



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 4

Dear All,



Reduce Reuse Recycle


This week at Hamsey, has been recycling week. A big thank you to Mrs Johnson who has planned lots of activities for the children to learn, including a talk from a recycling enthusiast and participating in a design poster competition for the 'Wrap Recycling Project' using the slogan '**Together We Recycle**'. The poster will appear on the notice boards on Coulsdon, Kenley and Riddlesdown Commons; Farthing Downs and West Wickham Common; I had the hardest decision to select the winning three today!

Congratulations to Imogen Yr 4, Aurora Yr 2 and Jasmine Yr 6 with their winning designs.

Another challenge was to create a collage of an animal/mascot from one of the books written by their class author out of various recycling materials. Please see page 3 for some of their creations!!

It has been a very exciting time for our Reception children, who have stayed for lunch this week. I am amazed at how much faster they became from their first meal and were really great at picking up their new routines. Lots of happy, full tummies! We look forward to their first full week at Hamsey next week.

Year 4 and Palace for Life had their first sessions this week too! As predicted, the day they started the weather turned. Hopefully, learning football skills this half term won't mean they get too muddy?!? They may well need a spare change of clothing after their session.

Congratulations to the  School Councillors who were successful in their elections. Miss Chatfield is looking forward to their first socially distanced meeting shortly.

Please do look out for our Head and Deputy pupils in their smart blazers and ties and our prefects in their ties... now to learn how to tie a tie over the weekend!

Mrs Mace

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2020-2021

Donaldson—Ava

Rowling—Mael

Murphy—Finley

Walliams—Ollie

McKee—Annie

Rundell—Maisey

Kinney—Oliver S

Pullan—Riley

Rosen—Matthew

Morpurgo—Emily





The children at Acorns have been exploring the garden and the lower site field this week. The weather has been great for outdoor learning. Wellies and coats will be very much needed soon!



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

MacMillan cake sale— we are sad that this event could not go ahead as planned with you all. **Next Wednesday**, we will be holding a cake sale for the children to purchase at playtime with the money going to MacMillan.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH

Please can we remind parents that the packed lunches that children are bringing in, are healthy. This is especially important to help them sustain their afternoon learning.

We have a few children with severe allergies and are reminding you all that we are a

NUT FREE SCHOOL

(FYI Nutella spread contains nut in.....)



Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Magnificent**—Extremely beautiful, elaborate or impressive

(KS2 lower) **Gargantuan**—Extremely large

(KS2 Upper) **Detrimental**—A harmful effect

School drop off/pick up

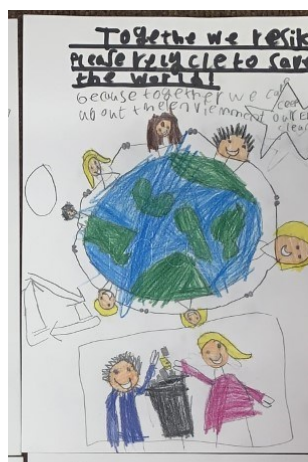
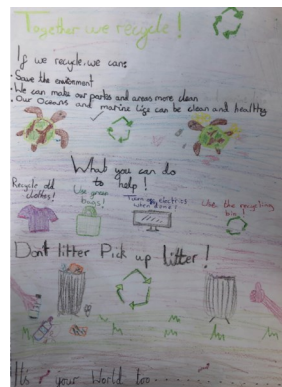
Please can we remind all families that only **one adult** should be present to drop off and pick up their child/ren from school. Please can we ask that any other adult family members wait outside the school premises.

When entering the school premises; the vehicle gates are held open with a cone to prevent them from closing as we are unable to hold these open remotely. Can we politely remind you that knocking or moving the cone, even slightly, will close the gate making it difficult for us to maintain a one way system at these times.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these matters to keep our school community safe.



The Winning Posters!



Year 7 Open Events

Warlingham School—<https://www.warlinghamschool.co.uk/231/virtual-open-events-for-2021-admission>

De Stafford—<https://www.destafford.org.uk/>

Oxted School—<https://www.oxtedschool.org/>

Croydon High School—<https://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/>