



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 4



Dear All,

This week, the children have been learning about all things ECO! There has been a lot of information in the news about the protestors on the M25 and so the children have been learning about how they can help and raise awareness to help save the planet. We have been very lucky that the ranger Tom, from Riddlesdown Common, talked to the children about caring for nature and recycling. This culminated in each class creatively making an item into something useful! We hope that they will find great use for many items at home and that they will help you all sort the recycling! Mrs Johnson is hoping we can achieve our Silver Eco Award and a Blue Peter Badge– stand by!!

We have also hosted our first coffee morning to raise funds for MacMillan. Thank you for coming to support this great cause, we will keep you updated as to how much we raised!

The teachers and children were so excited to have had their first week of clubs open too. I have seen the parachute out, children running around the field so many times it made me dizzy (and they did this for fun!!!), lots of messy art, competitiveness in chess, football and netball clubs and our eco club. I was also amazed that so many children are learning French (as well as Spanish!)

Our Reception pupils, having had a full week, I am sure, will sleep well this weekend as well as our nursery children who are settling in well. As the weather is so erratic– cold at the start the day and warm by lunch, please can you use this weekend to check that ALL their school uniform is named so we can return it to the rightful owner. The red lidded, blue lost property box will be reinstated, undercover by the Year 5

playground door in case you need to retrieve any items.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace





We are so pleased at how well our new children have settled at Acorns Nursery. Our existing children have been really helpful in being great role models to our new starters!

This week, we have continued to enjoy the warm weather, exploring our outdoor play areas.



Attendance:

1st place: Donaldson (1) 99.2%

2nd place: Rundell (5) 99.1%

3rd place: Pullman (6) 98.4%

Whole school: 93.7%

Communication this week

- Letter sent by email and hard copy to Year 6 parents about Secondary school transfer
- School photograph letter (Yrs R-6)

Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Half term starts from Friday 22nd October (additional day agreed by Surrey)

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>

Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery.

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Munch** – to snack on something

(KS2 Lower) - **Indulge**—to enjoy something
luxurious

(KS2 Upper) - **Gourmandise**— to eat or devour
something like a glutton



We are regularly asked by parents, carers, grandparents and friends of the school as to how you can support the school to continue to provide a rich, wide-ranging curriculum and a high standard of education. If you would like and are able, to support the school and your child's education, please buy one of the books on our Amazon wishlist. This will arrive at school a few days later and be added to the children's non-fiction book box or class library.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share

Recycle  Charity

We are collecting used printer ink cartridges. Please bring them and put them into the recycling box in the office. We are unable to recycle toner or laser cartridges. Any cartridges recycled, helps the school to raise some money. Thank you!

Secondary School open events information

<https://riddlesdown.org/admissions/admission-into-year-7/>

<https://www.warlinghamschool.co.uk/164/open-evening-for-entry-into-year-7>

<https://www.oxtedschool.org/>

School tours are running every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (9am-10am and 12.15pm-1.15pm) starting from next Tuesday 21 Sept up to and including Thursday 21 October. Please visit our Open Evening section on our school website <https://www.oxtedschool.org/News/Main-School-Open-Evening/>, where you can register for our Open Evening and also find more information regarding school tours.

<https://www.destafford.org.uk/>

Croydon High School for Girls <https://www.croydonhigh.gdst.net/>

Year 5 & Year 6 parents of girls, our **Open Morning on Saturday 9 October 2021**, if you are interested in attending this event please register for a specific tour time for this event via the link below or the via attached invite.

Due to unprecedented interest in our Open Morning this year, combined with our desire to remain cautious about the number of people on site at any one time, we are asking visitors to book a specific tour time for Saturday 9 October [here](#).

Each tour will start with a welcome from our Headmistress, Emma Pattison, after which you will be introduced to your pupil guide, who will show you around the school, meet our teachers and answer any questions you may have.

We anticipate each tour will last approximately an hour and a half and we suggest you aim to arrive 15 minutes before the start time to allow for parking and making your way to our Senior Hall.

Harvest Festival—Wednesday 13th October

We will be supporting Nightwatch again this year. Please bring any unopened, in date, non perishable food items and unused toiletries to the classrooms from Monday 11th October. Thank you for your support.

Surrey County Council are running these workshops, please click on the links below for further information. www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning.

Courses for Parents who speak English as an additional language

[Applying for a primary school place for EAL parents workshop Friday 1st October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Read with your child \(EAL\) workshop Friday 8th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Raising Bilingual children EAL workshop Friday 15th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Applying for a primary school place EAL workshop Friday 22nd October 1-2.30pm](#)

Storytelling fun and half term activities

[Gruffalo Storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Saturday 2nd October 10-11.30am](#)

[The Hungry Caterpillar Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 9th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Fun activities for half term \(3 & 4 yrs olds\) workshop Friday 22nd October 10-11.30am](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 10.30am-12pm](#)

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[Elmer Storytelling workshop \(2-4 yrs\) Saturday 30th October 10-11.30am](#)

Courses for family wellbeing and cookery

[Yoga for Anxiety 3 week course Tuesday 5th - 19th October 10-11.30am](#)

[Family Yoga \(5-10 yrs\) 3 week course Wednesday 6th-20th October 4.30-5.30pm](#)

[Yoga for Resilience 3 week course Thursday 7th-21st October 10-11.30am](#)

[Soups and Bread 2 week course Thursday 14th -21st October 10-11.30am](#)

Parenting Courses

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 7th-14th October 1-2.30pm](#)

[Explore Behaviour Strategies 2 week course Thursday 14th-21st October 7.30-9pm](#)