



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 1

It is with great sadness that Buckingham Palace announced yesterday, the death of Her Majesty, The Queen.

We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Guidance providing the public, businesses and institutions with advice on the period of national mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be issued by the Cabinet Office and available on GOV.UK. In due course, once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, the Department of Education will write to us with further guidance and information. Schools and Nurseries will remain open.

Today at school, we celebrated the life of Queen Elizabeth to thank her for her outstanding service during her reign. We remembered our Jubilee Celebrations and the happiness it brought us and how dedicated she served the country and commonwealth. We also learnt about our new King, King Charles III, reflected on how he must be feeling, what a coronation is and what changes they will see having a King, such as profiles on stamps, coins, passports, letter boxes and flags.

The whole school observed a minutes' silence at 12 noon.





WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Dear All

I am sure you were all delighted for your children to return to school this week– and we were so excited to see them! It was the first time I can remember that we returned on a full week and I have to say they (and the staff) have done brilliantly although they are all feeling rather tired!! The Summer holiday again has flown by and I have been so impressed with how the children have settled into their new classes and routines and have been so eager to start learning.

Mrs Smith has worked over the summer to help construct two new intervention rooms as well as paint many areas of the building and we are excited that all the building work/plumbing has now been completed! Our new Premises Assistant, Mr Parker has also been very busy building our outdoor areas... we are excited to see what they build this year! Our After School Club has had a massive makeover too!! Thank you to everyone for their hard work to get the school looking lovely.

At least we could get out outside for the beginning of the week as it was still sunny. The children coped so well with being at the heart of the storm on Thursday– it was great to learn live about Mother Nature and the speed of light and sound as the lighting flashed and the thunder literally shook the ground! Please ensure your child has a school coat in school everyday just in case!

We offer a very warm welcome to our new children in both the nursery and primary, their families and new staff. We wish you many lovely years at Hamsey Green and Acorns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the first Parent forum of the half term, 8.45am in the main school



This week we have enjoyed meeting all of our new children and their families.

Our returning children have been fantastic in showing their new friends what happens at nursery and have been extremely kind in welcoming them to the setting.

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.

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.

Communication this week

- Email to Year R parents

Attendance

1st place:	Dodd (1) - 100%
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	Rowling (4) - 100%
2nd place:	Murphy (2) - 99.1%
Whole School:	96.8%

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

w/c 12th Sept—National coding week

Tues 13th Sept 8:45am—Parent Forum 1 (in the hall)

“What does outstanding look like at Hamsey Green/Acorns in 22/23?”

Wed 14th Sept— Reception 2023 parent tours start

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Throne**—The special chair used by a ruler, especially a king or queen.

(KS2 Lower) - **Regal**—Very special and suitable for a king or queen.

(KS2 Upper) - **Accession**—The process of achieving a rank of power

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

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)



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.

Following our annual Safeguarding training and advice from the Government we have appointed a member of staff for the children to speak with regarding LGBTQ+. Mrs Connery has kindly stepped into this role and welcomes any child who may want to talk about this topic. Since the departure of Mrs Mellis, Miss Lambert has kindly volunteered to act as the Anti-bullying Lead for both children and staff who might need to discuss concerns.

LGBTQ+ Lead



Mrs Connery

Anti-Bullying Lead



Miss Lambert

In addition, we would like to make you aware, if you have any safeguarding concerns, of the Designated Safeguarding Lead team at the school and nursery. You can of course raise concerns with any member of staff who work at Hamsey Green as it is everyone's responsibility.

Mrs Mace



Mr Boffa



Mrs Jordan



Mrs Walker



Trudy



Mrs Key

