



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 10



Dear All

What a fabulous end to the week! The staff and I were bursting with pride as the children from Nursery up to Year 6 took part in Race for Life 2021. Not only was the sun shining, the children supported each other mentally and sometimes physically to make it to the finish line! Some ran one lap of the track and others just kept going— exceeding the amount they needed to do! Some walked around (that would be me!) and obviously some seemed to have had triple Weetabix and ran the whole way... I am in awe! I am sure there will be some achy children and definitely achy staff! The adults were a little competitive.... until they realised Liam had breezed 20 laps!! At the time of writing the community of Hamsey Green and Acorns Nursery have raised **£2000!!** It is a cause so close to many of us and your generosity really brought a tear to my eyes.

This week we have practised our fire drill and Emergency Lockdown procedure. They were amazing. I am sure you will all be slightly amused at the timing— the only time it rained was when we had to line up!



This week was also Arts Week. Each year had an artist to study and recreate a piece of their art. It was great to see the creativity and collaboration skills being utilised. Butterworth Class enjoyed linking this to their pet topic wearing the hand crafted cat masks they made independently after learning about the story of Six dinner Sid. A cat with a cheeky appetite.... a little bit like the black cat who is often seen roaming our grounds!



Finally, we had two netball teams play against another school on Thursday. This was their first match ever! One team lost 3-1 and the other drew 1-1. They tried so hard but were amazing sports— learning some of the rules to the game as they played.



Next week is a very busy week— please do check to see what is happening,

Stay safe

Mrs Mace





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:

**Nursery—2 laps of *their* field**

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->

**Hamsey Green were amazing!!!! The children completed a staggering 203km! Which is the same as walking to Birmingham!!!**

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



We have had an exciting week at Acorns Nursery. After much excitement on Monday, we discovered our butterflies had emerged from their cocoons. We have spent the past few days observing and feeding them sugared water and fresh fruit. On Wednesday, we released the butterflies after a group countdown. Whilst the butterflies were initially reticent in coming out, they eventually emerged, with a little assistance from Sue, to fly away! We also took part in the 'Race for Life', running two laps of our field



**Communication this week**

- Class photo proof

**Upcoming events**

- 5th July—Yr 6 activity day
- 6th July—Euro mufti day
- 7th July—Yr 6 trip

**Attendance:**

1st Place : McKee (2) 99.4%  
2nd Place: Morpurgo (6) 99.2%  
3rd Place: Year 4 98.8%  
Whole School: 95.8%

**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](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!

### 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).**

### SCHOOL DINNERS

From September, school dinners will be increasing to £2.45.

We would like to remind our current Year 2 parents, that once the children are in Year 3, meals will be paid for unless they are eligible for pupil premium. Meals will not be available to book for September until our Inset day in September. Thank you.

### 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) **Glum**—looking or feeling gloomy

(KS2 lower) **Diligently**—to work with care and attention

(KS2 upper) **Evaluate**—to make clear

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.



# **Multiplication Wrist Bands!!!**

## **Just £1!!!!**

These are selling like hotcakes! There is still time to purchase one of these great wrist bands before the end of term. They are 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.



## 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.

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