



Hamsey Green  
Primary School



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 8

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe we have already come to the end of a half-term. The children have settled back into school life beautifully, learning their new routines and learning expectations of their year groups. Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you on the first week back to discuss how your children are progressing and targets you can work on to support them.

This term we say a temporary goodbye to Miss Caires, who is starting her maternity leave today. She has worked for the majority of her time at Hamsey in year 5 but this term has worked with children across the school delivering interventions. I'm sure you will join us on wishing her all the best as she starts her family.

Following the teachers' training in forest school, Surrey Outdoor Learning came to deliver sessions to the nursery and school. The children made their own sparks using a Ferro Rod Fire Starter, which they used to set alight to cotton wool to make their own fires. They learnt all about what is needed to make a fire and where is good. Have no fear parents and carers the children learnt all about the safety aspect and that this is



only done under adult supervision!! The teachers are excited to incorporate all the new skills they have learnt into their forest school lessons. The instructor today came and found me to tell me what a credit the children were to our school and we should be very proud of them, which was lovely to hear.



On Tuesday 19th October some of the Cross-Country Club members took part in a competition at St. John's Primary School. There were four schools taking part. The children did so well and remembered all the tips learnt at the club and were so supportive of their friends.

The competition was split into four categories.

Category results:

Year 3&4 girls: 4th	Year 3&4 boys: 4th
Year 5&6 girls: 2nd (Mia-2nd)	Year 5&6 boys: 2nd (Archie 3rd)
Overall result: 3rd	



A massive congratulations to all those who took part in the event! Not an easy thing to do by any means!!



Mr Richards took assembly this morning (although when looking closely at these photos, you may have thought James Bond had arrived!! We are promoting being part of a team and our collaboration skills. Teams will meet on a regular basis from half term.



Today, Year 6 were empowered by learning essential first aid skills delivered by the Restart A Heart team. They were all amazing and listened very well.



Finally, I hope you have a lovely half-term break and we all look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st November. Have a super week off!

Mr Boffa

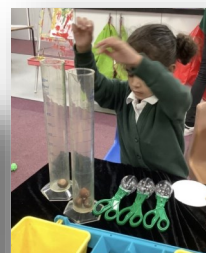


Surrey Outdoor Learning and making fires.



### Fixed Penalty Notices

A letter has been sent under separate cover regarding fixed penalty notices issued by the council for unauthorised absences from school. It has also been attached to the email sent with this newsletter. Please familiarise yourself with this document.



This week, we have been continuing our autumn activities. We have enjoyed scooping and exploring pumpkins and leaf play outside. We have been counting with conkers and developing our fine motor skills with the scooping scissors. We have been talking about diversity for black history week discussing how we all look different on the outside but we are all the same on the inside. We used apples to demonstrate this to the children.

### Parking

We have been made aware that some of our families have recently received penalty notices for parking outside the school. Penalty notices are issued by the Council and we are unfortunately unable to comment or advise on this issue. The zig zag lines are marked clearly as are the times where parking is not allowed on these markings. Please park considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. We do have slightly staggered starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



### Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Half term starts from Friday 22nd October (additional day agreed by Surrey)
- We return to school on Monday 1st November—normal time.

### Communication this week

- Surfers and Ocean Club cost change

### Attendance:

**1st place:** Kinney (3) 98.9%

**2nd place:** Rowling (4) 97%

**3rd place:** Murphy (2) 95%

**Whole school: 92.1%**

### 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) - **Grim**—unattractive or forbidding

(KS2 Lower) - **Ghastly**—causing great horror or fear

(KS2 Upper) - **Harrowing**—extremely distressing

### School Dinners

If you have booked a school dinner and then send in a packed lunch for your child/ren. Please can you advise the office that you no longer require it. Thank you.

### 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!



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



The Child Accident Prevention Trust has issued some guidelines and safety advice if you are considering having fireworks at home this year. [https://www.capt.org.uk/firework-safety?mc\\_cid=6d3e380e4d&mc\\_eid=e4829dc3d0](https://www.capt.org.uk/firework-safety?mc_cid=6d3e380e4d&mc_eid=e4829dc3d0)

### COVID testing

Schools are being encouraged to ask their community to continue to regularly test using lateral flow tests. They can be ordered online [here](#).

If you have secondary school aged children: Based on recent UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA, formerly PHE) advice. We have been advised to encourage students or staff **identified as contacts** in secondary schools to also test daily on a lateral flow device until they receive their PCR test result.

### Applications for Secondary School

**Applications need to be submitted by 31st October, with the recommendation that they are submitted by Friday 22nd October. If you have yet to do so, please can you ensure that an application has been made.**

<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/>



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 EAL workshop Friday 22nd October 1-2.30pm](#)

### Storytelling fun and half term activities

[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](#)

### Parenting Courses

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

### **Surrey County Council Bikeability vacancy**

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling. Further details can be found at [Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://Surrey County Council - Job details (surreycc.gov.uk))

