



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 8



Dear All

We hope you all enjoyed your half-term and the children (and yourselves) were able to rest in preparation for the run up to this busy half term and Christmas!! The staff were again very excited to attend their next Talk for Writing Training on Monday and share their knowledge with the children this week.

This week, in whole school assembly, we have spoken about the reasons behind celebrations of Bonfire Night as well as the importance of safety when celebrating with fireworks— especially important if they are participating in events over the weekend. We have also reminded them of these Fireworks Safety Tips.

We were really proud of the children in Year4-6 who have participated in swimming gala trials. They all demonstrated great resilience and dug deep to swim further. We will let them know next week who has got through. And, despite the downpours we had yesterday, our Year 6 football managed to play their match against Warlingham Village Primary (albeit in the mud!) Well done— we won 4-0!

Player of the match was awarded to Oliver for resilience and clear communication to the team.

I was lost for words on Wednesday... we had an unusual visitor to forest school... apparently Year 5 encountered the mythical beast Grendel, who came from Anglo Saxon Lore, to help the children investigate a Mead Hall crime scene! I hope they managed to solve it!



Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

Upcoming events

8th November—EYFS reading/phonics workshop (8:50-9:20 in classrooms)

11th November—Secret santa gift in exchange for wearing trainers

Week of 14th November—Anti bullying week

18th November—Children in Need—email to follow



This week, it has all been about Halloween and spooky spiders at Acorns Nursery! The children have enjoyed science experiments making bubbling potions and making creative word potions on the whiteboard. They also made spider webs outside and spiders with the playdough. We also incorporated number awareness by matching spider legs to the numbers 1-8. Even our role play clothes had a Halloween theme!

In addition to these spooktacular activities, we have been learning a new Autumn poem with actions and we have enjoyed looking at the autumnal items the children collected in their special bags during their "Autumn Walk" from half term.



Dear Parents/Carers

We will be raising money for the Royal British Legion again this year by selling poppies and other items.

Below is a poster showing these items with their suggested donation, we also have paper poppies.

Some of the Year 6 children will be going to the classes each morning to sell the items. If your child would like to give a donation, please send them in with the correct money. All money should be in a sealed envelope with your child's name clearly written on the front.

Kind regards
School Office

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 VOLUNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.



Communication this week

- Emails to Year 3 parents re: staffing
- Emails to whole school re: nasal flu vaccine
- Email to whole school re: Children in Need

Attendance

1st place: Rowling (4) - 99%
2nd place: Donaldson (1) - 98.7%
3rd place: Murphy (2) - 97.1%
Whole School: 94.4%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **gloomy**—dimly lit or becoming dark

(KS2 Lower) - **aloof**—not friendly to others;
thinking you are better than others

(KS2 Upper) - **alleviate**—to lessen a problem



Nursery are requesting for any pre-loved, outgrown clothes for ages 2-4 years, including socks and underwear. If you are able to help with this request, please can they be delivered to Acorns Nursery. Thank you in advance for your kindness and help.

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.

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.

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.



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

P2/P

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)
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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)
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

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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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>

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