



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 9

Dear All

This week, the staff and I have had loved having the children all in. We have 98% back in and the sounds of lots of laughter, chatter has really made us smile. I am sure that you all have been pleased they have returned and that you don't have to be on Zoom! Thank you to all of you who have dropped off swiftly and have adapted to the timings – this really helps to socially distance 300 children and their adults! The children have all settled back extremely well as we thought they would do. Our children are incredibly resilient and we are so proud of them adapting to new routines again and showing how nurturing they really are. On my learning walks this week, I have loved seeing them all engaged in learning and helping one another. At least now, you all know when your child says they did nothing at school – you know they have done a lot and can probe a bit deeper!

We have been celebrating all things Maths this week too. All classes have been outside learning—even in the wet, measuring and estimating, symmetrical patterns, investigating 2D and 3D shapes, completing trails and challenges and Mr Boffa has set lots of quizzes! Maths remains a school priority for us and so there has been

lots of problem solving and applying maths in the real world challenges. If you haven't already exhausted your board games patience—these are great for maths such as snakes and ladders, Monopoly etc. Next week we are celebrating British Science Week so I can't wait to see what experiments they do!

I am so pleased to say all the children and Mrs Johnson's hard work in Fair Trade Fortnight has paid off. We have been awarded the Fair Trade Award!



Stay safe

Mrs Mace



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



This week, we have focussed activities around the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. There has been lots of porridge play, story sequencing activities, size discussions as well as making bear pictures and Goldilocks wigs! We also enjoyed making and eating porridge too.



Letters that will come out this week

- N/A

Attendance:

1st Place : 100% - Inkpen/Donaldson/
Kinney/Walliams

2nd Place: 98.3% - Rosen

3rd Place: 98.2% - McKee/Pullman



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.

As we are trying to limit the number of people coming into the school. Please make sure that your child/children have all of the items they will need for the school day when you drop them off to school. We have had a number of 'forgotten' items coming into the office this week. Due to how the class bubbles work, it is not always immediate that these items get picked up for their classes. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that you should not be mixing with other parents for collection and pick up as we are still in a National Lockdown. Mixing support bubbles could compromise the efforts everyone has made to keep our school community safe. Thank you!

Attendance

Attendance is now 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.

Please contact the office at absence@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk daily, if your child is going to be absent from school.

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.

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) **Return** — To come back somewhere

(KS2 lower) **Stern** — strict or severe, overly serious

(KS2 upper) **Loquacious** — chatty or talkative

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.

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