



Hamsey Green
Primary School



Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 7



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had this week! I think we must have experienced nearly all the weather options from start to finish—beginning with gale force winds to lumps of hail! We have been quite fortunate with the storm damage and Mrs Smith has been busy trying to source companies to come and fix things. We would like to thank our neighbours for their patience. Apologies to Butterworth parents who have got a bit wet with the droopy guttering— please bear with us as this is also awaiting repair by a builder.



As part of our ongoing learning regarding road safety, Year 6 have begun their Level 2 Bikeability. This has entailed learning to ride safely on the roads. Their cycle specialist teachers have been extremely complimentary of their skills, behaviour and manners—well done!

Also, this week the children have been celebrating Languages Day. In assembly, children shared some of the languages some of them speak fluently in at home; discussed how emotions and body

language can be a language and they learnt some key words/phrases from British Sign Language. It was lovely to be able to share and celebrate our diversity.



Reception's topic this term is under the sea. Their week started by finding a note from the Rainbow Fish about a missing shimmery scale! Then, as we aren't able to take the children to the seaside, we brought the seaside to them! They had great fun exploring shells, pebbles and seaweed!



Our new music teacher, Mr Winn, started with us this week too. The children were excited to demonstrate their music prowess on the instruments. They all had a great time and look forward to showing you all their skills!

As part of Eco Schools, we have also have been learning about what Fair Trade means. The children have been passionate about sharing their thoughts and designed posters, poems and fact files to share with others. Well done to Vinnie who won a yummy prize for his poster!



Next week is book week so we can't wait to see the children (and staff) dressed up as their favourite book characters on Thursday!! Fingers crossed for good weather!



Following the Government's updated guidance to living with Covid-19 plan, please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>.

Have a lovely weekend! Mrs Mace



Absences & Sickness

If your child is absent from school, please email absence@hamseytlt.co.uk or leave a message on the absence line (01883 622000 option 1). Please let us know their full name, class and reason; including any symptoms they may be displaying. We do need to hear from an adult each day a child is absent for safeguarding reasons. Please do not bring your child to school if they have been sick during the night. If your child has been sick or has an upset stomach, children must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode. Thank you for your co-operation.



How many of you noticed that Tuesday was both a palindrome and ambigram? A palindrome describes something that can be read the same both forwards and backwards and an ambigram is something that can be read upside down the same.

School Uniform

We have the following remaining items of school uniform available to purchase through School Money (as at 25th February)

24" cardigans (x16)

26" cardigans (x2)

34" cardigans (x11)

36" cardigans (x2)

34" sweatshirt (x2)



This week, Acorns have been learning about the story of The Little Green Dinosaur. We have made dinosaur fossils and dinosaur hats. We have collected sticks in forest school and used them to build dinosaur houses, we have learnt about herbivores and carnivores and have been able to identify some different types of dinosaurs.

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 considerably around the neighbouring properties to the school. We have had some complaints recently, of inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times for school and other activities. Some of our nursery parents have also noted parking issues, making it difficult when walking with their young children.** We do have slightly staggered starting times to help alleviate this issue. Thank you for your assistance.



Upcoming events

Tuesday 1st March—Secondary school outcomes

Thursday 3rd March—Dress up for World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March—The Secret Garden theatre production (for Years R-6)

Friday 1st April—end of Spring term (early finish)

Tuesday 19th April—school closure day

Tuesday 19th April—Primary school outcomes

Wednesday 20th April—children return for Summer term

Communication this week

- PSHE/RSE Letter to Year 4

Attendance:

1st place: Inkpen [1] - 97.8%
2nd place: Kinney (3) - 97.7%
3rd place: Morpurgo (6) - 96.6%

Whole school: 94.5%

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. Please see previous page as to stock items we have. 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.

Book Week (28th February-4th March 2022)

Book Day (3rd March 2022)

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. The theme this year is: changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

Tasks linked to reading/books and authors will be set for children during Book Week.

It would be fantastic if children could dress up as a character from a book on **3rd March 2022**. Please ensure children have appropriate footwear and a coat for breaks/PE. On this day, M&M Theatre Company will be visiting the school to perform The Secret Garden, a classic children's story. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy the experience.

Your child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token (valid between 17/2/22 and 27/3/22).

You can find out how to use the voucher at: worldbookday.com/books.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Chatfield (Reading Lead)



Healthy pack lunches

We've noticed that some of the pack lunches coming into school are not necessarily healthy or nutritious. Please can you ensure that what you send in is enough to keep them going for their afternoon lessons.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

A Guide to Building...

Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2IP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"

Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat. Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

Snacks

Fruit

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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 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!

Recycle 4 Charity



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