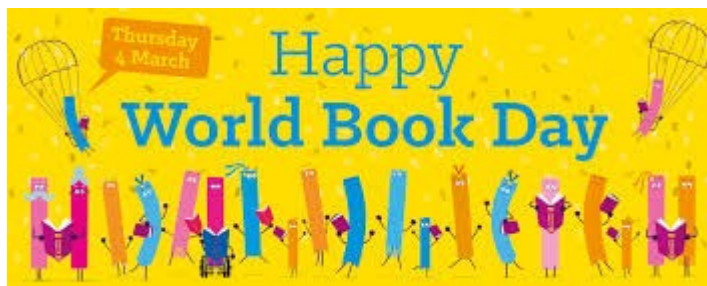




# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 8



Dear All,

What a lovely week to celebrate some positivity! We were grateful to Coronavirus Aid In Chelsham, Farleigh and Warlingham Team who handed over printer paper donated by Waitrose and Partners! The prefects and Head Pupils were so excited to be able to fulfil an important role this term, representing the school.

You may have also seen on the BBC news that the Duchess of Cornwall visited the Thornton Heath Vaccination Centre. This is where our Chair

of Governors volunteers and can be seen in the background! I'm sure you will agree that all the volunteers vaccinating people are all doing an amazing job.



The final lines on the back field were also completed this week. We have had the netball court renewed and six short tennis courts marked out. We are looking forward to all pupils returning next week, to show them. Reception have already been riding and scooting on their new wheels!

Excitement boiled over on Wednesday when Bambi appeared on the field. It was so quiet and misty that we think she was exploring the beautiful grounds

we have!! It was almost as exciting as seeing Mr Boffa out with the power hose.



Finally we had World Book Day 2021! The children both at home and at school looked amazing in their costumes (and so did the adults!) I hope the day inspired you all to read for pleasure! More reading activities can be found:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/primary/>

We are all very excited to see you all next Monday. Please remember to check the Am I Ready For School checklist on P X . Our Covid procedures are all in place with lots and lots of handwashing and sanitising. The DfE has requested parents are reminded that some families can access lateral flow tests to test weekly, information is on p 6.

See you all soooooon!!!! Mrs Mace

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



In celebration of World Book Day, we started this terms' book focus on "The 3 little pigs". We will be focussing on different stories each week. Throughout the week, the children participated in a variety of activities, including making masks, decorating biscuits, re-enacting the story using story props and investigating what makes a strong material to build houses with.



### Letters that will come out this week

- Email return to school checklist reminder (4/3)
- Surrey Council letter re returning to school



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.



Donaldson class have been trying out their new helmets on the scooters and have been having lots of fun.



**Year 3 World Book Day characters!**

## Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory for all children, unless they have received a letter confirming they are extremely clinically vulnerable. If this is the case, please can you forward a copy of this letter to the School Office.

Attendance will continue to be monitored and the involvement of the Education Inclusion Officer may become necessary if attendance is poor. Once all children are back in school, further information regarding attendance and absences will be sent out.

## End of Term

We break up for Easter on **Thursday 1st April** and school will finish at **1.15pm**. Ocean club will finish at 4.00pm on this day as will the Nursery after school club.

**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).**

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) **Happiness** — The feeling that comes over you when you know life is good and you can't help but smile. It's the opposite of sadness.

(KS2 lower) **Elation** — Great happiness that makes you excited

(KS2 upper) **Propitious** — giving or indicating a good chance of success; favourable

**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.

## Lateral Flow Tests

This section does not apply to secondary school pupils, and primary and secondary school staff, who should take twice-weekly tests using home test kits provided by their school.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site by ordering a home test kit online
- Get a test through your employer
- Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.
- Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site
- You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.
- You may need to book an appointment.
- [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)
- Collect test kits
- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.
- Anyone 18 or over can collect.
- Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.
- Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.
- [Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)
- Order home test kits online
- If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online
- Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

### [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

- What twice-weekly testing involves
- You will be asked to:
  - take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
  - report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
  - [Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.
- If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:
  - self-isolate immediately
  - get a PCR test to confirm the result
  - follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)
- A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:
  - regular handwashing
  - social distancing
  - wearing a face covering where recommended