



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 13



Dear All,

I am pleased to say that Morpurgo and Reception classes returned this week. The rest of the school are now remote learning and self-isolating and it most certainly feels very quiet so I wanted this newsletter to update you all on the positive things that have happened at the school this week.

On 1st December Mrs Smith decorated the Christmas tree beautifully. She is also keeping the school spirits going by dressing up like this! We were surprised to have 2 special visitors arrive too! We will keep you updated on their escapades!



Just before half term all classes were asked to participate in Surrey's Name The Gritter competition. I was glad I did not have to judge them and sent their class favourites off. I am SO excited to say that we won 2 gritter names and the council are now printing their names on the gritters ready for gritting our highways. The winning names were **Hagrit** and **Thomas the Grit Engine**. These gritters will be coming to visit the school when we return in January. In the meantime see if you can spot them and safely take a picture!

On Tuesday, Year 6 were taken back in time to the 1940s. A WW2 bus appeared on the playground and the children experienced what life was like during WW2. The staff and children were dressed up in 1940's attire, equipped with identity tags and developed their empathy for what it was like during the Blitz.

Again turning back the time even further, Year 4 headed back to the Roman times. Dressed in their togas, they experienced life as Romans, making bread, designing standards and learning some Latin and Roman numerals! They have definitely developed their historical enquiry skills.

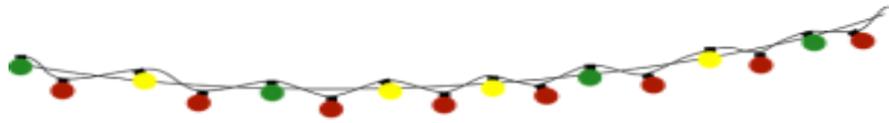
I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Stay safe!

Mrs Mace



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



This week we have been getting into the festive spirit at nursery. We have decorated our Christmas tree,, our cheeky elves have arrived and we have had lots of fun finding them hiding in the mornings. We have started our letters for Santa, made decorations and explored a wintery scene in the tray. We are missing all of our friends who are having to stay at home and have enjoyed recording them a special Christmassy song on tapestry.



In a Nutsh-elf



Our elves have arrived at Hamsey Green. They arrived in style this year, in their very own Christmas hot air balloon! Wednesday, they wanted to remember the last time they had a holiday, so they got out their inflatable swan and remembered making sandcastles and eating ice cream! Thursday, they had fun with their photo cut-outs! Have you noticed, our elves are very aware and are wearing their face masks?...! Today, the elves found the code to use the photocopier and they had managed to do this, before we could stop them!!!



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

Coming up next week....

Letters that have come out this week

- Confirmed case letter

Attendance:

As the majority of the school are now remote learning, attendance figures will now be updated in the New Year.

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) **glimpse**—to see something for only a short period of time

(KS2 lower) **masticate**—to chew and absorb food

(KS2 Upper) **mortify**—to be embarrassed to a significant degree