st February. Next year's term dates have now been added to the website as are the joint INSET days for the School and Acorns. Please do take note of these.

Happy half term!

Mrs Mace

Absences & Sickness

If your child is absent from school, please email absence@hamseytlt.co.uk or leave a message on the 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.

Cool Milk

We have been advised that the Cool Milk delivery after half term will be on Tuesday 22nd February, not Monday 21st February.



School Uniform

We have the following remaining items of school uniform available to purchase through School Money (as at 11th February)

24" cardigans (x16)	26" cardigans (x2)
34" cardigans (x11)	36" cardigans (x2)
34" sweatshirt (x3)	

The Children's Commissioner has produced some guidance based on a survey of young people's experiences of online bullying or peer on peer abuse. Please click the link below for the guidance.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. Please click the link for further information

[Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/vacancies)



We thought we would share some of our images from last week's number day. We played number bingo, raced cars onto numbers, enjoyed number bowling, sang lots of number songs including "Dr Knickerbocker" and even enjoyed number cakes for snack which the children made.

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 slightly staggered starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



Upcoming events

- Monday 21st February—return after half term
- Thursday 24th February—Mufti for International Languages Day
- Thursday 3rd March—Dress up for World Book Day
- Friday 1st April—end of Spring term (early finish)
- Tuesday 19th April—school closure day
- Wednesday 20th April—children return for Summer term

Attendance:

1st place:	Kinney (3) - 98.2%
2nd place:	Rundell (5) - 97.3%
3rd place:	Donaldson (1) - 95.7%
Whole school:	91.3%

Communication this week

- Yr 2 museum trip letter via email
- Reception screening letter via email
- Nursery email re last day of Spring term

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. <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.

Book Week (28th February-4th March 2022)

Book Day (3rd March 2022)

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. The theme this year is: changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

Tasks linked to reading/books and authors will be set for children during Book Week.

It would be fantastic if children could dress up as a character from a book on **3rd March 2022**. Please ensure children have appropriate footwear and a coat for breaks/PE. On this day, M&M Theatre Company will be visiting the school to perform The Secret Garden, a classic children's story. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Your child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token (valid between 17/2/22 and 27/3/22).

You can find out how to use the voucher at: worldbookday.com/books.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Chatfield (Reading Lead)



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.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

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!



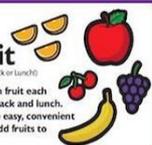
Whole Grains

Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



Fruit

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



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



Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies



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](#).

NEW – Half Term advice for staff and families

Please continue to promote the protective messages with staff and families.

COVID rates remain high, and the best ways to protect yourself, and others, is by washing your hands, letting the fresh air in, cleaning, wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, testing regularly and getting vaccinated; it is particularly important during the half term holiday to be aware of protecting yourself and others when mixing with people that you do not usually meet with.

REMINDER – Current Isolation periods

We continue to receive queries regarding isolation periods. Whilst it is important that the full guidance is read, as summarised extracts are easily taken out of context and there are often important caveats, we hope that the summary of recommendations below will be helpful:

- The early 'test to release' option (negative LFD tests on days 5 and 6, 24 hours apart) for **positive COVID 19 cases** applies regardless of vaccine status.
- Unvaccinated **COVID 19 contacts** of cases are required to self-isolate for the full 10-day period.
- Fully vaccinated individuals who are **COVID 19 contacts** don't need to isolate but should take daily LFD tests for 7 days.

Request from Surfers and Ocean Club

Please could we ask if you are having a sort out over half term, if you have any preloved/no longer wanted toys for children age 2-11 for after school club. Our numbers are growing and it would be nice to have more toys for them to play with and be able to rotate toys too.

Thank you!

