



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 15



Dear All,

This term has finally drawn to a close and the start of term seems such a long time ago now. I have been so proud of all the community who have pulled together in these unprecedented times. These are challenging times for us all and though there is some feeling of an end in sight, the world still has much to cope with. The staff and I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all in 2021 with a fresh start. The staff and children have been busy making a mini Christmas remote learning video for you all too. Thank you for all your patience with their practising– I am sure you have all heard the songs /poems over and over! Please click [here](#) and [here](#) to view. We have also made you a Christmas message, please click [here](#) to view.

As mentioned a few weeks ago, today we have said a special goodbye to Miss Webb after 37 years. We are also holding a special celebration of thanks in the Spring Term. I am delighted to announce that Coach Liam, who is well known to the children already, will be delivering PE sessions. Please see P3 overleaf for your child's new PE day. We also said farewell to Mrs Davidson and wish her all the best for the future. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Stagg, Mrs Dickson and Mrs Caurana, who join our teaching assistant team.

The builders have completed all the doors now and the school is looking so modern! Hopefully, we will all be able to resume some normality following vaccinations and we can welcome you all back into the building. There will be a few changes to routines in January as well as the updated staggered starts, ends and entrances. Children in Year 3-6 will eat their lunches in their classrooms. Rec-Yr 2 will all eat in the main dining hall. All adults will continue to wear masks in the communal areas throughout the building.

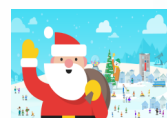
We hope families are looking forward to some time together over the festive period. As you are aware, unfortunately coronavirus will not stop for this time. Should your family experience a positive case of COVID-19, please would you email the school office at office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk as cases still need to be logged with Public Health England until 23rd December. Any families who have experienced positive COVID cases in the second half of the holidays are also asked to let us know when their isolation period is due to end, so that we can "blend" pupils into lessons accordingly.

By the time we return the government is due to have reviewed the Tier classifications twice more at least and their guidance continues to be amended daily. If there are any changes we will write to you before we return.

Stay safe and Merry Christmas

Mrs Mace

Don't forget to track Santa at: <https://santatracker.google.com/>



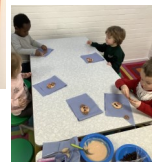
Dick Whittington pantomime will be free to watch on you tube from 23-27th December
<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/shows/dick-whittington>

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



Hi from Acorns Nursery,

This week we have continued with our festive fun! A sleigh was magically added to our Christmas role play area and we have enjoyed lots of Christmas making and glitter sand mark making. During our Christmas party day, the children made reindeer food, reindeer biscuits and had great fun with balloon and bubble play as well as a game of pass the parcel before an amazing party lunch! We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.



In a Nutsh-elf

The elves have been having fun over this week. They decided to set their swing up on our School Christmas tree, but all the chocolate decorations have now gone missing.....! They gave the builders a helping hand..... :) Then, they decided to post themselves to Mrs Mace before joining in with the staff Christmas message. The elves wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all next year!



Do you have a child starting school in September 2021?

Please be reminded that all Reception year applications must be received by your local authority by 15th January 2021. Surrey Admissions are strongly encouraging online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. If parents are unable to apply online, they will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The completed paper application form must be received by Admissions (to our Quadrant Court address) by 15 January, so parents must allow time for the post to reach us. If parents need to apply on paper, we recommend that they send applications by recorded post.

Coming up....

Tuesday 5th January 2021—Start of Spring term

Wednesday 6th January 2021—Nasal flu vaccinations

PE Timetable

PE days – children will need to come dressed in their blue polo shirt and green PE shorts under dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and a warm dark coloured zippy/fleece.

They will need warm layered clothing and a warm coat as their PE session maybe outside weather depending!

Children having sessions with CPFC will need a change of footwear and a spare change of clothes just in case.

Children who are swimming will need to come in their PE kits and bring their swimming kit, towel and hat in a separate bag.

EYFS	Reception	Wednesday	Friday
1	Donaldson	Tuesday	Thursday
2	Murphy	Wednesday	Thursday
2	McKee	Tuesday	Friday
3	Kinney	Monday	Thursday
4	Rowling	Wednesday	Thursday CPFC
4	Rosen	Wednesday	Thursday CPFC
5	Rundell	Tuesday	Friday swimming
5	Walliams	Tuesday	Friday swimming
6	Morpurgo	Wednesday	Friday
6	Pullman	Wednesday	Friday

Class	Class Teacher	GATE TO USE	Drop off time	Place	Collection time
Inkpen	Mrs Jordan	OUT MAIN AND ROUND THE BACK BY FIELD	8.30am	Classroom door	2.40pm
Butterworth	Miss Hancox	OUT MAIN AND ROUND THE BACK BY FIELD	8.30am	Classroom door– thank you for adhering to social distancing guidelines heading around the pathway	2.40pm
Donaldson	Miss Bishop & Mrs Johnson	BY WEMBLEY	8.40am	Classroom door	2.55pm
Murphy	Mrs Knolles	MAIN ROUND THE BACK OF THE CAR PARK adhering to social distancing guidelines	8.35am	Ocean club door (opposite main office door)	2.50pm
McKee	Mrs Mellis & Mrs Bates	MAIN ROUND THE BACK OF THE CAR PARK adhering to social distancing guidelines	8.40am	Rear Classroom door	2.55pm
Kinney	Mr Boffa & Miss Marshall	MAIN	8.30am until 8.45am	Rear classroom door	3.00pm
Rowling	Miss Lambert	BY WEMBLEY	8.30am until 8.35am	Year 4 library door	2.55pm
Rosen	Miss Keresey	BY WEMBLEY	8.35am until 8.40am	Year 4 library door	3.00pm
Walliams	Mr Richards	MAIN	8.35am until 8.40am	Year 5 door	3.00pm
Rundell	Miss Caires	MAIN	8.30am until 8.35am	Year 5 door	2.55pm
Morpurgo	Mr Brown	MAIN	8.35am until 8.45am	Classroom door	3.05pm
Pullman	Miss Chatfield	MAIN	8.35am until 8.45am	Year 6 slope	3.05pm

Please can we remind you to ensure you drop your children off at the correct times for their class.

When collecting, the children are still learning, please keep mobile phone calls to a minimum outside the classrooms. Thank you for your co-operation.

Letters that have come out this week

- Families Magazine Nov/Dec— [link](#)

Attendance:

As the school have been remote learning, attendance figures will now be updated in the New Year.

COVID testing UPDATED

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 10 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 10 days for symptoms to appear.

The 10 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 10 days from when their symptoms start

When to stop self-isolating

You can stop self-isolating after 10 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:

- Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- 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) **Cheerful**—Happy & Smiley

(KS2 lower) **Festive**—Relative to a festival, particularly Christmas

(KS2 Upper) **Jocund**—Indicative of or marked by high spirits and good humour