



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 12

Dear All,

I hope this finds you well and that our Reception and Morpurgo classes are getting excited for those returning to school on Monday!! We have missed them greatly. We are also now missing Year 2 and look forward to when they return. Please make sure you practice your phonics! I eagerly await the updates from school to see how they have settled back in and working hard. I have been very grateful for the positive feedback some of you have sent in already, regarding our Remote Learning offer and have passed these on to the classes. Please do let me know how it has been for you and if there is anything we can improve on. Thank you also for all the understanding and positive support you have given to school. It is lovely that our School Values ooze through you all too– digging down for lots of resilience at the moment and collaboration.

This week, I have seen some fabulous DT/Art from Year 5. They have been designing and making 3D models of an Anglo-Saxon village. I was desperate to join in! Year 2 have begun their Phonics Check Tests as required by the Government to see how they can apply their phonics learnt in Year 1. They have been amazing in their aspiration and complete unphased by it. Year 1 have been in forest school looking for evidence of DRAGONS!!! I believe they may have found some!! Year 4 have been very busy preparing their Enterprise stall and I don't want to give too much away but I think they have developed some excellent ideas for the current market. All will be revealed next week. As part of Road Safety week, our very own Mrs Shapland in her role as Crossing Patrol, discussed crossing the road safely with Year 3. I am sure they will model their learning to you all.

Year 4 have been amazing at learning in their temporary rooms but were so pleased to be able to move back in to their classrooms on Thursday. Year 5 and 6 classes were next to be on the move. Walliams have headed to the nest, Rundell to the library, Pullman to the front of the main hall and Morpurgo to the small hall when they return on Monday.

I would like to update you on a few staffing updates for the Spring Term. We are sad to let you know that after 37 years of service to Hamsey Green, Miss Webb is retiring at the end of term. Amazingly she has only had 10 days off in that time!! Although we will send her off in style– it won't quite be the same on Teams but we are planning on celebrating in class bubbles with challenges around the number 37.

We are also sad that Mrs Davidson, our music cover teacher, will also be leaving us to undertake a personal sabbatical. She has brought music back to life and we look forward to following in her footsteps.

More Christmas details are overleaf.

Stay safe!

Mrs Mace





LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS, PLAN A

Each class bubble will be contributing to the whole school end of year virtual celebration. They will be practising in their classrooms and then be allocated a time slot for filming in the hall. This will then be correlated together and uploaded to Office 365 One Drive. A message will be sent to you to access this with a link. This will only be sent to our school community on the last day of term. Please bear in mind, some classes will have been self-isolating and will not have had long to rehearse. Your child may be sadly absent on the day of filming and we will be unable to refilm. Anything can happen between now and the end of term! We will aim to do our best!!

The PTA have sent a letter out to you all outlining the Secret Santa arrangements, bottle tombola and chocolate tombola. The dates below are provisional and may change but we will let you know nearer the time if this is the case.

- Secret Santa Thursday 10th Dec & possibly depending on stock Thursday 17th Dec
- Chocolate tombola Friday 11th Dec
- Bottle tombola Monday 14th Dec

Class enterprise stalls– As a Stepping Into Business school, each class is planning on researching, marketing, producing a class product and advertising to sell to their own bubble; as we are unable to hold a school Christmas fair this year. The classes will be adhering to social distancing and the additional risk assessments around Covid-19 such as health and safety, quarantining time and wrapping. More details will follow from your class as to how this will happen.

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



This week we have enjoyed lots of number based activities, We have been singing number songs, looking at quantities and using numbers in the craft area. We sequenced numbers 1-5 to make our own number lines and Finally had a rainy number hunt in the garden.



Miss Webb retiring

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Webb who has been an integral part of our school community for nearly 40 years. If you have any memories or anecdotes that you would be happy to share with us, from either your time as a pupil here, as a parent or from your children, please send them in to office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk. Miss Webb will be reading an abridged version of In a Nutshell, so please do not let on that we have asked for these!

Thank you for your help!



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

Coming up next week....

1st December—Home Front bus visiting Year 6



Letters that have come out this week

- Year 1 missed health screening in Reception
- Confirmed case in the community letter

Attendance:

- 1st Place : Walliams (5) 99%
- 2nd Place: Murphy (2) 96.8%
- 3rd Place: Kinney (3) 96%
- Whole School: 94%

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) **Viewpoint** — a person's opinion or point of view

(KS2 lower) **Clarify** — to make something clearer for other people

(KS2 Upper) **Knavishly** — doing something in a very crafty or misleading way