



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 7

Dear All,



I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday— I am sure you have all felt the benefits of the sunshine over the last two weeks— it has been glorious. Please remember your child needs a sun hat for school and once a day sun cream applied as we don't have much shade. We are so lucky to have such beautiful grounds on both sites and so the children in both the Nursery and the Primary have all been learning outside classroom as much as possible! Year 5 have been learning how to measure angles using protractors so they took their lesson outside to find the angles of things in nature; all classes have been demonstrating team work skills and strength with our new tug-of-war rope as well as trying to perfect their egg and spoon skills. Year 2 have also been learning to play tennis and Year 3 have been gardening amongst the acers to the harmonious sounds of the Year 2 sea shanty!



This week, children have become food critiques. Twelve Fifteen, our catering service, have talked and surveyed pupils from all classes about what they like and dislike in terms of food colour, textures and flavours to help them design new menus ready for the Autumn Term. The children and I were also able to give them feedback on dinners to make them even better. I have to say I was lucky enough to taste too. We look forward to seeing what they design for us.



This week we welcomed Miss Anders as a Midday Supervisor and Mrs Rowe teaching assistant in Year 1. Next Friday is Miss Eaton and Mrs French's last day with us. They have been at Hamsey for 13 years. We wish them both success in their new endeavours and thank them for all they have done for the school.



Wishing you a lovely weekend

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 we have been making the most of the lovely weather by spending lots of time in the garden. We have enjoyed a picnic snack, made daisy pictures and picked flowers from the field. We had a very exciting delivery of caterpillars and are all looking forward to watching them grow and change into butterflies over the next few weeks. We have loved seeing all of the children's sunflowers growing at home and have been comparing how tall they have got. If you haven't sent yours in yet, please do, as some have been really impressive.

Communication this week

- Letter to our new Reception families

Attendance:

1st Place : Murphy (2) - 100%

2nd Place: Inkpen [R] - 99%

3rd Place: McKee (2) - 98.8%

Whole School: 96.8%

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. 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

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.

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) **Shines**—to give out bright light; to direct light somewhere else

(KS2 lower) **Fugitive**— quick to disappear, fleeting

(KS2 upper) **Imperative**—of vital importance, crucial

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 (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 25 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.