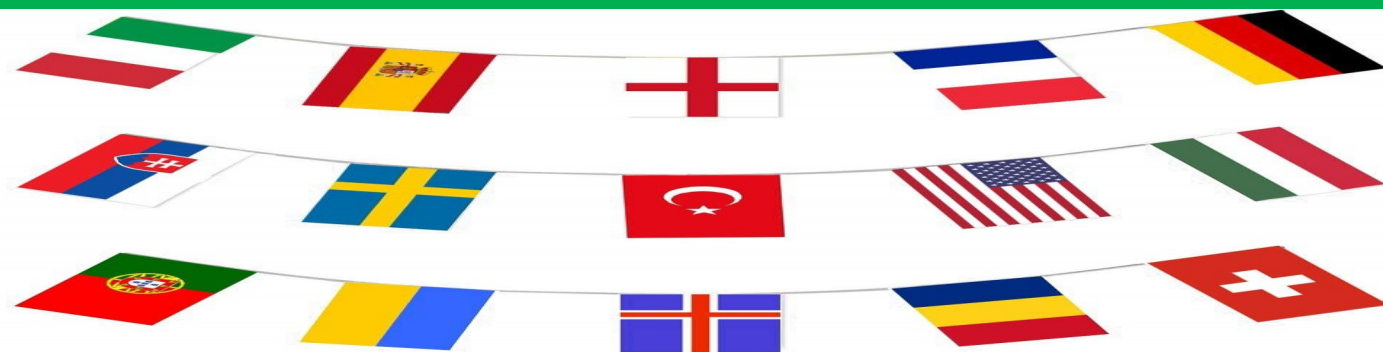




# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 8



Dear All

This week, the weather has been the most random from start to finish. We have had the most lovely sunshine ending with torrential rain! We have really missed the children that are self isolating this week and are looking forward to seeing them all back on Tuesday, although I know they have all been working hard at home. It still surprises me to hear them coming through the screen! Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive and adhering to the guidance. The office have emailed out advice from Surrey Public Health England that came through so please do take the time to read and refresh yourselves on expectations to keep our community safe. We are also running low on disposable masks, so a polite reminder that unless proof of exemption, masks should be worn on site for adults.

Year 1 had firefighters visit them to explain about their jobs and how they help people in the community and the PPE that they had to wear. They also showed the children their uniform and discussed how it kept them safe.

We were also really excited because our Acropad arrived. The Acropad is an inflatable, tumble track and so the children were able to confidently, practice their skills. I was so tempted but was swiftly reminded by the children that I had just come off crutches and that would not be wise!



Year 6 participated in a football tournament! The children showed great humility, team spirit and a sound understanding of fair play. I was extremely proud of them— please see Kai's report on p4.



Sadly, following the announcement by the government on Monday 14 June 2021, it is with great regret that we will not be able to invite parents on the school site on Sports Day which we have provisionally planned for the 8th July. I am sure you will be disappointed so we will share lots of photos with you. We all have our fingers crossed that we will be able to welcome you all back to school events at the start of the new school year.

Stay safe

Mrs Mace



On Thursday 24th June it is Music Day at Hamsey Green. To celebrate on the day, we are asking the children to dress up as a musical instrument OR something musical. This is to add to the fun and celebration of Music Day, so we are not asking for any donations. Children will be involved in class performances and musical activities throughout the day so please ensure the outfit is suitable for usual daily movement.



On **Thursday 1st July** we will be participating in the Schools Race for Life. Cancer has touched many members of our community not just recently throughout the pandemic but also in the past. This is close to our hearts and as a school we would like to help out this charity that have not been able to fundraise. The children will 'race' in their year group bubbles throughout the school day. Each child will be given a back sign to wear and a medal at the end for participating. The children will need to remember to bring a water bottle and either wear their PE kit or wear a pink or blue t-shirt. The course is a 300m track on the field and we are proposing the children run/walk the following:

Reception & Year 1—1 lap (300m)

Year 2 & Year 3—2 laps (600m)

Year 4 & Year 5—3 laps (900m)

Year 6—4 laps (1200m)

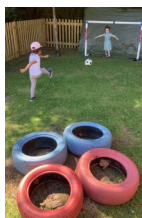
Staff will also be participating and depending on age and fitness level will complete as many laps as they are able to.

We have a just giving page for donations and sponsorship, we would be grateful for any support that you are able to give. <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/hamsey-green-primary-school>.

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



This week at Acorns, we have continued to watch our caterpillars changing. They have now formed their cocoons and we are really excited to see what happens over the next few years. We are looking at things up above us and had fun making wind socks and running with them on the field. We also really enjoyed experimenting with our stomp rocket. The children were very keen to see how high they could blast the rocket and we spoke about how it worked and how real rockets launch. We are all looking forward to tonight's football game and the children have enjoyed their own penalty shoot out on our very own football pitch too.



### Communication this week

- Euro mufti day letter
- Surrey Council letter & leaflet

### Attendance:

1st Place : Kinney (3) - 99.2%  
2nd Place: Murphy (2) - 99%  
3rd Place: Donaldson (1) - 96.4%  
Whole School: 92.3%

### Upcoming events

Tues 22nd June—Class photos—please bring school jumper/cardigan for the photo.

Thurs 24th June—Music mufti day

### SURFERS AND OCEAN CLUB

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 6pm. Both Acorns and the Hamsey After School Clubs are now both on the Primary site.

### COVID TESTING



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. 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!



## **Year 6 School Football Tournament**

### **Written by Kai**

On Thursday 17th June 2021, Year 6 had a fun inter-school football tournament.

Everyone who wanted to participate, were put into teams with different colours – each team had a captain.

The first game was Red vs Yellow, which ended in 2-1 win to the Reds. The two goals for the Reds were scored by George and Kenzie. The one goal for Yellows, was scored by Jayden after he was passed the ball in the box. The Yellows had seven corners, 14 shots, one penalty (missed) and two freekicks (both shot and missed!). The Reds had four shots, no corners and no penalties or freekicks. Each team had no handballs, luckily.

The second game was Red vs Greens which ended in nil - nil. Both teams had a freekick which both shot and missed and each team had one corner. The Reds had five shots on target but did not score a goal whilst the Greens had eight shots and also no goals. Each team had no handballs again.

The last game was Yellows vs Greens which ended 4-2 the Yellows. Max scored an amazing goal at the start for the Yellows followed by Jamie. Callum had scored another goal for the Greens after James had passed to him. Callum had taken a shot which was saved by the keeper (Bobby) but the ball fell out of his hands and unfortunately it ended up as an own goal. Jayden scored a goal at the end for the Yellows after being passed to in the box. Shae then went on to score the last goal of the game. The Yellows and Greens had six shots each. The Yellows had five corners whilst the Greens had two. The only freekick was by the Greens which was a pass to a player who took a shot and missed.

A great opportunity for us to play as a Team and celebrate our Primary final school days doing what we love!

Thank you, Mr Liam, for coaching us over this term and Mr Brown for being a referee after school too.



### School Uniform

Please can we remind you of our school uniform policy, this can be found on our website and also in our parent handbook. 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. Any earrings worn on other days should be kept to a pair of studs. No hooped earrings are allowed.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Adventure Playground

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.

### Change of Contact Details

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).

### Free Zoom event with The British Academy

The British Academy are running a free live event on zoom. Storytime, in collaboration with Queen Mary University London, publish children's magazines using classical stories to help children with wellbeing issues today. This event is aimed at children aged 3-9 years. Further information for the live event can be found here:

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events/the-british-academy-summer-showcase/we-can-be-heroes-classical-stories-for-wellbeing-today/>

Further information about the Storytime publications and resources (some of which is subscription based) can be found here: <https://www.storytimemagazine.com/>

### Notification from Surrey Expected rise in bronchiolitis cases

As lockdown restrictions begin to lift and families start socialising and attending group play and classes, we are beginning to see a rise in cases of bronchiolitis across our hospitals in Surrey due to the spread of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). This is particularly unusual for this time of year and experiences from Australia indicate we could see a large surge in England in the coming weeks as infants have yet to build up their immunity.

To avoid placing additional pressure on our paediatric services please make new parents aware of the risks of bronchiolitis during your clinics and conversations with them. There are four key messages for you to share:

- As COVID-19 cases drop and we start socialising again other viruses are rising
  - Bronchiolitis is a very common virus spread the same way as COVID-19 and most babies get better on their own but a small number of babies can become very unwell
  - To help keep your baby well, regularly wash their hands and toys and make space from those who have coughs and colds which can lead to bronchiolitis in babies
  - If you have any concerns about your baby please contact your GP or call 111
- Further helpful information on Bronchiolitis is available on the [NHS website](#).



### Word of the Week

(KS1) **Nervous**—to be worried about something

(KS2 lower) **Accommodate**—to fit in with the wishes of someone else

(KS2 upper) **Equity**—the quality of being fair minded and impartial

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](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 (Rapid Antigen Test)

- All adults and secondary and college age students are encouraged to take a symptom-free LFD test twice a week. You will not need to isolate while waiting for the results of the symptom-free LFD test. Adults can collect a home testing kit from a [designated site](#) or order [online](#). Find out more about symptom-free testing [here](#).
- Please remember if your child or a household member develops COVID-19 symptoms, do not use symptom-free LFD testing. Instead, [book a PCR test](#) or call 119.
- Testing is not a replacement for infection prevention and control measures that education settings, pupils and their households must continue to follow. Remember: HANDS – FACE – SPACE – FRESH AIR.
- We all need to continue to follow national and local COVID-19 guidance in line with the roadmap. In education settings this includes; social distancing between bubbles or cohorts, one-way systems, enhanced cleaning and handwashing, some staggered start and finish times and face coverings where appropriate.
- If you're aged 18 or over you can get the [COVID-19 vaccine](#) (the eligible age is rapidly decreasing). You can [book an appointment](#) at a larger vaccination centre or pharmacy now, or wait to be invited to go to a local NHS service. If you are not yet eligible, the NHS will let you know when it's your turn to have the vaccine.

# **Multiplication Wrist Bands!!!**

## **Just £1!!!!**

We now have times table wrist bands available to purchase through the shop on school money. The wrist bands come in variety colours and tables, from the 1s all the way to the 12s. For just £1 you can have a band of your choice to practise those dreaded times tables. They are great for the children to use and they look fun too!

To buy them just logon to your school money account and make your choice from the school shop.





Below are the links for the last few courses this academic year with spaces on free online Family Learning courses. Once again, we ask for your support in sharing with your parents.

**\*\*If you have EAL parents with nursery age children we have a brand new workshop to help them navigate the school admissions process.**

Parents can search our webpage for courses or click on the individual links below for further course information and to enrol.

[Whiffy Wilson story workshop \(3-5 yrs\) A story to help transition to school Saturday 26th June 10.30-11.30am](#)

[Family Yoga for parent and child \(5-10 yrs\) 3 week course Wednesday 30th June-14th July 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Yoga for Resilience 3 week course Thursday 1st-15th July 10-11.30am](#)

[Stress Buster Workshop Thursday 8th July 1.15-2.45pm](#)

[Ideas for summer activities for 2-4 yrs workshop Wednesday 14th July 1-2.30pm](#)

[Ideas for summer activities 4-7 yrs workshop Friday 16th July 10-11.30am](#)

**Courses specifically for parents who speak English as an additional language**

[Applying for a Primary School Place for EAL Parents Friday 25th June 1-2.30pm](#)

[Applying for a Primary School Place for EAL Parents Friday 16th July 1-2.30pm](#)

[Read with your child for EAL parents workshop Friday 2nd July 1-2.30pm](#)

[Raising Bilingual Children workshop for EAL parents Friday 9th July 1-2.30pm](#)

Thank you for your support in helping to engage with parents who will benefit from our funded courses.

Warm regards

The Family Learning Team