



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 14

Dear All

We have made it to the end of term! The children (parents and staff) have been amazing at adapting to our adverse weather arrival and dismissal! The snow and ice have made the sites feel magical in the lead up to the holidays and the children have had great fun making snowmen and completing to roll the largest snowball! One of the children claimed theirs was the tallest as it was my height... which amused me!



Our hearts have been warmed this week with FABULOUS productions from Nursery to Year 6!

Nursery performed the most wonderful repertoire of Christmas songs; Reception wowed us with Christmas stories they innovated and songs; Years 1 and 2 were superb actors in their Barmy Bethlehem show and had us bopping about; Years 3 and 4 brought the He's Behind You... to life with their Cinderella Rockafella pantomime and finally Year 5 and 6 with their carol concert... incorporating audience participation of the 12 Days of Christmas!! It was lovely to see you all and the wider community and we raised another £300 for the PTA too. We cannot thank you enough.



On Thursday, our assembly was based around the Christingle. An absolute highlight of the year, every child made a Christingle and we sat round singing in the candle light, reflecting on the importance of being thankful for what we have at such a hectic time of year. They have all promised to help out with something at home!!



We are so thankful to the anonymous elf who delivered some presents which were raffled out to children – a lovely surprise.

The staff and I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year. I am very grateful the amazing staff we have across Acorns and Hamsey and cannot thank them enough this term.

Mrs Mace



Upcoming events

3rd January 2023—Inset Day

4th January 2023—First day of Spring term

4th January 2023—Penultimate Reception parent tour

15th January 2023—Primary school application deadline



This week we have enjoyed lots of snow play, both indoors and outside. The children had great fun building a snowman and using our amazing outdoor space to explore and play in the snow!

We also held our very first Christmas Concert on Tuesday and Wednesday. We were so proud of our children. They behaved so well and sang beautifully.

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-D2F8-4461-8976-337991860AOC>



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

- End of term timings
- Safety information from Surrey Fire & Rescue
- PTA letter

Attendance

1st place: Morpurgo (6) - 91%
2nd place: Inkpen [R] - 89%
3rd place: Rosen (4) - 85%

Whole School: 78.7%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Merry**—cheerful and lively

(KS2 Lower) - **Advent**—the time period in the run up to Christmas that marks Christians preparing for the for the birth of Jesus

(KS2 Upper) - **Yuletide**—period of time around Christmas



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

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

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



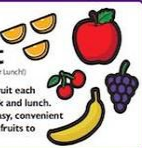
Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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



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



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.



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

Frozen yoghurt bark

Ingredients— makes 18 squares

Prep time—10 mins

Cook time—4 hours

- 500g (2 cups) Natural Greek Yoghurt **
- 3 kiwi's
- 5 strawberries (chopped into small pieces)
- 1 tsp dried cranberries

STEP 1

Thinly slice the kiwi's and then, using a tree shaped cookie cutter, cut a tree from each slice *.

STEP 2

Line a rimmed baking tray with baking paper.

STEP 3

Pour the yoghurt into the centre of the tray and spread evenly **.

STEP 4

Place the kiwi trees, strawberries and cranberries as desired onto the yoghurt.

STEP 5

Freeze until completely solid (approx. 4 hours).

STEP 6

Cut into sections and serve.

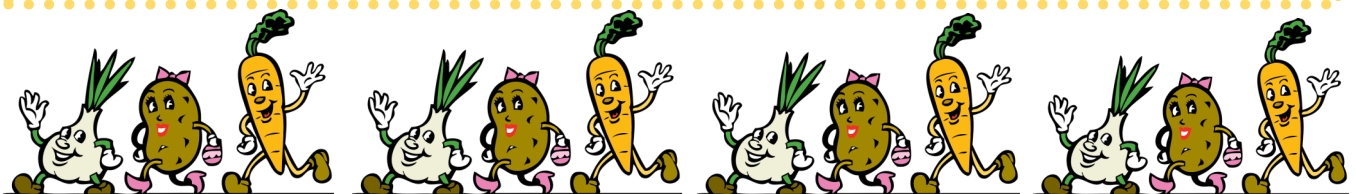
STEP 7

Place sections into a zip lock bag and store in the freezer.

NOTES

* You could chop up the remains of the kiwi slices and stir through the yoghurt before spreading or scatter on top. ** You may wish to add some honey or maple syrup to the yoghurt, depending on your child's taste buds. Simply stir into the yoghurt before spreading.

Frozen Yoghurt
BARK



If you have a child due to start school in September 2023, please be advised that your application needs to be in by **15th January 2023**. If you have yet to make an application, this will need to be made through the Local Authority that you pay your council tax to.

For advice about staying safe and well in winter, parents and carers can visit the [Healthy Surrey](#) and [Children and Family Health Surrey](#) websites.

For mental health and emotional wellbeing support, you'll find an overview of the support services available in Surrey in this article; [Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health support in Surrey](#)

For a general overview of services in Surrey that can support families over the Christmas break, including financial support, families can find the [Community Connector December Newsletter](#) on the Surrey Family Information Service website, which signposts to useful resources and support services for the most pressing concerns for families over the winter.

For families looking for things to do over the winter, they can find a [list of fun festive activities and events](#) for families across Surrey to enjoy over the school holidays, on the [Surrey Family Information Service](#) website.

Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health support in Surrey



Please share with parents and carers

Christmas can be a difficult time for some, below are local sources of support that will be available through the festive holidays for children, young people and their families in Surrey.

For children and young people in crisis

Mindworks

If you are worried about a child or young person aged 6 plus, please call Mindworks 24/7 mental health crisis line free on 0800 915 4644 to talk with a trained call handler who will provide advice, support and signposting to a range of community services. It's open all day and all night, seven days a week. You can use the number whether or not you are already receiving mental health services. No formal request for support is needed.

In an emergency, please dial 999 or 112 from a mobile.

Advice and support for children and young people

Mindworks Surrey

Mindworks Surrey is the emotional wellbeing and mental health service for children, young people and families. It offers an extensive range of advice, support and treatment provided by an alliance of NHS and voluntary sector providers. Families can request support themselves or through their school or GP. Call the Access and Advice team on 0300 222 5755 or go to the [Mindworks website](#).

Kooth

Kooth provides a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all. You can access further advice and support through the [Healthy Surrey website](#).

Every Mind Matters

The NHS's [Every Mind Matters](#) has some very helpful videos aimed at young people, especially on self-care tips to help manage emotional well-being.

For an extensive list of local and national support through the festive holidays please visit [Surrey Youth Voice](#).

For parents and carers

For parents and carers that may need support with their own mental health and emotional wellbeing please visit the [Healthy Surrey](#) website. [The Wheel of Well-being](#) is a tool which can help you improve your wellbeing in six different ways.



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.

Autumn Term House Points		
Ruby	23	1st
Diamond	26	2nd
Opal	33	3rd
Sapphire	40	4th
Emerald	47	5th
Topaz	48	6th

In a Nutsh-elf

This week, the elves have been causing their final week of mischief.....

They've been sledging and tried to join the fishes with their inflatables.

They also 'borrowed' some items from the classes for their Everything

Lost & Found stall. Selling all items for 1 chocolate coin!!!! The teachers eventually recognised their 'lost' items!!

