



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 2



Dear All

This week we have been excited to read even more stories to the children as it was National Story Telling Week! As you all know, reading has been a strong focus on our School Improvement Plan this year. By hearing and telling stories, familiar patterns are remembered and vocabulary extended which then supports writing and concentration too. As we are lucky to have a long weekend, how many stories can you read/tell your child to celebrate the end of this event?



I was so excited that Year 2 launched their Victorian topic with a dress up day! The children looked absolutely amazing—from chimney sweeps to the rich aristocrats! The children were exposed to how the Victorian children learnt at school, drills and games played, practising on chalk boards and in drama -even having the cane! For some of us this was still in use in living memory, only being abolished in 1986!



In Year 1, Mrs Shapland came to visit and explain the importance of road safety. The children were able to ask Mrs Shapland questions about her job and we greatly appreciated her visit. It is always useful to recap how to cross the road safely for all ages— from learning the Green Cross Code to teaching older children not having their headphones so loudly they cannot hear the cars coming.



As part of our drive to promote positive mental health, Year 4 have had a workshop from Well-being Warrior to help pupils understand that physical activity can influence positive mental health. Also, some of you may have seen some lovely doodle art, inspired by Jon Burgerman, that Year 6 have been creating on the playground— this has also supported their mental health too as it helps mindfulness. Luckily the rain did not wash it off! It is lovely to see the children engaging in all aspects of the Curriculum. Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!



Mrs Mace

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



At Acorns this week, we have been focussing on planting. We have planted sunflowers to take home and enjoyed slime play with bugs. We have explored frozen flowers in the tray and experimented with natural objects to make pictures in the art area.

### Communication this week

- None sent this week

### Attendance:

1st Place : Inkpen [R], Rowling [4],  
Walliams [5]

Whole School: 97.4%

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.



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 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!

### School Uniform

Now that the children are all back in school and shops have reopened for normal business, please can we remind you of our school uniform policy. The uniform policy is attached to the email. Girls and boys with hair longer than shoulder length, must have all their hair tied back for school. Thank you.

Wondering how to entertain the kids during the school holidays? Camp 4 Champs provide a safe, inspiring and exciting multi-skills activity camp where kids aged 4-14 can have fun, make friends and learn new skills. Your child will enjoy a range of adventurous, creative and lively activities in a sound and secure environment. For more information and booking feel free to visit [www.camp4champs.co.uk](http://www.camp4champs.co.uk).

**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!

### Fidget Toys

Unless agreed with the SENDCo department, please do not send your child to school with fidget toys. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Word of the Week

(KS1) **Dispose**—to get rid of something

(KS2 lower) **Traipse**—walk or move wearily or reluctantly

(KS2 upper) **Insurmountable**— an obstacle so large it can't be overcome

### 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 are asking for a £1 voluntary donation, which will go to the NSPCC. Payment can be made via school money. 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.**

Surrey are running some free courses for parents and an updated list can be found here [www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning).

#### Wellbeing and Healthy Living Courses

[Healthy Lunch Box Challenge 2021 3 week course 5th May-19th May 12.30pm -2.30pm](#)

[Stress Buster Workshop 20th May 1.15pm-2.45pm](#)

#### Storytelling and Early Years courses

[Gruffalo storytelling and craft workshop 8th May 10.30am-11.30am](#)

[Phonics workshop 18th May 10.30am-11.30am](#)

[Phonics workshop 18th May 1.30pm-2.30pm](#)

[Pre-schoolers- get ready for half term fun workshop 28th May 10am-11.30am](#)

**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