



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 4



Dear All,

I thought I would share a lovely photo of the school field this week— it is such a privilege to come to a school with such beautiful surroundings!

This week, the children have been working hard in all year groups! I have been amazed at the number of Lexia certificates that have been issued and I have seen some amazing work! Reception have been out and about in the local area creating rubbings, Year 2 have been collaborating on a space art collage using different materials. Linked to their topic of China as an ancient civilisation, Year 5 have Zoomed a teacher in China to find out how schools differ from English schools. It truly is amazing how the remote learning has been able to support this so easily! Year 4 have been teaching me about flooding this week too. A very geographical week!

We finally made 100 in Liam's PE session this week too! Well done— we just have to keep it up! Hopefully this will not be for too much longer as you would have heard on the news earlier this week that the hope is that schools may begin to reopen from the 8th March 2021. As soon as I know anything more than you do, I will write again. In the meantime, know that we know you are all doing your best and no one can ask for more than that.

Today, you will have received your child's logins for Big Cat books. Please make sure you check this works and if you experience any difficulty, contact your class teacher via Edmodo or office via email for assistance. There are so many lovely books to read and these have been selected by the teacher at your child's last reading level. Please do let us know what you think of this resource which will run alongside our remote learning offer.

Stay Safe—and missing you all at home.

Mrs Mace



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



This week we have been focusing on staying safe and healthy, we have been talking about germs and how to stop them spreading. We did an experiment using pepper on our fingers to show how soap makes germs run away. We sprayed paint into the snow to demonstrate how germs spread if we don't use a tissue or our hands. We have bathed the babies in the tray and used straws to create germ monster paintings.



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 remind all parents not to drive into the school grounds.

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

<https://www.hamsey.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=The+Knitting+Grannies&pid=253>

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. Please email the school office with any changes at office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk.

School Dinners: We are pleased to let you know that from next week the caterers will be able to offer a jacket potato with cheese and beans as an alternative to the main school meal. Unfortunately, as the meals are being taken to the classrooms this options can only be served with both cheese and beans. The menu for next week has already been uploaded to School Money and we are unable to amend it to show the main meal choice, however, we can confirm it will be:

Monday—mediterranean pasta bake, Tuesday—pork meatballs with mash, Wednesday—pulled pork filled yorkshire, Thursday—breaded chicken goujons with katsu sauce and rice, Friday—fish fingers and oven chips.

From the week commencing 8 February you will be able to see the main meal option for each day.

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!

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Annoy** —To make someone angry by doing something that upsets them

(KS2 lower) **Gratitude** —To show thanks to someone for doing something

(KS2 Upper) **Repudiate** —To turn someone down or reject their proposal

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