



Hamsey Green
Primary School



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2022 Week 4

Dear All

What an exciting week we have had a school! I hope you can see this in our photos..



We celebrated Harvest Festival on Wednesday. Our local Vicar, Linda, spoke to the children about kindness to share things/ reuse things we may not need or want anymore. Our Head/Deputies/prefects were proud to undertake their first official duty of displaying the items sent in. Thank you so much for your donations, these will be sent to the Caterham Food bank on your behalf— I know the families in need will greatly appreciate your kindness.

This week, Mrs Johnson has organised an amazing Recycling Week! The children have been learning on how the items we don't use or refuse could be put to good use. On Thursday, the competition was on!

The classes had been charged with the challenge to design an outfit made purely from recyclable/natural materials... these outfits were to be modelled down the catwalk and judged with the winning class having an additional session in forest school roasting marshmallows. As you can see the competition was high and gave the supermodels a run for their money. We cannot believe how thoughtful and creative the children's designs were.



Mrs Smith has been busy too! She has cleared the pond ready for the springtime. It looks amazing. We are very grateful.



Finally, we can't thank you enough for your support by coming to our McMillan Coffee events. This charity is particularly close to many staff, pupils and our communities hearts. I will let you know how much we raised next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

Upcoming events

4th Oct—photos

5th Oct—Reception 2023 parent tour

10th Oct—parent gov nominations deadline

11th Oct—Year 4 trip



This week at acorns we have been focussing on autumn, we have been singing our autumn leaves song, we have painted autumn trees and also made natural pictures too.

We went on an autumn hunt in forest school and had sensory play with pumpkins.

We have also focussed on recycling, sorting our rubbish and had fun junk modelling!

Travelling Book Fair during the week commencing 17th October 2022

The Book Fair will be available after school in the small dining hall from 3.10pm-3.30pm each day.

The Travelling Book Fair offers a range of books for all ages, from £2.99. Every purchase earns the school rewards that can be spent on books to enhance the library and promote reading for pleasure.

A flyer has been sent to with the newsletter, with examples of books that can be purchased and methods of payment. This is a cashless fair. The QR code will be on display for making payment. Books will be displayed for you to browse. Books purchased (with confirmation) will be available to collect from the book fair.

More details to follow.

Many thanks for your support.

Miss Chatfield



Reception classes are requesting any spare, clean, paired socks or tights that that are no longer needed, ideally for ages 4, 5 & 6. Thank you so much for your help.

Communication this week

- 26th Sept—Nursery parent letter
- 28th Sept—Flu vaccine letter to parents in Reception—Year 6

Attendance

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| 1st place: | Walliams (5)- 98.3% |
| 2nd place: | Rowling (4) - 98% |
| 3rd place: | Kinney (3) - 94.7% |
| Whole School: | 92.4% |

Word of the Week

(KS1) - **Scorching**—very hot

(KS2 Lower) - **Choppy**—having many small waves

(KS2 Upper) - **Viscous**—describes a liquid as having a thick or sticky consistency

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 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



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

Illustration of a sandwich, a box of raisins, and a bag of 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

Illustration of various fruits including apples, bananas, grapes, and oranges.

Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Illustration of various vegetables including broccoli, carrots, and green beans.

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.