



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 1

Dear All

I am really excited to be able to say welcome back to Summer Term!! I hope you all enjoyed spending time with loved ones in the outdoors and being able to visit places with friends.

The children settled back in to routines quickly and are all working hard- I have been a little frustrated that I could not join them at the start of term due to recovering from a knee operation which is a bit slower than I anticipated! Needless to say—I won't be tackling the long distance race track that has been marked out on the field for a while! I have signed the school up for 'Race For Life' in early July— so I will need to speed up. More information will come out soon regarding this event.



This week, the children have been amazed at the next transformation of Forest School. Mr and Mrs Palmer and their son have spent Easter making the area even more exciting! A big thank you—from all of us. The weather has certainly helped with the spending time outside too.



Year 5 had a workshop of emotional well-being which provided them with strategies and support their mental health. Year 2 and Year 6 have been budding newspaper reporters— Year 2 have 'found' a Victorian letter and are writing a front page cover story and Year 6, in drama, became reporters or eyewitnesses at the scene of a shipwreck linked to a Famous Five story ready to write their account. Year 4 are learning about electricity and making circuits and Year 1's topic



this term is enchanted woodlands and have been learning about a variety of woodland animals including owls and writing a fact file .



Children belonging to Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Guides or Scouts dressed proudly in their uniforms today to celebrate St George's day! In Assembly we discussed about

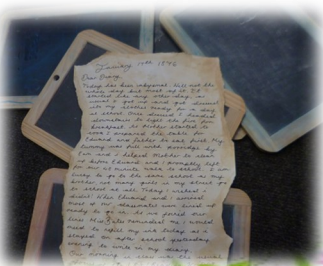


bravery and staying true to ourselves and beliefs. The children have been set a challenge to tackle something they find tricky to see if they can master it!

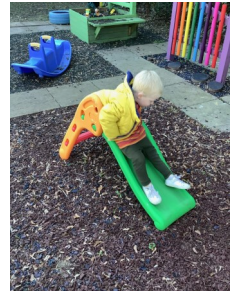
Finally, some exciting news— Congratulations to Miss Marshall and her family who welcomed a baby boy, Fabian into the world on Wednesday! Mum and Fabian are doing well and we are looking forward to lots of cuddles!

Stay Safe

Mrs Mace



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



This week we have all enjoyed talking about our Easter holidays and welcoming some new friends into the nursery. We have really enjoyed being outdoors in the spring sunshine too.

Communication this week

- Yr 6 swimming letter (via email)
- Email about school dinners
- Email about Surrey Council workshops

As per the 8th March letter, Surfers and Ocean Club is now open to all. Please can parents book by the Sunday for the whole week, as spaces are limited due to Covid restrictions.

Ocean Club closes at 5pm until further notice. This will be reviewed later this term.

Attendance:

1st Place : 100% Murphy (2)
100% Rowling (4)
100% Walliams (5)

Whole School: 98.1%



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 still 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. Absences during term time are not permitted. Should you need to apply for an absence due to exceptional circumstances, during term time, please complete the form that can be found on our website, under forms.

A separate attachment will be sent regarding fines for absences not authorised during term time.

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

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!

Fundraising totals update:

World Down Syndrome Day
£230

Red Nose Day £249

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Entire**—The whole amount; no part left out

(KS2 lower) **Transient**—Lasting only for a short period of time

(KS2 upper) **Meritorious**— Deserving reward or praise

Maths Day—Friday 7th May

We will be celebrating Maths Day on Friday 7th May. The children can come to school dressed with a number theme!! We look forward to seeing some creative ideas!

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.

Jigsaw are running an information evening on 'how to prepare your child for a bereavement'. This will be via Zoom and you are requested to book a place. The flyer for this will be attached to the email.



Dunelm Croydon created a poll in
Dunelm Croydon | Community
Support.

(Reuploaded)

SUNFLOWERS FOR SCHOOLS GIVEAWAY
We're giving away 2 of our grow your own
sunflower buckets to one lucky local school!
You have until midnight on the 23rd of April to
nominate a local school in our poll, and the
school with the most votes will win!
If your school isn't on this list, please add it so
that others can vote too!
We hope to see updates of them growing
T&C's apply. <https://bit.ly/2Cluq76>

Dunelm in Croydon are giving away sunflowers for school. If you are on facebook, please vote for us! Thank you!!!!

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