



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 2

Dear All

This week, our Reception children stayed for lunch! They have thoroughly enjoyed their new learning in class and playing on the adventure playground. We were pleasantly surprised how quickly they settled into the hall to eat and showed us their lovely table manners. I am sure they will be very excited to stay for their first full week, next week. Most of our new nursery children have also settled in now and the older Acorns children are kindly helping to settle them in too. It is lovely to see our school values being demonstrated from two years old upwards. On Tuesday evening, I proudly watched one of our last years' Year 6 pupils achieve their dream by performing in the West End as a young Tina in Tina Turner the Musical— it goes to show the important value of aspiration and resilience.

On learning walks this week, I have seen some lovely Celtic art work developing in Year 4 and have been impressed with the Talk for Writing reciting in both Years 5 and 6! It always amazes me how they retain the text and actions. Year 1 have been learning to draw their own story maps having found Little Red Riding Hood's basket in forest school... we wondered what happened to her! Year 2 have also shown resilience in the drizzle— they were learning to catch and throw a rugby ball in Wembley! I was especially impressed with the pirate designs Year 3 drew ... some were very gruesome!

Year 1 upwards, listened beautifully to the Year 6 presentations to become Head Pupils and Prefects. The votes were counted and the results announced in Assembly today. I was so proud of all those who bravely put themselves forward and spoke with clarity and passion. As always the vote was very close!

As you know we are closed on Monday so families can pay their respects on the day the funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her family will be in our thoughts during this sad time. We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace

<u>Head Pupils</u>		<u>Prefects/Team Cap-</u>	
Ruby & Isla		Ruby	Isabelle & Sonny
<u>Deputy</u>		Diamond	Bella & Joshua
<u>Head Pupils</u>		Emerald	Olilie & Isla
Isabelle J		Sapphire	Lyra & Ilaria
Bella		Topaz	David & Tommy
		Opal	Ruby & Lilly

Upcoming events

Mon 19th Sept—School closed for Bank Holiday

Tues 20th Sept—School open

Wed 21st Sept— Reception 2023 parent tours



This week at Acorns, we have been continuing to get to know all of our new children. We have been doing lots of group activities, name songs, games and continuing to explore our indoor and outdoor areas!

Communication this week

- Bank holiday letter by email
- Yr 6 parents email re height and weight screening

Attendance

1st place: Donaldson (1) - 98.9%
2nd place: Murphy (2) - 98.1%
3rd place: McKee (2) - 97%

Whole School: 96.7%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Afraid**—How you feel when you're afraid of something

(KS2 Lower) - **Crescent**—a curved shape similar to the moon

(KS2 Upper) - **Volatile**— someone or something that is highly changeable and unpredictable, can be suddenly violent or aggressive

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.

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.

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



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)



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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.