



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Week 11



Dear All

What an exciting week we have had! This week, Year 6 have been celebrating their time at Hamsey Green. On Monday, leaders from 1st Warlingham Scouts taught them how to make a fire, erect a den and taught them how to cook a cake on a bonfire! They played team games and had an amazing time! On Wednesday, they went to Nuclear Races– a VERY muddy assault course! The weather on the day was kind however, we were caked in mud and the 'dip' in the lakes only made us dirtier! A big thank you to all the adults who accompanied them.

Again, we were very lucky that the weather held out for Sports Day! The children thoroughly enjoyed the traditional events– egg and spoon, sack race, space hoppers, obstacle races and the tug-of-war! They raced and skipped all aiming to win team points. The winners will be announced next week! We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to Sports Day next year.

We were very excited to welcome the children from Acorns, who will be joining us in September for a special forest school. Reception were so kind and helped look after them. Today, we have had the photographer in also. He has taken some amazing photos and I can't wait to show you them on our new website which launches in September!

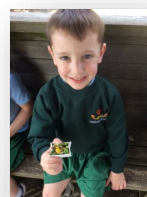
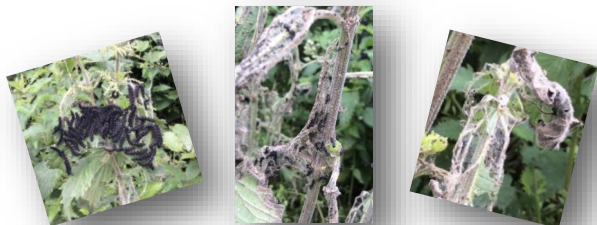
The children spent the afternoon meeting their new class teacher. I cannot believe a year has passed and they are moving up. They will have a guided tour during the week to see their new classrooms.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Liam, who has been teaching the children all sorts of PE since January. Sadly, he will be leaving us to teach at a prestigious dance college. We wish him all the best. We also say farewell and good luck to Mrs Dickson, who has also been a supporting children this year in Year 3– her positivity has been amazing! A final farewell will be to Mrs Pullin. Mrs Pullin is retiring at the end of the year having served Hamsey Green for over 30 years. We cannot thank her enough for all her hard work!

I will write again next week, once the Government guidance has been digested; as to what the next steps are at Hamsey Green and Acorns following the announcement that everything will be opening up at Step 4 on the 19th July. Our current protective arrangements will remain in place until the end of term. I am mindful that we only have one and half days until the end of term from that point and am hoping, with everyone's support, to end it with everyone healthy and without risk to families and staff who have holidays booked as we break up.

Stay safe Mrs Mace

Caterpillars in Butterworth class



Butterworth class—Forest school



Year 6 Activity day and Wild Forest obstacle course



Thinking of returning to your role as a healthcare professional? We can help you!

This message goes out to all parents, carers and members of the local community who may once have been a healthcare professional such as a nurse or midwife and now considering a return. Returning healthcare professionals have a key role to play in ensuring patients and service users have access to experienced and well-trained care staff equipped with the right skills. Health Education England (NHS) provide funding to support the pathways to return and are keen to support or answer any questions you may have if you are considering returning to perhaps nursing, midwifery or If you trained as an allied health professional (AHP) or a healthcare scientist (HCS) but have since left the profession.

Please do contact us for more information on: 01865 932097 or email returntopractice.se@hee.nhs.uk

Many thanks for your time.

Claire Wardle
Programme Manager (Nurse Expansion), Return to Practice, South East Region

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



This week, Acorns have enjoyed sports day! The children took turns to do an egg and spoon race, assault course, balancing race and throwing the ball through the hoop. We all had lots of fun and were proud of our certificates.



Communication this week

- Reports to whole school
- 2021/22 class letter (coming home today)

Upcoming events

- Yrs R-5 after school, ticketed, class parties.
(Please pay on school money by 3pm, Tuesday 13th July).

Attendance:

1st Place : Walliams 98.4%
2nd Place: Murphy 98.1%
3rd Place: Morpurgo 96.7%
Whole School: 94.4%

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.

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) **Spotless**—exceptionally tidy; no mess at all

(KS2 lower) **Penultimate**—second to last

(KS2 upper) **Attenuate**—to weaken

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.

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.

[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](#)

[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 16th July 1-2.30pm](#)

- We have a new course **just added** that we need your support to promote to families. This is an evening Explore Behaviour Strategies course that will give parents practical parenting ideas to try. Ideal for those parents worried about coping over the summer holidays.

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course 15th July and 22nd July 7.30-9pm](#)

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

Warm regards

The Family Learning Team