



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 1

Dear All,

Sadly, this week we did not quite start the year with the calm, fresh start as we hoped. I cannot thank you enough for the support and kind words that have been sent in to school as we rose to the challenge late on Monday night that we would all face Lockdown 3. I am so proud of the resilience and determination that the staff and our community have shown which has enabled Hamsey to re-establish the Critical/Vulnerable Bubbles, reassure the children and adapt our Remote Learning offer even further.

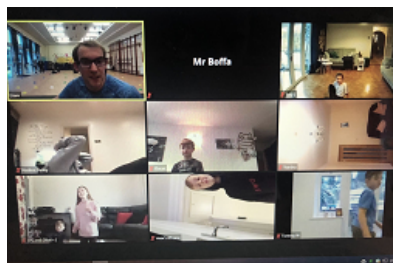
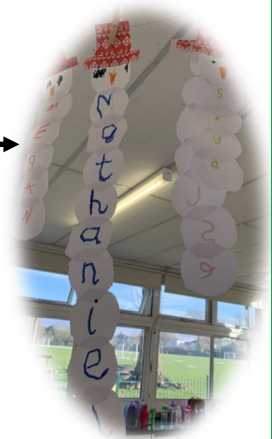
This week we have welcomed 70 children into school and are expecting another 20 next week. Each Year group has been kept apart and Year 2 Bubble is now at maximum capacity.

On top of all the challenge of Lockdown, we were 'blessed' with snow also! (I have to admit I was most excited to be teaching in Year 2 and laid the Best Snowman Challenge to the other years...) Snow themed lessons were used to write instructions on how to build a snowman to snowman names! →

I know you have all been enjoying our on-line fitness classes with Liam in the mornings. I have loved seeing you all on the screen! We have been asked by our Trust if we could record these sessions to share with the other Trust schools so please turn your video cameras off if you do not wish to be seen.

Thank you for the feedback on the live/pre-recorded lessons too. Our aim is to continue to build on this as staff and pupils become more confident. I hope you have all managed to log into Lexia Core 5, which we have purchased to support reading and reading comprehension. We look forward to hearing your feedback on this too. Please remember we are always here if you need us.

We were so proud of the children who had their flu vaccinations this week. It was a great opportunity to see some of you again.



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



This week Acorns have really enjoyed playing in the snow, we built a snowman and had fun with snowballs. The children watched The Snowman movie to warm up with hot chocolate and we have taken part in winter themed arts and crafts.



Letters that have come out this week

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Thank you for the card and hamper you sent me– I was truly surprised and humbled by your generosity

Mrs Mace x

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....

Breakfast and After School Club update

We have had a low uptake for the Breakfast Club and After School Club provision, for both Nursery and School. This has meant that the all the Year group bubbles have been able to be kept separately and will continue to be kept apart during Lockdown 3. Both After School Club provisions will have an earlier finish of 5pm. Acorns Nursery Club members will remain on the Nursery Site during Lockdown. ***Please only use this facility if you are a critical worker and require this provision.***

Pupil Premium Free School Meals Update

If your child/ren is/are eligible for Pupil Premium free school meals and you would like to come and collect a meal next week, please contact the office at office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk, by **9:30am Monday 11th January.**

Flu Vaccinations

The School Immunisation team are encouraging parents of school age children who have yet to receive the nasal flu vaccination to make an appointment at their clinic. Given the current situation, Public Health England are encouraging as many children as possible to be vaccinated. Please ring 01737 775467 to make an appointment.

Useful links for parents and schools.

For practical free worksheets for teachers and families to access for fun and learning:
<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/learning>

For fun and outdoor learning especially recommend the "toad abode" challenge
www.chesterzoo.org/schools/resources/

For loads of worksheets across the key stages from spellings to fun puzzles
https://www.orchardtoys.com/dept/orchard-toys-home-learning-packs_d01138.htm

Happy Newspaper for hopeful new journalists all ages so many fun things to do to create your own newspaper
<https://thehappynewspaper.com/>

Barclays Bank coding playground on line through scratch for all children 8 through to 16
<https://www.barclays.co.uk/moments/children-and-money/>

Cosmic Yoga – Yoga and Mindfulness Fun for Kids
<https://cosmickids.com/>

Thank you to the parents who have already ordered books through our Amazon wish list. If you do order any, please can you also include a gift note so that we may know who they are from. Thank you!

**The Knitting Grannies are back.....
Please go to our school website to see their latest adventure!.**

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Giggle**—laugh lightly and repeatedly in a silly way, from amusement, nervousness, or embarrassment

(KS2 lower) **Mutinous**—Refusing to obey the rules of the person or people in authority.

(KS2 Upper) **Recalcitrant**—Being deliberately uncooperative, particularly towards those in authority.

STAY AT HOME 

**PROTECT
THE NHS**

 **save
lives**

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%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

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.