



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 2

Dear All,

I hope you are all well? This week we have had between 70 and 90 children in school and have all settled into routines. I have been so proud of the children who are remote learning, I have seen some amazing effort in all years. Year 4 sent me some lovely pictures of river projects which showed how one task could be interpreted in so many ways to achieve the same learning outcome.

I have been amazed at how well the children have engaged with Lexia Core 5 sessions. Some children have already achieved their first certificates!! This week, to support reading, school has subscribed to Big Cat on-line individual reading books so the children can continue reading daily. These books match the reading scheme colours your children are on, so will support learning both at home and at school. Your new logins will hopefully be set by the middle of next week and your class teacher will send you this plus the colour books your child will access.

Coach Liam continues to keep us all fit! Rec/KS1 have had on average 80 pupils jumping and prancing about –not to mention the adults and younger siblings too! KS2 have about 90 too....and his work outs will certainly wear off all the holiday food! Lets see if we can top 100 for Rec/KS1 and 120 for KS2 next week! I have to admit I am getting rather competitive with Liam on Rock, Paper, Scissors!!! I am keeping score! Remember your new code will remain the same now.

Mrs Smith, Mr Boffa and I have undergone training on lateral flow testing this week. We are pleased to say that all staff at both the Nursery and Primary will have access to the testing kits in school. This is earlier than the Government's expected roll out. We are still awaiting information of mass testing for Primary children and I will write as soon as I know more.

Thank you to our amazing critical workers (and our staff too) who are all doing brilliantly in their demanding rolls. The staff have really appreciated parents keeping children at home when they are not working to ensure we also keep our numbers lower.

Stay Safe

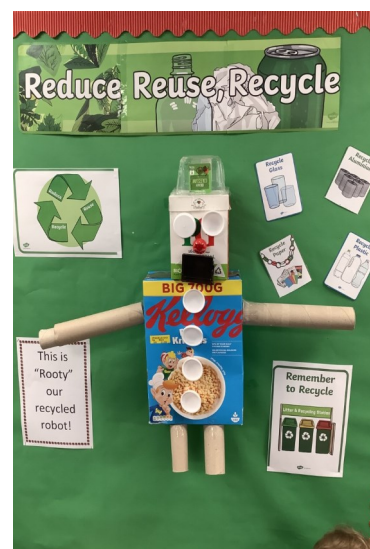
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All adults MUST wear a mask on School premises, unless exempt.



Hope you're well. This week, we have enjoyed exploring recycling. We have been sorting recycling into categories and made a nursery robot from recycling. We have watched videos to find out what happens to the rubbish we recycle and have been using junk to make models too.



Letters that have come out this week

- No letters have been sent



Please can we remind parents/carers, that should you request a COVID test whilst remote learning, you still need to notify the school office at office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk. We are still required to inform the authorities of any confirmed cases. Please keep us updated should you request a test and are awaiting results.

Thank you.

Families Magazine

Please click [this link to the Jan/Feb issue](#) of Families Surrey East magazine.

Please can we remind all parents using Surfers/Ocean Club *and* school provision to only use this if absolutely necessary. This will enable us to not rota staff in school unnecessarily. Thank you.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to let us know of any changes to contact details; e.g. telephone, email and address. We can only communicate with families successfully, if we have the right details! Thank you.

Pupil Premium Free School Meal Information for next week

– At the time of writing, we are still awaiting further details of this. If your child is at school, they will receive their school meal on site. If they are remote learning, we will be sending vouchers. Please bear with us!

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As our pupils will be online more often whilst at home learning, it is more important than ever to keep them safe. Please check all the devices your child uses regularly; install parental settings to restrict the content they access and make sure they are not on websites, apps or games that are not age appropriate.

WhatsApp - Must be 16 year old or over

Instagram - Must be 13 years old or over

TikTok - Must be 13 years old or over



BBC Bitesize for BT and EE customers will now be free so as not to use up data allowance. Please go to <https://www.bbc.com/news/education-55616959> for the news article.

Kooky Kat will be posting fun movement video's for children on you tube. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:45am, video aimed at ages 3-8 years. Friday's at 11:45am are Fairy tale Fridays, aimed at 2-6 years. Take a look at the Dinosaur movement fun video at <https://youtu.be/001iYmp98Wg>

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) **Respond**— To reply to something that someone has said or react to something with an action

(KS2 lower) **Respite**— A short break from something unpleasant or difficult

(KS2 Upper) **Despondency**— The state of being absolutely miserable

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.

Waringham Community Library are accepting pre-loved devices which will undergo professional formatting and PAT testing and can then be distributed to parents who may only have one device to use between 2 or 3 or more children to use for home schooling.

Parents can choose to email Connectivity for Kids or apply via Facebook message service.

Connectivity for Kids will call the parent and take them through a very quick application form (there are absolutely no financial questions) to find out how many children they have, their children's ages and which schools they attend.

Connectivity for Kids checks their stock for suitable devices and arranges a delivery time convenient for the family. Social distancing when devices are delivered will be adhered to and the driver will be wearing PPE.

At the time of delivery we do ask the recipient to sign a receipt with a short disclaimer as proof of receipt but it is the parent's responsibility to ensure their child doesn't access inappropriate material.

Here's the facebook link for further information <https://www.facebook.com/Connectivity-for-Kids-105954691462997/>

The contact details for Connecting for Kids is:- cllr.kerry.mansfield@tandridge.gov.uk Tel: 07837 736653