



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 3

Dear All

This week, even though we have had just under 100 children in daily to school, the school has seemed very quiet. It has been really pleasing to hear how the children both at school and home have been engaging in their learning and striving to do their best. I know it is not always easy for the grown ups at home but please be reassured we know you are doing a fantastic job!



You will be reassured to hear that the staff across the site have been undertaking twice weekly rapid assessment tests to further strengthen the mitigation of the virus. This will now continue for the foreseeable time being. I have to say, Mr Boffa, Mrs Smith and I never thought that this would be part our job descriptions! I have been so proud of the staff as they have all been proactive in going through this unpleasant experience.



Lexia Core 5 is going really well!!! Mr Brown is amazed at how many certificates have been gained. He has been so excited he has bought a Lexia Llama to present weekly to the class who have achieved the required time.

There has been a slight technical delay in issuing your reading passwords this week but hopefully they should be sent to you next week and with the access information.



The weather hasn't been too great out, however, it was lovely to see how Year 1 have engaged in their forest school activities this week. They focused on BBC Birdwatch campaign, by making bird feeders! I have seen some amazing maracas which Reception have made in music (I hope you are enjoying them at home grown ups!) to the meditation activities Year 5 experienced!

Today, we said farewell and a big thank you to Mrs Graoui, who has worked at Hamsey Green for 10 years working in our SEND team and supported many children. We wish her all the best for the future.



It was great that you all rose to the Key Stage challenge for Liam's PE sessions! This week, Rec/KS1 had 85 pupils and KS2 hit 100 exercising! Can we top that next week!?

Stay safe

Mrs Mace



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



This week we have been following the children's interests. We have been experimenting with distance using children and measuring tapes to measure how far we could make the wind up train travel. We have also met our nursery robot and had lots of fun working together to get him to travel forwards, to turn and to go under different obstacles we made.



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.

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.

Vouchers

For those entitled to Pupil Premium free school meals and who's children are not in school. Please check your emails regularly for a message regarding vouchers. Thank you.

★ If a student requires a coloured overlay for remote learning and a screen, they can run or install the following for free. It changes the colour of the whole screen. aurelitec.com/colorveil/wind... #onlinelearning #Dyslexia #edutwitter @sencochat



Please click on the link below for a free resource (a short video presentation) designed to offer advice on how parents can safeguard their child/ren's mental health and promote their wellbeing . The link to both resources is here: <https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents/-/pj==>

We hope you find this useful.

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) **Graceful**—being smooth and elegant with movements

(KS2 lower) **Despoil**—to steal or violently remove valuable possessions

(KS2 Upper) **Fastidious**—to pay extreme attention to detail

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