



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2021 Week 12



Dear All,

Well we finally made it to the end of another term and I am pleased that we ended on a positive this time. The children have all returned to school and have settled back in to their routines. This week has gone by very quickly— having enjoyed the much needed sunshine and warmth!

We finally had our visit from Thomas the Tank Gritter on Wednesday— amusingly on one of the hottest days too. The children learnt about how the vehicle worked, about where grit was made and what it was and they were surprised at the size of it. (Unfortunately, Hagrit was unable to come to visit with Thomas.)



We hosted our first 'Bubble Event' also this week. Thank you all for supporting this— I know the children had a great time and was lovely to be able to celebrate the end of term. Thank you to all of you who bought Easter raffle tickets— I am sure that the prizes won't last too long! The PTA are always looking for new members so please if you would like to know more, please email friends@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk.



All the current procedures and timings we have in place will continue after Easter. As the weather gets warmer, children will need to have ONCE a day sun cream applied at home—due to Covid. They will also need a sun hat in school, daily. Please take the opportunity with the shops reopening to ensure that all children are wearing the correct school uniform, ensuring school shoes fit and that the children are wearing their BLUE polo shirt with their school jumper and GREEN PE shorts/dark bottoms on the days they have PE. If your child would like to return on 19th April in their Summer Uniform, they are more than welcome.

Although we don't normally set homework work during the holidays, we feel as the children have not been at school due to lockdown, some may want to keep up the momentum, so teachers have sent out some completely optional work to keep their learning fresh.

As I mentioned last week, today is Miss Marshall's last day as she embarks on maternity leave— we wish her good luck! The DfE have requested that schools carry out contact tracing up until **April 4th**, so please email office@hamsey.surrey.sch.uk if your child tests positive for Covid-19 during these next 4 days.

We wish you all a lovely Easter holidays, being able to enjoy meeting family and friends once more outdoors within the Rule of 6, as well as the ability to enjoy the shops re-opening!

Stay Safe

Mrs Mace



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



This week we have been getting ready for Easter, we have enjoyed the story of Peely Wally and made our own Peely Wally characters on the easel. We have been learning about the life cycle of a duck, watching videos of real ducks hatching and seeing how they grow. We have made Easter cards and enjoyed exploring outside in the sunshine.

Communication this week

- Letter to current Reception parents

Camp 4 Champs is excited to announce we will be running a camp at Warlingham School over the Easter holidays (dates below).

6th-9th April / 12th-16th April

All activities will be going ahead, including swimming, arts & crafts, baking, sports, nerf wars and lots more!

Join us for some eggcellent fun this easter! Day camp and extended hours available!

Booking available at www.camp4champs.co.uk

Attendance:

1st Place : Rundell (5) - 100%

2nd Place: Walliams (6) - 98.6%

3rd Place: Morpurgo (6) - 97.5%

Whole School: 97.1%



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.

Summer Term

We look forward to seeing all children back on Monday 19th 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) **Practise** — to try something repeatedly until you start to become better at it

(KS2 lower) **Vocation** — a strong feeling of purpose towards a particular life path

(KS2 upper) **Pernicious** — having a harmful effect, subtly and over time

Now that all the children are back in school. Please can we ask you to check your child's hair regularly. Over the counter products are readily available should you need them. Thank you.

Keep the kids busy

It's great that lockdown is slowly being loosened but we still need to be careful and not mix in large groups or head into other peoples' homes – and that goes for kids too.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

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