



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 2

Dear All,

This week has gone so quickly and we have been lucky with the weather! It has been fantastic to welcome our new Reception children in Inkpen and Butterworth to school and their families! They looked lovely and smart in their new uniforms! Having completed two half days each earlier this week, they all arrived today as full classes! I am pleased that they have all settled in so well and are enjoying their learning already—especially playing on the adventure playground. Next week they are all in until 1.10pm are staying for lunch too!

We also welcomed all our nursery children to Acorns! They have also settled in amazingly and were thoroughly enjoying the outdoor garden in some much needed shade. They all looked lovely in their new nursery uniform too and were showing their kind words and actions with each other.



It has been great to see the rest of the school settled in their learning routines and are enjoying the start of their new topics. Year 3 are in the photo taken in forest school this week. As part of our topic 'lost at sea' they designed and made boats out of sticks and then tested them to see if they floated.

The children also began their music lessons with Mrs Griffiths – they had an amazing time and were very enthusiastic about what they had learnt! I cannot wait to see how her challenge of teaching the whole school the record pans out... watch this space!

Year 1 upwards, also listened to the Year 6 presentations to be come Head Pupils and Prefects. The votes were counted and the results are below. I was so proud of all those who bravely put themselves forward and spoke with clarity and passion and it was a close vote!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

<u>Head Pupils</u>		<u>Prefects/Team Captains</u>	
Stanley	George	Ruby	Nya & Eva
<u>Deputy Head</u>		Diamond	Maisey & Ollie
<u>Pupils</u>		Emerald	Stanley & George
Eva	Ollie	Sapphire	Kizzy & Jake
		Topaz	Tremaine & Ben
		Opal	Amy & Rosie



This week acorns have settled several new children and welcomed back lots of returning families. We have been exploring indoors and outdoors and the children have all made lots of new friends.



We have an active PTA who are always looking for new members.

If you would like to be added to your class WhatsApp group, please contact the PTA on friends@hamseytlt.co.uk



Friday 24th September

More information to follow early next week.

SURFERS AND OCEAN CLUB

Surfers and Ocean Club is now open to all and thriving. As spaces are limited due to staff ratios, please book by the Sunday for the whole week. As numbers are rising, bookings must be made in advance via school money to ensure that there is an accurate staff ratio. Children must not turn up on the day without prior booking. Should an emergency arise, any bookings made on the day will incur an additional charge.

Ocean Club closes at 6pm. Both Acorns and the Hamsey After School Clubs are now located on the Primary site.

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Shiver**—To shake as a result of the cold or due to seeing something scary

(KS2 Lower) - **Ambitious**—Having a strong determination to succeed

(KS2 Upper) - **Deleterious**— causing harm or damage



HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH

Please can we remind parents that the packed lunches that children are bringing in, are healthy. This is especially important to help them sustain their afternoon learning.

We have children with severe allergies and are reminding you all that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL

(FYI Nutella spread contains nuts.....)



RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Fruit is provided. We have had carrots, apples, tomatoes week.

KS2 Please support us by providing your child with a healthy snack (no chocolate, biscuits or crisps are allowed at playtime).

COVID-19 in school

- Children under 18, and double vaccinated adults no longer need to self isolate if they have been identified as close contacts or develop symptoms for Covid-19. If they are contacted by Track and Trace, they are advised to take a PCR test but can carry out their day as normal until the results come back. If they have positive test, they need then to isolate for 10 days.
- If pupils are absent due to Covid reasons, school will provide home learning for these pupils.

Attendance:

1st Place : 3 Kinney 98.5%

2nd Place: 1 Dodd 96.7%

3rd Place: 5 Rundell 96.6%

Whole School: 94.4%

Communication this week

- Club letters for Yrs 1-6—response required Mon/Tues
- Crystal Palace letter for Yrs 1&2

Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours start 15/9/21

As we are heading into unpredictable weather, please ensure your child has a coat each day. Thank you.



School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if its stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

Below are the links for some new courses for this academic year with spaces on free online Family Learning courses.

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

Parenting

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 16th -23rd September 1-2.30pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Friday 17th-September- 15th October 10.30 am -12 pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Wednesday 22nd September -20th October 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Understanding Children's Behaviour 5 week course Thursday 23rd September - 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 23rd - 30th September 7.30-9 pm](#)

Courses for parents who speak English as an additional language (EAL)

[English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage One 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 10-11.30am](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Wednesday 15th September - 20th October 12.30-2pm](#)

[English for EAL Families 6 week course Thursday 16th September - 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[English Grammar for EAL Families Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September -21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

[Education in England workshop Friday 17th September 1pm-2.30pm](#)

[Phonics for EAL Parents workshop Friday 24th September 1-2.30pm](#)

Maths

[Family Maths for Key Stage One 6 week course Thursday 16th September- 21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Maths for Key Stage Two 6 week course Thursday 16th September-21st October 12.30-2pm](#)

Family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 weeks Tuesday 14th- 28th September 10-11.30 am](#)

[Family Yoga 3 week course \(with child 5-10 yrs\) Wednesday 15th -29th September 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Health and wellness with Ayurveda 3 week course Thursday 16th -30th September 10-11.30am](#)

[Tasty Casseroles 3 week course Thursday 23rd September - 7th October 10-11.30 am](#)