



Acorns
Nursery

Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 3

Dear All

I am sure you have all been like us at school thinking that we are a day behind having had Monday off for HRH Queen Elizabeth's funeral. Mrs Connery and I went up to the Mall together and paid our respects on behalf of the school and afterwards spoke off air to the Radio 1 presenters! It truly is a moment in living history for us and our children.

This week, our Reception children have settled well into their full time life at school. It has been lovely to see them already proud walking everywhere and making new friends. Year 1 have had an amazing time in forest school despite the rain!! They have made fires and used the charcoal to write as well as Mr Boffa has bravely let them use the bow saws!!!

Year 2 were very excited to host our first visitor of the year— a firefighter from the fire education service came on Wednesday. They were learning about fire safety which links to their Great Fire of London topic.

It was also lovely to see so many of our Year 6 parents for our first live workshop. If you were unable to make this, a copy will be on Class Dojo and the website for you.

Also this week, our children have been voting again— this time for the role of School Councillor. A very important role to hold as we often consult the children about life in school from their point of view and /if how we can make this even better. These children are representing their classes— well done!

Year 1 Evie & Daniel

Year 4 Willow & Aurora

Year 2 Layla & Annabelle

Year 5 Ethan

Year 3 Darcy P

Year 6 Brody & Abby

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace



Upcoming events

28th September—EYFS meeting

28th September—Harvest Festival

30th September—MacMillan coffee morning



This week we have been introducing talk for writing to our new children, we have been focusing on the story 'the shark in the park', learning to retell the story using our story map for the older children and using props for the younger ones to learn key phrases.

We have made sharks in the art area and have enjoyed lots of outdoor play

Harvest Festival—Wednesday 28th September

This year we are supporting Caterham Foodbank, who do an incredible job to help people in our local area. Last year, giving out 3388 three-day emergency food supplies! Whilst we understand this is a big ask, if you are able to, any donation would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any unopened, in date, non-perishable food items and unused toiletries to the classrooms from Monday 26th September. Thank you for your continued support!



Communication this week

- Email to Year 5 & 6 from Oxted school
- Email to Year R parents for EY curriculum mtg—28th September
- Email to all parents for PTA meeting—29th September

Attendance

1st place: Rowling (4) - 98%
2nd place: Walliams (5) - 95.8%
3rd place: Murphy (2) - 94.4%
Whole School: 93.3%

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Prevaricate**—to deliberately mislead in a confusing manner

(KS2 Lower) - **Fumbled**—do or handle something clumsily

(KS2 Upper) - **Cunning**—able to achieve goals in a clever but not always fair way

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@hamseytit.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!

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



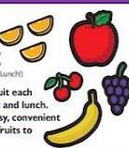
Whole Grains
(Great for Snack or Lunch)

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)



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.