



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2022 Week 1



WELCOME TO SUMMER TERM!

Dear All

I do hope you all had a lovely Spring holiday and are enjoying the warm spell. The children certainly have been excited to get back and play on the school field! We are so lucky to have such amazing grounds that the children have lots of space to play.

Over the holiday, Wembley has been completed, ready for use. We also had the building work start and I can't believe how fantastic the children and staff are, having to adapt to new routes within the building. I

have been amazed how Year 4 have settled in to their temporary room so well.

This week we have been celebrated Earth Day 2022 . If you are **wondering what Earth Day is and how it got**

started, Earth Day is an annual

event celebrated around the world on April 22nd to demonstrate support for the protection of the environment. Their theme for this year's celebration is "**Invest in Our Planet.**" From Acorns to Year 6, the children have been learning about to how they can make an impact in their own environment. Many activities can be found on the next page.

Happy St George's Day for Saturday!

Mrs Mace





This week we have been talking about recycling and rubbish and categorising our own recycling as part of Earth day. We have celebrated the Queen's birthday, wearing and balancing our own crown and talking about what it would be like to be the Monarch.

We will have celebrated St George's day today (St George's day is 23rd April).

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

Tuesday 26th April—Year 3 High Ashurst day trip

Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May—Acorns Nursery parents evening

Wednesday 4th May—Year 5 to Hampton court

Wednesday 4th May—Star Wars day (May the 4th be with you!)

Thursday 5th May—Year R to Godstone Farm



Communication this week

- Acorns Nursery parents evening (by email)

Attendance

Joint 1st place: Rowling (4) & Murphy (2) 96.7%

3rd place: Butterworth [R] 96.2%

Whole school: 93.3%



Earth Day Competition

As part of celebrating earth day at Hamsey Green the children have the opportunity to enter a competition where they can create something that demonstrates their love and care for our planet e.g. recycled useful, poem about caring for our planet etc. Three winners will be announced by Mrs Mace next Friday and they will receive some yummy chocolate goodies.

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

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Bring WATER everyday!

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



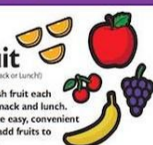
Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch!)
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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



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



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!



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 22nd April)

24" cardigans (x16) 34" cardigans (x9) 36" cardigans (x2)

Nursery sweatshirt 2 yrs (x3) Nursery legionnaires caps (x13)

Here are some quick ideas for celebrating Earth Day with your children:

- Plant a tree
- Go for a bike ride or a long walk (leave the car behind)
- Hold a nature "scavenger hunt" (send the kids out into the garden or park in teams to collect - or spot - various items on a list you provide)
- Print out some of our posters and place in strategic positions around the house. Talk about saving water when brushing teeth and saving energy by turning off the lights when you leave a room
- Bake your favourite cookie or biscuit recipe and let the kids decorate with icing to look like the planet earth
- Gather family and friends together and combine a picnic or other excursion with a litter clean-up
- Look through your shelves and find some books to give away via your local charity shop or library

WATCH THE SUNRISE

Yes, you will need to get up early for this one, but it's worth it!

- Watching the sun rise is a wonderfully inspiring experience, and a great way to set the scene for a day of appreciating our planet. You can make it fun by having a breakfast picnic and wrapping up warm with blankets.

PLANT WILDFLOWERS

Wildflowers are so easy to grow, and they're absolutely amazing when it comes to providing your local wildlife with a source of food and shelter.

- You could plant wildflower seeds in your garden borders or grow them in a container

CLOUD WATCHING

Once you start looking at clouds, you realise there are so many different shapes and sizes. As well as being very relaxing, cloud watching is also a nice way to prompt storytelling and foster a sense of our place in the world.

- Kids might also like to try and identify the different types of clouds they can see using a [cloud ID chart](#).

MAKE YOUR GARDEN MORE BEE FRIENDLY

- Bees need our help. Many species are in dramatic decline due to climate change, chemical use in farming, and loss of habitat.
- Plant some bee-friendly flowers such as lavender, cosmos, buddleja and honeysuckle.
- Let an area of the grass grow longer to provide more shelter and sources of pollen.
- Fill a shallow dish with water to give bees a drink.
- Install a bee hotel to provide solitary bees with a place to stay. You can have fun [making your own bee hotel](#).

GROW YOUR OWN FOOD

Growing our own food helps to reduce our carbon footprint, and it's also ideal for teaching kids about where their food comes from and the importance of a healthy diet.

MAKE PAINTED ROCKS

Earth Day crafts are another easy way to have an Earth Day celebration. Painted rocks are fun to make, and even more fun to hide in your local community for others to find and enjoy.

MAKE A NATURE MANDALA

Making a nature mandala is a really versatile activity that can be done anywhere and with any natural materials you can find.

A mandala starts with an item in the middle, then grows outwards in a symmetrical circular pattern. It can be as simple or as detailed as you like, and is ideal for practicing mindfulness.

