



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 3



Dear All

I hope you all have a lovely Bank Holiday? This week has flown by; I have been visiting classes without crutches—much to the concern of the children who have been ever so kind. The children were engaged in lots of deep thinking in some lessons such as Year 5 when learning about the Tudors, wrote letters to persuade King Henry VIII to stop Anne Boleyn from receiving her dreaded fate and Year 6 pondering on questions such as ‘would you rather be a giant hamster or a tiny rhino?’ Some amusing answers to that one! Pullman, through their acting, transported back to the time of Julius Caesar and the Romans too—the children thought about how to act in role and thought about how to be expressive.

The end of the week has celebrated Number Day. The children (and staff) all looked great in their number outfits. Thank you for all who donated, raising £142 (at time of publish) for the NSPCC—this is still available for you to make a donation. We are aware this has been a difficult time for everyone, but sadly there are children have been experiencing abuse and neglect at home, exposed to an increased risk online and had further pressures put on their mental health. It's also had an effect on younger children, with an increase in children under 11 turning to Childline for help with mental health issues. Reception Classes celebrated by making number crowns, played lots of games and investigated ways to make numbers. They also listened to two of their favourite number stories: “One” and “How big is a million?” Classes carried out a variety of number games and puzzles, investigated theories, and number patterns. This was a great way to show everyone that Maths is great fun!

Next week is Mental Health Awareness week so are promoting ways to support building resilience and the importance of being positive.

Wishing you a lovely weekend



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



This week at Acorns we have been talking about growth and change. We encouraged the children to bring in photos of when they were babies and spoke about how we have all changed. The children played a game using the grown-ups baby photos to see if we could work out which one of the ladies were who!



Communication this week

- Year 6 trip letter
- Year 6 RSE letter
- Year 4 Indian day letter

Attendance:

1st Place : Walliams (5) 100%

2nd Place: Rundell (5) 99.4%

3rd Place: Inkpen [R] 98.5%

Whole School: 95.5%

Surfers and Ocean Club is now open to all and thriving. Please can parents book by the Sunday for the whole week, as spaces are limited due to Covid restrictions and to ensure staffing ratios.

Ocean Club closes at 5pm until further notice. This will be reviewed later this term with the aim to open until 6pm after half term with children in Year bubbles. With numbers now increasing and for staffing this, both Acorns and the Hamsey After School Clubs will be on the Primary site from after half 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. 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. Please can we remind that motifs or lines or designs should not be shaved into hairstyles. No jewellery (including earrings) should be worn on PE day for health and safety.

Thank you.

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!



Maths



Day



Word of the Week

(KS1) **Respect**—To recognise the worth or value in others

(KS2 lower) **Election**—A formal and organised choice by vote of a person for a political office or other position

(KS2 upper) **Democracy**—Rule of the majority; deciding who rules by who is given the most votes

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.

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