



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 11



Dear All,

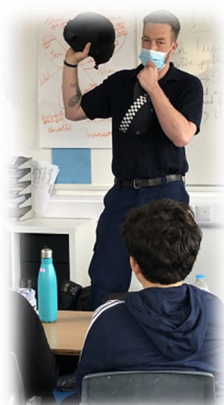
It has again been a busy week at school. We started the week learning about diversity— we are all different and unique. The children learnt that each year on the 21st of March, Down Syndrome Day is celebrated. Did you know that people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome? (they have 3 copies of chromosome 21 - hence the national day is celebrated on 21/3, 21st March!) The reason for the socks is that some say the chromosomes look a little bit like pairs of socks—I have to agree!. We support World Down Syndrome day, as it has a special place in our hearts, and wear "Lots of Socks/Odd socks" with pride. As you know we expect every child to be treated with respect and that children with Down Syndrome and other disabilities are given opportunities to join in, build friendships, benefit from acceptance, be respected by everyone and so high expectations are created. Life long skills which encompass our school values. As at printing, we have raised an amazing **£206** and you can still make a donation until the end of term.



On Tuesday, we took a moment to remember the start of the pandemic quietly. Looking back, so much has happened in a year for all of us and we all look for the light at the end of the tunnel. Year 6 also led an assembly on Shakespeare's Day— the school thoroughly enjoyed the plays they put on!



On Wednesday, Year 5 and Year 6 embedded their understanding of on-line safety through the eyes of the law. We were very lucky that one of our parents, who is a serving police officer, visited us and was able to support the children's understanding when using social media and how to keep them safe and also develop these skills for life. We were also very excited, that he is a dog handler for the police force and his working dog came to visit with him!



Reception's book of the week has been 'Handa's Surprise'. They have been learning about the animals in Kenya. In the story the animals steal the fruit from Handa's basket. They made some amazing animal masks! I have been really proud of them as Miss Hancox has been really poorly and unable to return to school. A big thank you Mrs Connery and the other adults looking after Butterworth.

At the end of next week, we say a temporary farewell to Miss Marshall as she embarks on maternity leave. It is a very exciting time for her and her family and we wish them all the best (and lots of sleep!) until the baby arrives! Mrs Johnson will be covering her in Kinney during the Summer Term.)



It is odd to think there is only three and a half school days left until the end of term!

Stay safe

Mrs Mace

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



This week, the children at Acorns Nursery have focused on the story of "We're going on a bear hunt". We re-enacted the story with natural resources/props and also re-enacted outside in our sensory garden. We have investigated bears through shape play, sequencing activities, number hunts and a positional play assault course!

### **Communication this week**

- Emailed letter re Easter Event—*Please remember to pay by 3pm on 29th March!*
- Letter to Reception Class

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

### **Attendance:**

1st Place : Donaldson (1) 100%

2nd Place: Walliams (5) 97.8%

3rd Place: Rosen (4) 97.7%



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](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.

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](mailto: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](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!

### 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) **Regret** — To be sorry about an action

(KS2 lower) **Consequence** — the result, effect or outcome of something done previously

(KS2 upper) **Contumacy** — stubborn refusal to obey or comply with authority

Dear parents/carers

School finishes for the Easter holiday on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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](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