



Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 5

Dear All,

I wanted to start this weeks' newsletter with a THANK YOU! We have raised just over £260 for MacMillan last week with the coffee morning and cake sale. I am sure they will be very grateful to you all for your generosity. I was so proud of the Head/Deputy pupils and Prefects who helped serve parents and politely asked them for feedback on what was going well and what we could focus on as a school. I am hoping to run year group coffee mornings next half term as it would be great to meet and chat, so please look out for these.

On my learning walk this week, Year 5 have had the Fire Service deliver a workshop, learning how to stay safe in case there was a fire and what to do. The Fire Service were very complimentary on their listening skills and contributions.

I was particularly impressed with Year 3's learning about place value adding in the hundreds. They really demonstrated resilience, using the counters to work out their calculations.

The staff (from nursery to Year 6!) have also been extremely busy learning and modelling our school motto 'Together We Learn for Life'. We have had training by Surrey Outdoor Learning Centre (SOLD) on using tools in the forest school. They have learnt to use saws, bradawls, clamps and lots of different sized knives!! I am certain that they are excited about next weeks training on fire making. The SOLD staff and our staff will work together with the children just before half term too so I am sure the children will be just as excited!



As some of you maybe aware, I was due another knee operation (on the other leg) which was supposed to be take place next year. Somehow this has been brought forward and so I have been called to have this in a week's time. This will mean I won't be in school until after half term and will miss greeting you all in the playground and at parents evening (19th October and 21st October, to be confirmed and further details will follow). I will be contactable via the office as usual or please let the staff know if they can assist you. I hope to see you, albeit back on crutches shortly!

Have lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



This week we have been talking about healthy eating and our bodies. We have enjoyed trying lots of different fruits for snack and talking about the foods in our role play shop. We have focussed on oral hygiene, reading stories about visiting the dentist and watching clips on the screen. We had a go at brushing teeth in the mark making area and also made play dough teeth to fill the crocodiles mouth too.



### Attendance:

**1st place:** Murphy (2) **97.3%**

**2nd place:** Dodd (1) **95.8%**

**3rd place:** Kinney (3) & Pullman (6) **95.3%**

**Whole school: 91.1%**

### Communication this week

- Yr6 WWII topic day letter
- Yr4 Butser Farm letter
- Yr3 Ancient Greek day letter
- Yr5 Swimming update email

### Upcoming events

- School photos Tuesday 5th October
- EYFS curriculum evening Tuesday 5th October  
6-7pm Inkpen and Butterworth classrooms
- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Half term starts from Friday 22nd October

### 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) - **Walk**—to travel somewhere by foot

(KS2 Lower) - **Stroll**—walk in a leisurely way

(KS2 Upper) - **Perambulate**—walking around in a place or area in order to take it all in

### Travelling Book Fair



During the week commencing 18th October 2021 (after school), The Travelling Book Fair will be at Hamsey Green, offering a range of books for all ages, from £2.99.

Every purchase earns the school rewards that can be spent on books to enhance the library and promote reading for pleasure. Please see the Travelling Book Fair invitation for information (with email).

More details will follow (via posters displayed at school).



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 wish-list. 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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share)



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/87/admission-arrangements>

<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—Tuesday 12th 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](http://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](#)

[The Gruffalo storytelling workshop \(4-7 yrs\) Wednesday 27th October 1.30-3pm](#)

[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](#)