



Hamsey Green
Primary School



Acorns
Nursery



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Spring Term 2022 Week 10



Dear All

This week has been a whirlwind! I have had the pleasure of teaching many children this week covering classes as we have had many poorly staff members. We are hoping they are on the mend now and look forward to their return. Thank you so much for your understanding and a huge thank you to the staff who have covered classes too, in order to keep classes open. I have to say though, I have been so pleased at the children's resilience, ability to kindly support the adults teaching them and continue to engage in their learning. We have had a focus on celebrating British Science Week! The theme of Science Week nationally is 'Growth' and we have also used our Science topics to deepen our knowledge. Each class has planted seeds and will help nurture them as the year progresses. We are also quite excited as our jubilee seeds arrived this week, sent from The Royal Palaces— we are hoping these will bloom in time for our Jubilee themed summer fair!

Year 2 have been growing caterpillars too!! The caterpillars have grown fast as they are near the warm radiator and are preparing to move to the top and form their chrysalides now. The children have been observing them closely and writing about them. I am sure they will be so excited to release them into the forest school in a few weeks time. I have had the delight of teaching Year 4 a lot this week and we have been investigating sound. They have designed and made their own musical instruments from recyclable material and junk modelling. I was extremely impressed with them!

On Thursday, we were very excited as the Science teachers from Warlingham secondary school came to show us some experiments!! We learnt about particles and how heat affects them. We saw how metal grows when heated up, about the growth of stalactites in caves how yeast grows and the most exciting—how to make elephant's toothpaste!

Over the course of this week and next, the whole school will be also learning about S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We have been very lucky to have workshops for every class run by Discovery with Three. We are very grateful to Mr McDonald who has delivered these.

For those of you who attended The Brek Foundation's talk on e-safety, I hope you found it useful. For those unable to make it, The Brek Foundation has recorded the event which you can access [here](#), until Tuesday 22nd March.

Please check overleaf for information for parents evening and the end of term for Acorns and School. Finally, today we celebrated Red Nose Day! We hope the children enjoyed dressing up in red and learning about this worthy cause as well as eating the cakes! I am sure this event will be just as successful as Number Day, which raised a fantastic £270!



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



Science week has been fully embraced at Acorns Nursery! Each day, a member of staff has led a science based focus activity with the children. The children have grown cress seeds and have checked each day for developments. We have observed the changing effects when marshmallows are cooked during a baking activity; in addition to predicting what objects might float or sink during a water experiment. We have also made a junk box volcano which we used to create a chemical reaction eruption in the garden as well as experimenting with bubbles. What a busy week!

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 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

Monday 21st March— Years R-6 discos—please see letter

Monday 28th March—Reception & Year 6 Parents evening

Wednesday 30th March—Reception & Year 6 Parents evening

Tuesday 29th March—Year 1– Year 5 Parents evening

Thursday 31st March—Year 1-Year 5 Parents evening

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

[Rec, Year 1 & Year 2 1:05pm/Years 3-6 1:10pm/

Nursery 12noon—ASC 4pm]

Tuesday 19th April—school closure day

Tuesday 19th April—Primary school outcomes

Wednesday 20th April—children return for Summer term

Communication this week

- Letter re discos—payment will be taken offline at 3pm today
- Email about visiting author on 29th March
- The Breck Foundation letter and link

Attendance

1st place:	Pullman (6) - 99%
2nd place:	Rundell (5) - 96.8%
3rd place:	Murphy (2) - 96%
Whole school:	92.2%

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.

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.

Please remember we are a nut free school—this includes spreads that may contain nuts.

A Guide to Building...

Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2/P

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  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

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.

School Uniform

We have the following remaining items of school uniform available to purchase through School Money (as at 18th March)

24" cardigans (x16)

26" cardigans (x1)

34" cardigans (x9)

36" cardigans (x2)

Nursery sweatshirt 2 yrs (x3)

Nursery legionnaires caps (x14)



RED NOSE DAY Staff bake off

The staff have done amazing! Well done and thank you to all who contributed!

Mr Connery came and judged and to quote "I'd like to say how impressed I am by the quality and quantity of bakes this year. Team Hamsey have really 'risen' to the challenge!". The winners are

Star Baker—Mrs Larkman

Funniest—Mrs Rowe

Honourary Connery— Miss Keresey

And a special mention to Mr Brown for his Brown's Brownie Biscuit Bakes!

We look forward to seeing you all at our cake sale this afternoon!



Extra clothing/footwear

For playing on the field, the children can bring in an extra pair of trainers and some tracksuit trousers for playing on the field to save uniform from becoming too dirty. Please can these be named and brought in a named bag. Thank you!

