



In A Nutshell

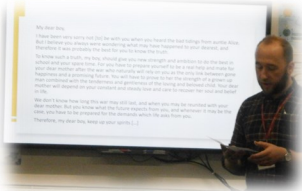
Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 Week 12



Dear All

A short newsletter this week as we have all been busy squirreling away to getting ready for the school winter fair. The children and staff have been making lots of their enterprise goodies to sell. A big thank you for the support you have given with your donations, and to the new PTA team who have worked hard organising the fair and social media, to all who have worked behind the scenes, and to Mrs Smith and Mr Parker for decorating the school and looking after the elves who decorated the amazing grotto! Father Christmas felt so at home in there this week, he did not want to leave! The PTA will let you know how much was raised ASAP for what we hope will be a wonderful, magical Christmas Fair.

We have been really grateful as our Governors have been in school this week seeing how well the children are progressing in all year groups. The children were able to share with them how school helps and teaches them to keep safe, show how lessons are adapted where needed and see how our subjects are developing language.



Also, this week, our year 6s' have been enthralled with a guest speaker, Charlie Knight, who visited them to talk about the experiences of Jewish people during the Second World War; linking closely to their World War Two topic. The children had the opportunity to analyse historical resources, stepping into the role of real-life historians as they uncovered the story of a Jewish refugee who was part of the Kindertransport. .

On Thursday, ten volunteers braved the drizzle and helped plant 1000 whips (saplings for hedges) and trees along the fence line. This was a mammoth task and we were so grateful for their help. You can see them stretching the length of the playground. The 'plastic' protectors are biodegradable and will last about three years as the whips grow stronger. By then, our natural hedgerow will have developed and hopefully, encouraging lots of additional wildlife as part of our sustainability project. We still have about 200 whips which need to be planted by mid next week, so please can you let the office know if you are available to help—either at drop off or pick up.



Finally, our choir, went to Greenacres Retirement home to sing carols to the residents. They were proudly joined by a few of our ex-choir members, who are now at Warlingham school, who were desperate to come along again. This is such a lovely event to work with our local community.

We have been battling against both pupil and staff sickness this week so we hope that we are all back to full strength next week for all the dress

rehearsals!!

Wishing you a lovely weekend... only 2 weeks left to the end of term!



Mrs Mace

Autumn Term Events

(Please check as these dates may differ from provisional dates sent out)

6th December—3.15PM– 5.30PM SCHOOL FAIR

11th December— Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day £1 donation on Arbor

13th December— 3-4.30pm Christmas Event

Monday 16th December 9am YEAR 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS PLAY

Monday 16th December 2.15PM YEAR 5 & 6 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

Tuesday 17th December 9am YEAR R CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Tuesday 17th December 1:30pm YEAR 3 & 4 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

Wednesday 18th December 9am WEDNESDAY GROUP ROCK STEADY MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 18th December 9.20am ACORNS CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Thursday 19th December 9.20am ACORNS CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

Friday 20th December 9.20am FRIDAY GROUP ROCK STEADY MUSIC ASSEMBLY

Friday 20th December END OF TERM—ACORNS FINISH at 12.00PM—RECEPTION FINISH at 1.05PM -

YEARS 1-6 FINISH at 1.10PM—ASC FINISHES at 4.00PM

2025 Spring term—Please see our [website](#) for term dates

Monday 6th January 2025—Inset day

Tuesday 7th January 2025—Inset day

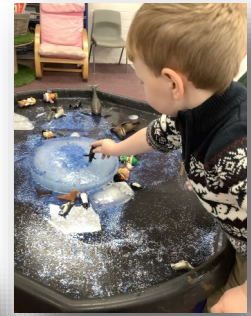
Wednesday 8th January 2025—Start of Spring term for Primary School children

Wednesday 8th January 2025—Last parent tour for Reception 2025 intake

Friday 10th January 2025—PTA pre loved costume/Christmas jumper drop off

Monday 13th January 2025—Start of Spring term for Nursery children

Friday 14th February 2025—PTA pre loved sale



Due to the recent change in weather, we have linked 'cold and ice' to our weekly topic. We have talked about what we need to wear when it's cold and the children have been practising getting their coats, hats, and gloves on independently before going outdoors.

The children have explored this topic through different mediums. We have had an ice tuff tray with arctic animals, they participated in ice painting; they created snowmen number lines using rice and cups and they have also enjoyed the tactile experience of playing with home-made fake snow. The light table was used to encourage the children to match the correct numicon shapes to complete the snowman. We even had a snow themed assault course to work on our positional language, as well as our coordination to return the snowballs to the snowman!

We have also been working on our imaginative and creative skills with a playpod experience.

Playpod has all the components of loose play. We use various materials and resources such as cardboard tubes and boxes, fabrics, ropes, boxes, crates and other miscellaneous items and the children are encouraged to make, build and create! We had a real assortment of boats, trucks, cars and den creations!

Throughout the week, we have also been making our enterprise products to sell at the school fair, alongside our daily Little Wandle Foundations phonic sessions and our Talk For Writing sessions, where the children have been learning 'Stickman'.

Communication this week



- 02.12.24—Email to Nursery re photographs
- 04.12.24—Email Years 1-4 re Kidslingo spring term
- 04.12.24—Email Years 3 & 4 re LPA football spring term
- 04.12.24—Email to Reception re LPA multi skills spring term

Attendance

- 1st place: Dodd (1) - 96.2%**
- 2nd place: Murphy (2) - 98.67%**
- 3rd place: Dahl (4) - 98.4%**
- Whole school: 96.2%**



In a Nutsh-elf



The elves arrived early Monday morning excited that they managed to post themselves all the way from Lapland!



Tuesday, they decided to get busy and start making toys for the Hamsey Green Grotto!



wednesday, they found out they had won the lottery!



Thursday, having gone through the laminator, were feeling a little flat!

Friday, the elves were enjoying the sunshine that came today, following all of the wind last night. Hopefully they will behave themselves at the fair later this afternoon—heard them mentioning they may be helping Santa?.....




Collection of Hamsey Green children by older siblings

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by someone over the age **16**; unless we have been given written permission from a parent for those in Years 5 and 6 to leave without an adult.

After school activities

If your child is not going to be attending an after school activity but has been in school that day, please can you inform the office and not the class teacher. The office maintains the registers for all clubs and needs to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance. Thank you.



Children should **NOT** be riding their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, down the driveway or through the playground at the beginning or end of the school day. Please ask the children to dismount and ensure you supervise your children whilst they are on them. Adults have reported some children are riding on the school grounds that is likely to cause an accident or damage to cars. Thank you for your co-operation.

PARKING & ROAD SAFETY

Once again, we have had some phonecalls from neighbouring properties regarding inconsiderate parking and unacceptable behaviour/language towards our neighbours at drop off and pick up times. **Please park considerately around the neighbouring properties to the school. According to the**

Highway Code it is an offence to park across driveways and it is illegal to park over dropped kerbs. Parking on a private driveway without consent is a civil offence of trespass and may result in prosecution. A number of cars have been reported to the Police.

A number of parents have raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on Tithepit Shaw Lane at drop off and collection times. Please complete the road safety assessment form for Surrey to assess the road. We would recommend this is done as we return to school after half term to ensure they come when school is back in business. [Select the option most like the issue - Report a highway issue - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](#) - please select Road Safety Outside a School. Should anyone be interested, there is a vacancy for Road Crossing Patrol for outside the school. This is a paid vacancy through Surrey County Council.



Absences, medical appointments & sickness

If your child is absent from school or has a medical appointment, 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 may be off school for 48 hours following the last episode, each case is dealt with separately.

Thank you for your co-operation.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Healthy packed lunches

We've noticed that some of the packed 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. THIS IS ALSO APPLICABLE FOR ANY EDUCATIONAL TRIPS.

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)

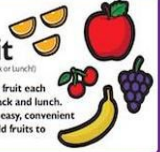
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

CAN YOU SPARE A HOUR OR SO A WEEK? COULD YOU OFFER TIME TO HEAR SOME CHILDREN READ OR HELP KEEP OUR LIBRARY TIDY! IF SO, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO WILL MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH MRS MACE TO DISCUSS HOW TO BE A VOLUNTEER. PLEASE NOTE- A DBS WILL NEED TO BE APPLIED FOR UNDER OUR SAFEGUARDING EXPECTATIONS.



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. We now only stock very small sizes of cardigans. All uniform items are purchased through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock that we hold. <https://price-buckland.co.uk/school-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School>

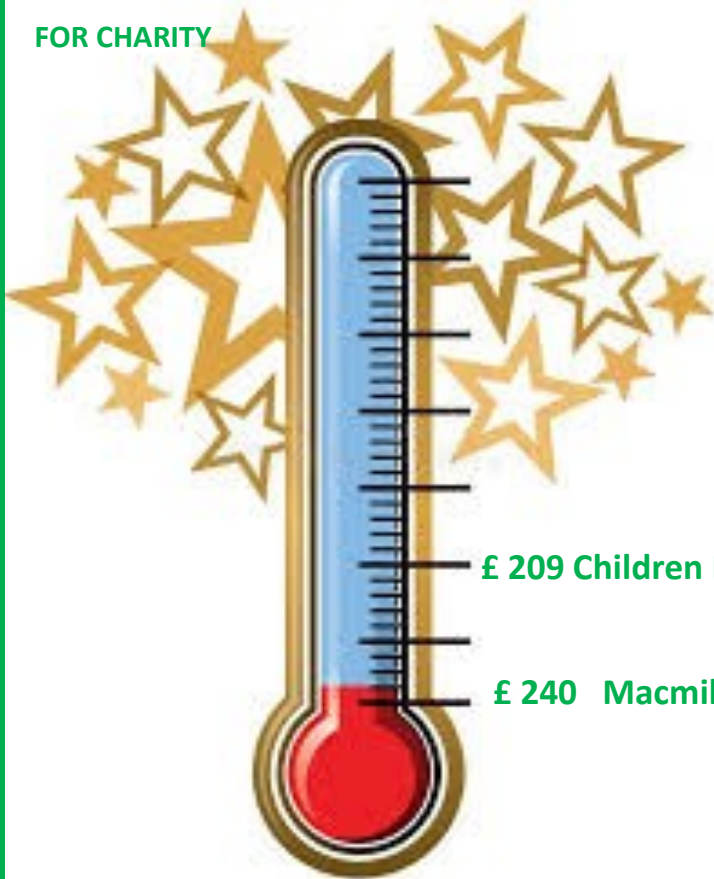
Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery. Price & Buckland will be conducting their annual stock take **from Thursday 28th November to Friday 6th December**. Orders will be accepted but will not be processed or dispatched until after the stock take is complete.

Please name your child's school uniform and coats. We have a lot of unnamed uniform in our lost property box!

Asda's new campaign, [Cashpot for Schools](#), is inviting customers to join in with fundraising for their local primary school by shopping at the supermarket either instore or online. All you need to do is download the [Asda Rewards app](#), opt-in, chose the primary school you want, then shop and scan your app at checkout. Asda will donate 0.5% of your spend to your chosen school. It won't cost you a penny!

<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/the-body-coach-partners-with-asda-for-cashpot-for-schools/>

FOR CHARITY



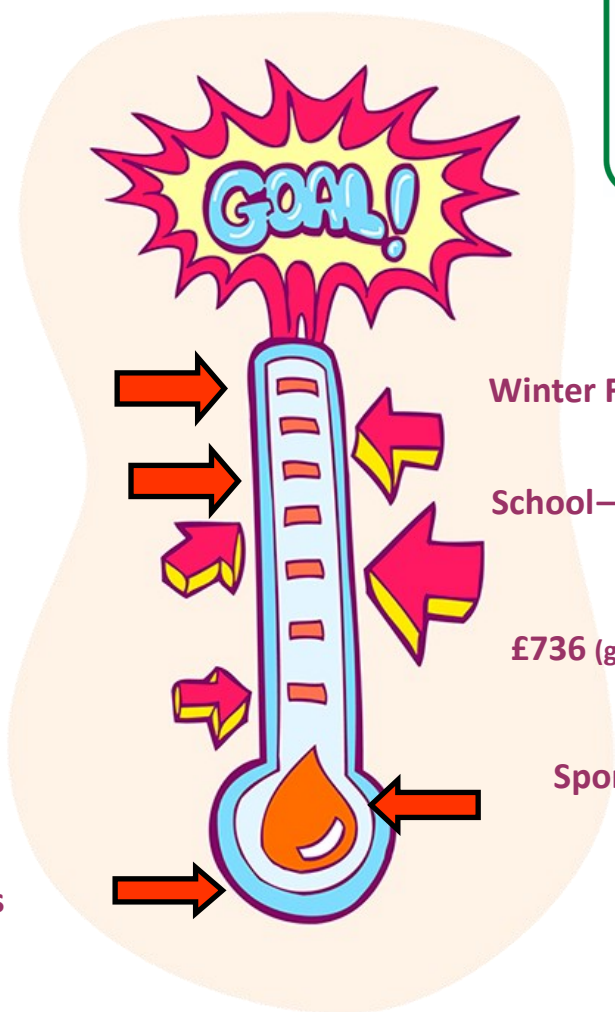
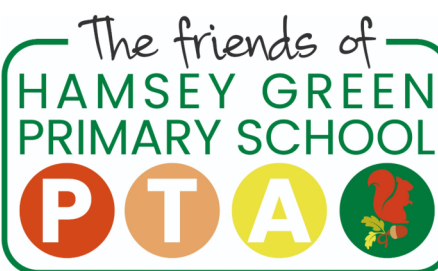
£ 209 Children In Need

£ 240 Macmillan Coffee Morning

THANKS
for your



DONATIONS



Winter Fair

School—Winter event

£736 (gross) School Autumn event

Sponsored bounce

£2543.80

Christmas Cards

FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

If you consider that there are exceptional circumstances relating to your request, please let the school have full details. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school (absence without the agreement of the school or not covered by a medical note) and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances :-

1. Pupils identified by police and Attendance Advice Officers (formerly Education Welfare Officers) engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more).

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 01 September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body must decide whether there are exceptional circumstances. They may request that Surrey County Council issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised.

Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. Finally, the issuing of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance.

This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you act without delay to secure their regular attendance.

If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement in your child's attendance, please contact your child's school or the Attendance Advice Officer.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours.

This duty applies to the **first five days of each exclusion**. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice and Consequences for repeat unauthorised absences

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children [in a rolling 3 year period](#) since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Advice and support is available from an Attendance Advice Officer by contacting Surrey Attendance Service as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130 South West - Tel: 01483 517179
North East - Tel: 01372 833588 South East - Tel: 01737 737777