



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 5

## February

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are all OK? I cannot believe we have only one week left until half term. It has been a soggy week at school this week, with the children desperately wanting to get out as much as possible. I think those of you at home must also have felt a bit of a struggle.

At school, I was amazed by Reception who have been so engaged at making a junk model village. I have also seen some lovely buildings posted on Edmodo from children at home!



This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. We have been spreading positivity as always to the children at home and the 100 we have on site! The children have accessed resources to support their mental health with the theme of 'Express Yourself' with the focus on children finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas through creativity. They have enjoyed art, mindful colouring, yoga and just pausing for some quiet time. This weekend, why not try to spend time doing a puzzle, baking or playing a board game- which I am sure they would also love! Other ideas can be found at

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> .

Reception began early and used recyclable materials to build model homes both in school and from home sharing models on our zoom. There were some fantastic examples which included a stilt house, a palace and a caravan!

This week I have been so impressed with how quickly both you and the children have managed to access the Big Cat Collins reading books on-line. Reading for pleasure is another way to relax and supports mental health. As it is also National Story Telling week, this would tie in very well! Please do let us know what you think of this resource.

Please remember that we are here if you need us still.

Stay Safe

Mrs Mace

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



This week at Acorns we have been exploring water based activities. We have had lots of fun with water beads scooping and pouring in the tray. We have been ice painting in the creative area, melting ice cubes in the water tray and experimenting with bubbles too.



### Letters that have come out this week

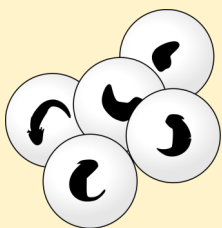
- No letters have been sent



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](mailto: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.



### **Any Fishing enthusiasts out there?!**

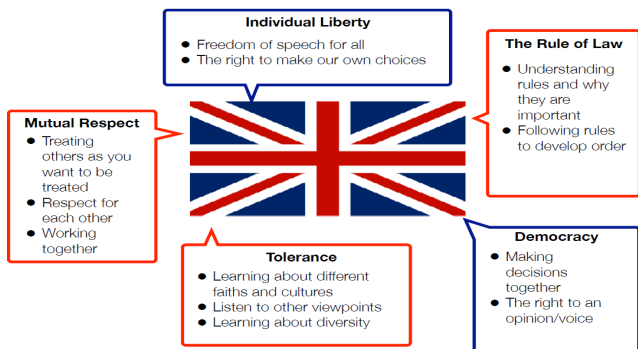
We are seeking a couple of sets of full length fishing waders to borrow for Mrs Mace and Mrs Smith to clear our pond ready for pond dipping in the Summer Term!

Once this has been cleared, we are also looking for some frog spawn to go in. Please let us know if you are able to help! Thank you!

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>

## British Values



We have been focussing on Individual Liberty this term and learning about how soldiers have been helping us during the pandemic. We were sad to hear the news of Captain Tom this week.

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](mailto: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.**

## Word of the Week

(KS1) **Insist** —To demand something and not accept no as an answer

(KS2 lower) **Feeble** — To lack physical strength

(KS2 Upper) **Calumniate** — To make up malicious rumours about someone to damage their reputation

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!

**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](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@tandridgedc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.kerry.mansfield@tandridgedc.gov.uk) Tel: 07837 736653