



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 11

Dear All,

This week, the school has been focusing on Anti-bullying week. Each class has had additional PSHE sessions on ensuring the correct terminology is used and understood. They have been learning that the term 'bullying' is something unkind over and over again to make someone feel bad or to show power over them. The focus of this years' anti-bullying week was to emphasise the role of the bystander and what they could do to help someone if they saw or heard something that made them feel uncomfortable or knew that what they had witnessed wasn't OK. Empowering our children to develop this voice and confidence is very important to us at Hamsey Green.

I have to say it has been a sad week too. We all are missing the Reception children, one Year 6 class and their adults; and the school has felt odd without them. We are ever so proud of both theirs (and your) resilience at converting to remote learning at such short notice and cannot thank you enough for your positivity and understanding in taking these hard decisions. We wish our poorly community a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them all back on the 30th November. I am pleased to hear the positive feedback from the remote learning on Edmodo and Show My Homework.

Year 1 have been learning about dragons, Year 2 have been experimenting with snowmen; Year 3 started the week with great enthusiasm dressed up as Ancient Greeks (Mr Boffa rocked the toga look too!!) Good job the weather wasn't wet! They had a great experience with a historian who taught them about artefacts from the past and acted out Ancient Greek stories and games with them. I think the highlight for them was looking at all the weaponry. Despite Year 4 still being in other areas of the school, they have managed to learn about the digestive system in a very practical way– 100% engagement in this! I'm sure they were delighted to tell you all about this most likely during tea time. Year 5 have produced some amazing projects linked to their Anglo-Saxon topic too. I had the pleasure of joining Year 6 fitness session this week too, I think I may need to join in more often as I am a little bit achy now.

Next week, I hope to share our Christmas plans with you all. These ideas are obviously still in draft depending on lockdown 2 and how things are at school. It is also road safety week too, so a good opportunity to walk to school and discuss the Green Cross Code.

Finally, I am sure you will be delighted with a bit of positive news! Congratulations to Miss Marshall who is expecting her second child in the late Spring Term. I know Kinney class will have to be even more careful around the class with sanitising now. We wanted to share the news earlier than we would have, with you, in light of the additional health and safety risk assessments relating to Covid-19 and pregnancies. Good job Kinney are very well trained!

Stay safe!

Mrs Mace



**All adults MUST wear a mask on School premises, unless exempt.**



This week we have been reading, singing and exploring puppets in our den. We have been mark making in foam and decorating our diva pots from last week.

As part of anti-bullying week, we have been talking about diversity and how we all look different but we are the same on the inside; we learnt a song 'we are all the same' and cut open apples to demonstrate.



**ROTARY'S SANTA CHRISTMAS TOUR  
OF CATERHAM, WARLINGHAM  
AND WHYTELEAFE.**

**COMING SOON**

**Monday 7th December to  
Friday 18th December.**  
(Excluding Saturday and Sundays)

**Santa will be there in  
convoy with his sleigh,  
waving to you all.**

**For full details including dates, times,  
roads to be covered go to:  
[www.caterhamrotary.org.uk](http://www.caterhamrotary.org.uk)**

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This week's resource for picture news can be found on our website.

Please click the link below for the latest version of The Family Grapevine magazine.

<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/east-surrey/see-a-copy/>

**Coming up next week....**

- **Road Safety week**

## Letters that have come out this week

- **Year 6 Home Front bus** (change of date)
- **Confirmed case letter**

## **Attendance:**

1st Place : Kinney (3) 99.3%  
2nd Place: Rowling (4) 99%  
3rd Place: Walliams (5) 97%  
Whole School: 96.4%

## **COVID testing**

If anyone in your household shows COVID symptoms, the household must isolate until the results of the test are known. The person who has tested positive, has a 10 day isolation period.

Self-isolate for 14 days if someone you live with:

- has symptoms of coronavirus and tested positive or did not have a test
- tested positive but has not had symptoms

This is because it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

The 14 days starts from:

- when the first person in your home started having symptoms
- the day they were tested, if they have not had symptoms – if they get symptoms after they were tested, self-isolate for a further 14 days from when their symptoms start

When to stop self-isolating

You can stop self-isolating after 14 days if you do not get any symptoms.

Taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

**Please use the link below for up to date guidance for parents**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=12%20November%202020%](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=12%20November%202020%20)

## 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) **Lively**—full of life and energy

(KS2 lower) **Snooty** — looking down your nose at others; feeling superior to others

(KS2 Upper) **Querulously**— doing something in a complaining and whingy way