





Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Week 10

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been an extremely exciting and eventful week. When you walked into the school on Tuesday you may have thought you'd been transported back through time to the 1940's with the Home Front Bus

on the playground. The children were dressed up

in 40's clothing and were in awe and wonder about what the bus had concealed behind it's doors. They explored the bus and they learnt about rationing, experienced life in a Second World War home and experienced an air raid cowering

inside of an Anderson

Shelter!







Year 4 also took a trip into the past, with a visit to Butser Ancient farm. On the trip, after the children had realised they weren't eating lunch straight after the journey, they enjoyed many activities that took place in Roman times. They included: Flint wall building, where they learnt how the tradesmen of the time painstakingly erected walls; exploring a Roman villa and the joys of the outside lavatories (ask Miss Lambert to enlighten you!); They carried out an archeological dig, finding artefacts and made their own jewellery using copper. Finally, they visited a Celt round house to explore the links between the two eras.

On Thursday, we came together as a school and held the two minutes silence on the playground at 11am, as a mark of respect to those who have given their lives to fight for their country. Every class have also been making their own poppies for a whole school display in the main corridor. The school prefects and head pupils will be laying a poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday at 11am at Warlingham Green.

Staff are very excited for their training on Friday looking at writing across the school. I will share with you all about how this will support your child's writing. Here is a link to talk4writing staff are learning about: https://www.talk4writing.com

I hope you all enjoy your weekend!

Mr Boffa











On Thursday, the children at Acorns Nursery watched a simple video on 'Why we have Remembrance Day', they managed to participate in the 2 minute silence, holding fingers on their lips. They also engaged in several poppy related activities.

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.

Communication this week

- Email to Reception parents for live phonics session
- Year 6 reminder of health screen
- Year 6 Whitgift concert letter
- NED show email

Upcoming events

- Reception 2022 parent tours Wednesdays
- Wednesday 17th November—EYFS live phonics
- Thursday 18th November—Trainer Mufti (please see separate attachment from PTA)
- Friday 19th November—Wear something spotty for Children in Need—£1 voluntary donation (payable on school money)
- Tuesday 23rd November—class disco's (payable on school money by Friday 19th November)
- Friday 26th November—Xmas colour Mufti (please see separate attachment from PTA)

Attendance:

1st place: Kinney (3) 97% **2nd place**: Pullman (6) 95.3% **3rd place**: Murphy (2) 94.5%

Whole school: 93.4%

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) **Leap**—jump a long way, to a great height or with great force

(KS2 Lower) **Bound**—to walk or run with leaping strides

(KS2 Upper) **Vault**—to jump over an obstacle usually requiring the hands to propel the body



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!

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.



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

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, formally 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.

Surrey Family Learning are offering free online courses.

Enrolments for ONLINE courses starting in November and December are now open. We have plenty of courses to help support families. All Family Learning courses are FREE and can support:

- Parenting
- Wellbeing
- Managing anxiety
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Getting to grips with maths and phonics
- English for parents/carers as an additional language

Please do share this email with friends and families so that they can take advantage of our free resources. Spaces are limited so we do encourage parents and carers to sign up early. There is further course information our <u>website</u> and this link <u>https://mailchi.mp/f40867b163e4/family-learning-733532</u>.



