



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 10



Dear All

What an exciting week at school we've had! The children have been busy learning about all things Science! I have seen lots of 'experiments' around the school from investigating sound vibrations through to conducting their own mummification! The children have learnt about fair testing, predicting, properties of materials, healthy eating, looking at rocks and soils and have even designed their own inventions! There has been a lot of cross curricular learning which the children have really enjoyed.

I was extremely proud of all the children, from nursery to Year 6, this week during the fire drill. Not only did they assemble swiftly and quietly, they even managed to do this quicker than last time!



RED NOSE DAY

Today is Red Nose Day! The children looked great wearing red to celebrate such a good cause and have raised £200!! Thank you all so much. We also ran a staff bake off... please read about this on page 2.

The children have come up with their favourite jokes for you

Why did the golfer bring two pairs of trousers?
Who was the first underwater spy?
What is a frog's favourite drink?
Why did Adele cross the road?
What kind of shoes are made from bananas?
I like jokes about eyes.

In case he got a hole in one!
James Pond
Croak-a-cola!
To say hello from the other side!!
Slippers
The cornea the better!

Have a super weekend and stay safe!

Mrs Mace



The Great Hamsey Staff 'Virtual' Bake Off

It was March, Comic Relief Bake Off time was here and things were about to get a bit funny! The staff began to dust off their aprons and sales of baking powder and flour rose as Team Hamsey prepared to bake for charity once again.

Sadly, this year the very popular after school bake sale could not take place, so the stage was set for a virtual bake off instead. There were three awards up for grabs;

1 The Funniest Bake

2 The Most Instagram Ready Bake

3 The Governors Choice Award (A cake to represent lockdown)

Unfortunately, Paul Hollywood was busy so our school governor Mr Connery happily said he would judge again and the winners are...

Funniest Bake Mrs Roberts



Most Instagram Ready Bake Mrs Jordan



The Governors Choice Award

Sue Bew



It was so hard to choose this year and our school governor Mr Connery felt the level of entries was so high, he commented,

"As the competition was of such a high standard this year I feel honourable mentions must be given to Mrs Key for her chocolate creation; Mrs Irons for her red velvet cake; Mr Boffa for his rustic cookies; Mrs Colbran for her excellent staging; Mrs Booker for the use of a plum tomato; Mrs Mace for her presentation and Mrs Pullin for her ingenuity!

I was, as always, so impressed by the quality of bakes presented and thank everybody for taking the time to get involved."

Thank you for organising this Mrs Connery!

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



This week at Acorns, we have introduced the story of the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. Once familiar with the story and the key phrases, the children took part in a role play activity to act out the story, using masks. We also listened to a story with an alternative ending and spoke about other endings we could think of. We made troll faces in the art and craft area and have had a go at making bridges for the troll, in the construction area.



Communication this week

- Email about World Down Syndrome Day
- Email about end of term arrangements

Attendance:

1st Place : Rosen 4 - 99.1%

2nd Place: Walliams 5 - 98.9%

3rd Place: Butterworth R—98.4%

Please click this link for the latest version of The Family Grapevine magazine. <https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/east-surrey/see-a-copy/>



Please can we remind parents/carers, that should you request a COVID test, 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. Today, we have been notified by the Government that anyone shielding will be OK to return for Summer Term! We can't wait to see you!

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

Please see page 5 for individual class finish times for Thursday 1st April.

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!

Reception Class Request:

If you have any of the following clothing items that you no longer need, please can you bring them into Mrs Jordan in Reception class. Thank you.

Age 4-6 sized:

Girl's knickers
Boy's pants
Socks
Tights
Jogging bottoms/leggings

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Forgive** — To choose to stop feeling angry or upset at someone else

(KS2 lower) **Mischievous** — causing or showing a fondness for causing trouble in a playful way

(KS2 upper) **Adulation** — Excessive admiration or praise

Dear parents/carers

School finishes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1st April and as you will have read on In a Nutshell, we will finish at lunchtime. Ocean Club will be open for children of key workers but will close at 4.00pm.

To enable us to limit the number of adults on site at any time the classes will finish on a staggered timescale which is set out in the table below:

Class	Class Teacher	GATE TO USE	Place	Collection time
Inkpen	Mrs Jordan	MAIN GATE AND PATH BY FIELD	Classroom door	12.45pm
Butterworth	Miss Hancox	MAIN GATE AND PATH BY FIELD	Classroom door	12.45pm
Donaldson	Miss Bishop & Mrs Johnson	BY WEMBLEY	Classroom door	12.55pm
Murphy	Mrs Knolles	MAIN GATE	Ocean club door (opposite main office door)	12.55pm
McKee	Mrs Mellis & Mrs Bates	MAIN GATE	Ocean club door (opposite main office door)	1.00pm
Kinney	Mr Boffa & Miss Marshall	MAIN GATE	Rear classroom door	1.05pm
Rowling	Miss Lambert	BY WEMBLEY	Year 4 library door	1.00pm
Rosen	Miss Keresey	BY WEMBLEY	Year 4 library door	1.05pm
Walliams	Mr Richards	MAIN GATE	Year 5 door	1.05pm
Rundell	Miss Caires	MAIN GATE	Year 5 door	1.00pm
Morpurgo	Mr Brown	MAIN GATE	Classroom door	1.10pm
Pullman	Miss Chatfield	MAIN GATE	Year 6 slope	1.10pm

The children will return to school on Monday 19th April and will follow our current drop off and collection procedures until the May half term..

If anything changes in the meantime we will let you know.

Kind regards

School Office

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