

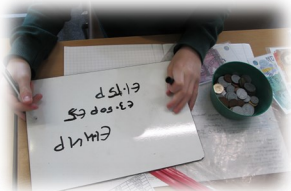


In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 4

Dear All,

With the Government confirming Step 3 of the Roadmap from lockdown, I am sure you are all looking forward to seeing loved ones and meeting up. With this in mind and with children desperate to play with friends in the other year group class during playtime and lunchtime, I am sure you will be pleased to hear we are forming year group bubbles from Monday. This will help with their well-being and mental health— something we have all be focussing on this week and something the children have been asking for. This will also help with the day to day running of the school, such as running interventions. This will help us in planning events during the summer term too.



Pullman class were given outlines of water bottles, phone cases and items of clothing during Art lessons and their task was to use their knowledge of Street Art to create a product that would be suitable to sell.



This linked the arts and industry together. Another year developing their budding business skills were Year 4, who have had an exciting week learning about giving change in maths lessons. They happily played shopkeepers and customers— showing we're never too old to love role play! Their topic is all about India and they linked traditional Indian grocery items to 'buy' items with their budget. A good life lesson- working out how much they had spent and how much change needed to give them. The



'customers' did a great job of double checking their maths too! They have also been learning about Diwali this week. In English the children have been reading the story of Rama and Sita and in RE the children learned about how Hindus celebrate Diwali and made their own Diwali paper lanterns.

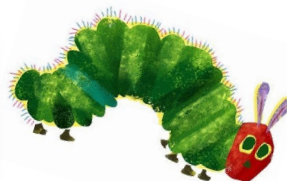


Wishing all our families who are celebrating the end of Ramadan, a wonderful Eid Mubarak! I have been so proud of the children who have been fasting during this time and hope they enjoy the celebrations.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace

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



This week at Acorns we have been focussing on the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have enjoyed hunting for bugs in the garden, we loved watching the snails coming out of their shells and the giant worm wriggling in the mud. We have made caterpillar puppets from card and also food based caterpillars which we enjoyed for snack time.

Communication this week

- Term Date update letter

Attendance:

1st Place : Walliams (5) 95.3%

Joint 2nd Place: Donaldson (1)

Murphy (2) 95.2%

Whole School: 92.8%

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. 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.

Thank you for continuing 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 that you do not allow your children to play on the adventure playground before or after school. Thank you all, for your assistance in this matter.

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!

Croydon High School Open Event

We are delighted to announce that following the update in Government guidelines, we are able to welcome visitors for an Open Event at the school on the evening of **Wednesday 30 June**. In the interests of health and safety, we feel it is important to restrict the numbers of people on site and so we will be limiting this invitation to **external applicants for September 2022 only**.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet with Mrs Pattison and other staff members in the school grounds and also to take a short, self-guided tour of our fantastic facilities. To maintain social distancing we are offering two tour start times (5pm and 6.30pm) – with limited numbers in each session, please find the link below to book your place. We anticipate the tour lasting approximately 1 hour.

<https://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/senior-school-open-event-30-june-2021/>

Please note, we plan to run a full whole school **Open Morning on Saturday 9 October**.

Word of the Week

(KS1) **Beautiful**—pleasing to the senses; extremely enjoyable

(KS2 lower) **Thwart**—to stop or block someone from doing something

(KS2 upper) **Fastidious**—very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail

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