



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 13

Dear All

The temperature may have dropped outside but the PTA thermometer rose to the dizzy heights this week! We cannot thank you enough for supporting the winter fair last Friday as we have raised £3000! This on top of a considerable donation of £1300 from the Co-op (for those of you who have a reward card!). We are well on the way to raising the funds for updating our hall's multi-media system.

This week, Year 3 turned back time to visit the Ancient Greeks! They looked fantastic in their chitons, learning about weaponry, tasting traditional Greek food— we were surprised so many disliked the feta cheese!

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday, our caterers certainly made a feast for them... my job was pouring gravy for nearly 275 so I have most definitely worked my arm muscles!

The choir went out to sing to the residents of Greenacres on Thursday! We sang like angels and were treated to drinks and biscuits— much to their pleasure. It is always lovely to give something back to the community and we know the residents love to see the children too.

Today, we thank you for your donations in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper to support Save the Children. You have raised £248 which I am sure will be gratefully received in helping children who need help. So far this term, you have raised a whopping £809 for charity— something to be very proud of.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all next week at the Christmas plays/concerts which will put us all in the festive spirit before we break up.

Wishing you a warm weekend!

Mrs Mace

Upcoming events

w/c 12th December—Christmas plays (on page 6)

13th & 14th December—Nursery performances

14th December—final reception parent tour this term

16th December—end of Autumn term—early finish

12pm Nursery

1.00 Reception

1.05 Year 1 & Year 2

1.10 Years 3-6





This week, Acorns have been getting ready for Christmas!! We have made reindeer, taken part in a Christmas dough disco and been busy practising our songs for our performances next week.

We have been on a frosty walk and also enjoyed mark making in our role play post office.

Active Surrey will be running a free 'Help your child be their best' workshop in conjunction with YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team, giving tips on how parents can help their children reach their potential physically and mentally. Parents will learn about the Tree of Wellbeing and the links to activity, nutrition, hydration and sleep.

Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://surreyeducationsservices.surreycc.gov.uk/Article/116178?source=Newsletter&guid=E3E32158-D2F8-4461-8976-337991860A0C>



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.



Communication this week

- Reminder to log into Arbor
- Strep A information
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Attendance

1st place: Walliams (5) - 95.5%
2nd place: Butterworth [R] - 95.2%
3rd place: Pullman (6) - 94.3%

Whole School: 91.9%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Obsequious**—being excessively attentive or obedient to someone

(KS2 Lower) - **Deferential**—showing respect to someone

(KS2 Upper) - **Creak**— the making of a high pitched sound due to pressure



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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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 wish-list. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.



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.

Camp 4 Champs has teamed up with **Warlingham School, Warlingham** to run a **sports multi-skills activity camp** and will be opening **this Christmas** on the following dates:
December: 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd

Parents/carers whose child/ren are eligible for benefit based FSM's will be able to attend for **FREE through the HAPpy Scheme**. Please note, an email will be sent directly to you from your child's school to book. Booking for this option is NOT available through the camps 4 champs website.

If you are not eligible for benefit based FSM's, booking is available through their website, camp4champs.co.uk.



HAMSEY GREEN'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Overnight Cocoa Oats

Ingredients—serves 1

- 55g porridge oats
- 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 100ml semi skimmed milk, plus 2 tbsp for the morning if needed
- 1 tsp clear honey
- 1/4 tsp vanilla extract
- 80g chopped (peeled) banana, or fresh or frozen raspberries or blueberries

STEP 1

Tip the oats into a large jam jar or small airtight container, then add the cocoa powder and cinnamon and mix really well.

STEP 2

Add the milk, honey and vanilla extract and mix until the cocoa has completely combined with the milk.

STEP 3

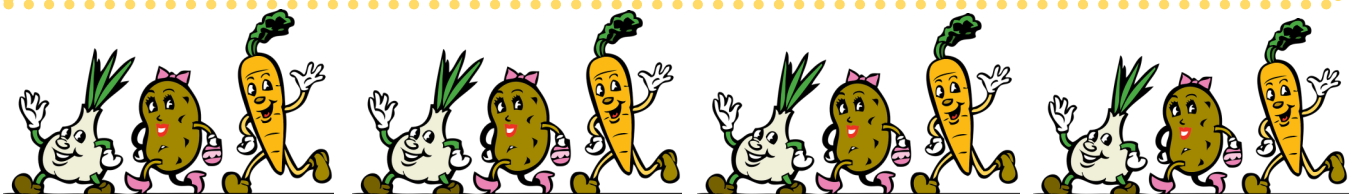
Stir in the banana, raspberries and blueberries and mix once more.

STEP 4

Cover and place in the fridge overnight, during which time the oats will absorb the cocoa milk.

STEP 5

The next morning, stir the mixture once more before eating. Different varieties of oats will thicken differently, so if the mixture is a little too thick, stir in the extra milk, if needed.



Christmas Productions



As you know, our Christmas productions have been on the website since October. We look forward to welcoming you on these dates. For performances at 9:00am, we would love for you to be able to join us beforehand, where we will be selling tea/coffee and mince pies for you to enjoy during the performance. For performances at 1:30pm, we will have the performance first and then we will be selling tea/coffee and mince pies for you to enjoy, whilst you wait for your children to finish out the school day.

There will be no tickets this year but we ask you to keep to **two adults per family** in order to comply with our fire regulations. Pre-school aged children are welcome to attend, however, they will need to sit on an adult's lap. As the children have all been practising hard, we politely request that if any younger children become agitated and restless, that you move to the back of the hall or outside until they have settled so as to not disturb the children performing.

Thank you for your co-operation and support and we look forward to welcoming you all to celebrate with us.

Monday 12th December



9:00am—Years 1 & 2

1:30pm—Years 5 & 6



Tuesday 13th December



9:00am—Reception

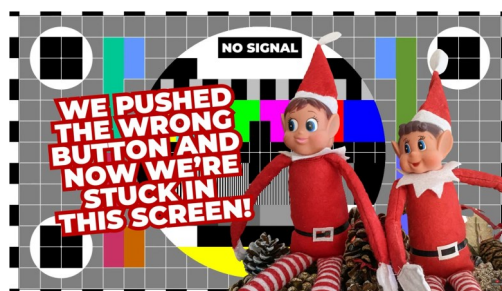
1:30pm—Years 3 & 4



In a Nutsh-elf

This week, the elves have been causing some mischief.....

They were stuck in the tv, have been climbing, 'displayed' themselves, ate their way through a cereal box and were also naughty in turning the teachers into reindeers!.....





If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, FEET funding or EYPP; the holiday vouchers for over the Christmas period will total £30 per child. These will be sent to you in the usual way.

If you think you are eligible for Pupil Premium, please come to the office to complete a form in confidence, which can then be sent for checking.

Surrey Family Information Service

Surrey Family Information service have provided guidance for familial conflicts; please click on the link below to see this.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/support-and-advice/parenting-courses-and-advice/our-resources-for-reducing-conflict-between-parents>

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