

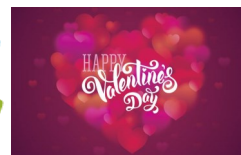


In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 6



February Half Term!



Dear All,

I cannot believe that we have made it to another half term in these strange times. If I reflect back to this time a year ago, we were celebrating achieving GOOD in our Ofsted rating and I officially became Headteacher— what a year it has been!

I am sure all the children both at home and school have enjoyed the snow this week. We have had a great time making snowmen! It has been a light relief in some ways to have something different to do!

This week, Reception have been practising their story-telling alongside their topic of Home Sweet Home.



They made 3D houses and stick puppets of the three little pigs and a big bad wolf and then used them to act out the story, focussing on repeated refrains and story language. It was great fun!

In geography, Donaldson class have been learning about the Scottish legend, the Loch Ness monster. One of my favourite legends— they painted some amazing pictures of Nessie!



Year 4 have been very scientific and have been learning about the process of condensation. They had great fun watching their experiment! They also have had a live zoom session from the East Surrey Water plant to support their learning on water processing.

In September, we greeted the children back with the amazing climbing frame. We can't wait to have everyone back and are still awaiting details to be released of what this will look like. So, in preparation with greeting all the children back again, in line with our outside improvement plan, (weather dependant of course!) we are aiming to have new playground floor markings and court lines painted onto the main and rear playground over half term. Watch this space for some photos!

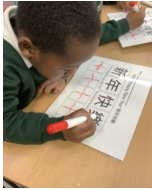
I wish you all a lovely half term holiday and a welcomed rest from remote learning!

Stay safe Mrs Mace

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




This week We have been learning about Chinese New Year, we listened to the story about the creatures of the Chinese zodiac and how they found their place. We used junk to make our own dragon and had lots of fun watching and creating our own dragon dance. We have been mark making to make Chinese letters and also talking about the people we love for Valentine's Day.



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.



On **Monday 22nd February**, we will be celebrating International Mother Language Day. Children are invited to dress up in the colours of a country's flag and there will be a selection of activities for them to choose from whether at home or at school.

For those children who are in school, we will be offering dishes from around the world at lunchtime during the week and recipe ideas for those children who are learning at home to make/ try!

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>

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this email finds you safe and well.

We are pleased to announce Chelsea FC Foundation will be offering virtual sessions throughout February half term for your child!

Please see below a brief description of what's available for your children during the half term break:

Virtual Soccer School – 4 day course

Dates: February 15th / 16th / 17th / 18th

Cost: £50 (£12.50 per day)

Website Link: www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Course Code: VSS-01-S-3

Virtual Soccer School Day - Shooting themed (Must have access to a goal to participate)

Date: February 19th

Cost: £12.50

Website Link: www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Course Code: VSS-01-S-1

Invitation Code: VSSDAY

Virtual Soccer School Day - Goalkeeping themed

Date: February 19th

Cost: £12.50

Website Link: www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

Course Code: VSS-01-S-2

Invitation Code: VSSDAY

When will the sessions take place throughout the day and what will be included within each one?

All of the above courses will have sessions running at the below times and will include the information outlined in brackets:

Session 1 09:00am - 09:45am (Warm up movements, CFC movement of the week, ball mastery and challenges vs the coach)

Session 2 12:00pm - 12:45pm (Technical Practises around the daily theme, CFC skill of the day and challenges vs the coach)

Session 3 15:00pm - 15:45pm (Timed challenges linking in with the technical session from session 2, group challenges, challenges vs the coach and intense ball mastery finisher)

Key information for all courses

- The session plan for the day will be emailed to you before the day of the session to allow time to set up / prepare.
- All sessions held on zoom, all zoom links will be sent along with the session plan.
- Appropriate football attire.
- non fizzy drinks to keep hydrated.
- Please ensure a safe playing area is available.

The deadline to book your child's place on any of the above courses will be 12:00pm on Friday 12th February.

Please see attached information pack outlining the above details.

If you have any questions please let us know.

Kind regards

Surrey Development Team

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.

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) **Kindness**—being nice and caring about others

(KS2 lower) **Interrogate**—to question forcefully

(KS2 upper) **Accusatory**—being extremely suspicious of someone and claiming that they have done something wrong or bad

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@tandridgedc.gov.uk Tel: 07837 736653