



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 12



Dear All

Well what an amazing week we have had! It was so lovely to see you all at the class assemblies! The children and staff have worked so hard, putting together songs, acting, skits and presentations of their work to be able to showcase all their learning over the whole year. Some of the highlights were Reception's Talk for Writing stories, Year 1s....., Year 2s singing to every topic, Year 3s humour in their acting skills, Year 4s 90s mash up dancing (which featured the Three Lions song– and obviously brought England the luck they needed that night!) and Year 5s planetarium and singing of Star Trekking. It was lovely to see the children not only proud of their work, but having great fun too. We can't wait for the whole school to see Year 6s dress rehearsal next week too.



On Wednesday, we were VERY lucky with the weather– although I don't think it possible that anymore rain could fall. A massive thank you to you all for coming to support Plan C to ensure Sports Day went ahead. Reception found themselves with their very first Sports Day racing down the hall cheered on by their families at the side lines. They definitely had a great time– and so did the first tranche of parents who rode the hobby horses! This event may have to stay! After break, it was Year 1 and 2s turn. We made it to the end just in time before the only shower of the day came down. The children enjoyed the three-legged races, hobby horses, sprints, javelin and their highlight– the egg and spoon! I would have to judge the adults races the most competitive of the school! Finally, the sun came out for KS2. We added an obstacle race and relay race to their events. The children managed all their sprint races– as did the adults again on hobby horses! It was heart warming to see the children with their family and friends having their snacks and enjoying their company after their events– great community spirit. A huge thank you also to the PTA who provides every child with an ice lolly afterwards– nursery will have theirs next week when they have theirs! Unfortunately, their playground was just too wet– they competed in Welly Wanging instead!



Today is class swap afternoon. At the time of writing, all children are settled in to their meet and greet sessions. The new Reception children are in too on their first induction day. I am sure you can all remember how that felt and can't believe how fast time flies. I made an error on the staff names against classes last week! I meant to say that Butterworth Class will be taught by Mrs Usherwood. Miss Kavanagh is still with them but she is getting married in the summer!! We offer her our greatest congratulations and wish her all the best. It is going to take me a long time to call her by her married name!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend– Years 3-6 will be camping tonight and are extremely excited! I am sure there will not be much sleeping to be had in their tents!! I am also assuming many of you will be glued to the TV screens on Sunday night– as will the staff be! We are rooting for England—but as we learn Spanish– we wish them good luck too!

See you bright and early on Monday morning! Mrs Mace

Upcoming SUMMER TERM 2 Events

- 17th July**—Diabetes Screening (sign up letter sent)
- 17th July 9am**— Wednesday Rock Steady Concert
- 19th July 9am**— Friday Rock Steady Concert
- 19th July**— reports out
- 19th July**—Rec— Year6 3-4.15pm Summer Festival (more info to come)
- 22nd July**— 3pm PTA preloved uniform sale in hall
- 22nd July 6pm** Year 6 Leavers Play
- 25th July 11am** Acorns Leavers Graduation
- 25th July 12pm**—Acorns finish for summer
- 26th July** MUFTI DAY YEARS R-5
- 26th July 9am** Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
- 26th July** SCHOOL CLOSSES 1.05 RECEPTION 1.10 KS1 & KS2 4PM AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Provisional AUTUMN TERM 1 Events

- 2nd September** INSET Day
- 3rd September** INSET Day
- 4th September** INSET Day
- 5th September**—Pupils return Years 1-6
- 5th & 6th September**—New Reception home visits and Nursery stay and play
- w/c 9th September**—New Reception pupils staggered start
- 20th September 6-7pm** —PTA AGM



The heavy rain at the start of the week didn't stop play for us at Acorns Nursery! Whilst we have postponed our sports day till next week, we have still enjoyed several sport themed activities. Wellie throwing was a huge hit with the children and encouraged number awareness and recognition as we measured how far each wellie was thrown. The children also found it very funny when the adults had a turn and a wellie was accidentally thrown onto the nursery roof! We have worked on our hand and eye coordination with bat and ball activities, and our interactive skills with several games of football. We also made football biscuits and England flags in anticipation of the big game on Wednesday.

We have continued our transport theme by focusing on lorries and trucks. The children have loved using the diggers and tractors in several areas, including the sand and construction tuff tray.

We have enjoyed lots of craft activities linked to this theme and we have worked on our fine motor skills with tweezer play, fixing elastic bands to peg boards as well as cutting activities. We also enjoyed another singing session with Tom and his guitar!



Please can we ask adults to supervise any children at the start and end of the day—children should not be climbing any of the outdoor play equipment. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Please read this guidance before keeping your child off.

Communication this week

12.07.2024—Email to school regarding new class

12.07.2024—Email to camp night attendees

Attendance

1st place:	Kinney (3) - 97.8%
2nd place:	Donaldson (1) - 97.7%
3rd place:	Rowling (3) - 96.9%
Whole school:	93.6%



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 maintain the registers for all clubs and need to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance.



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

We have been made aware of some 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 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.

Twelve 15

The cost of school meals will be increasing from 1 September 2024 to £2.80 per meal.

Reminder for warm weather

Please apply one day sun-cream, bring a sun hat and refillable water bottle on warm, sunny days



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!



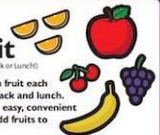
Whole Grains

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



Fruit

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



Snacks

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.



Veggies

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



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



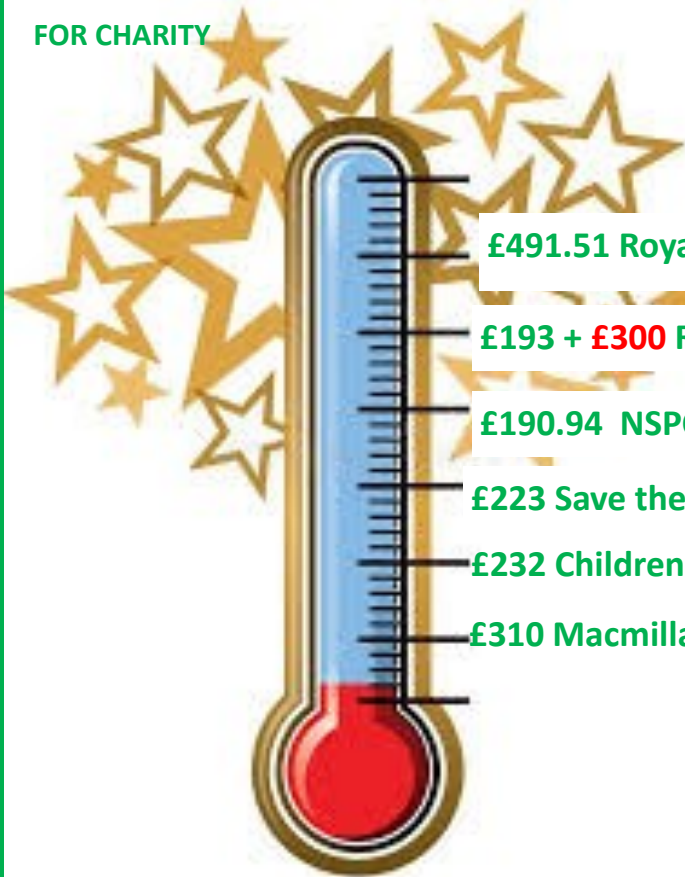
School Uniform

We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase 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. **Prices will be increasing from 1st April.**

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

FOR CHARITY



£491.51 Royal British Legion

£193 + £300 Red Nose Day

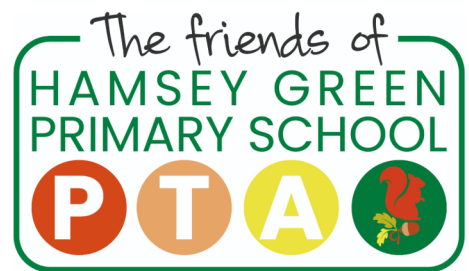
£190.94 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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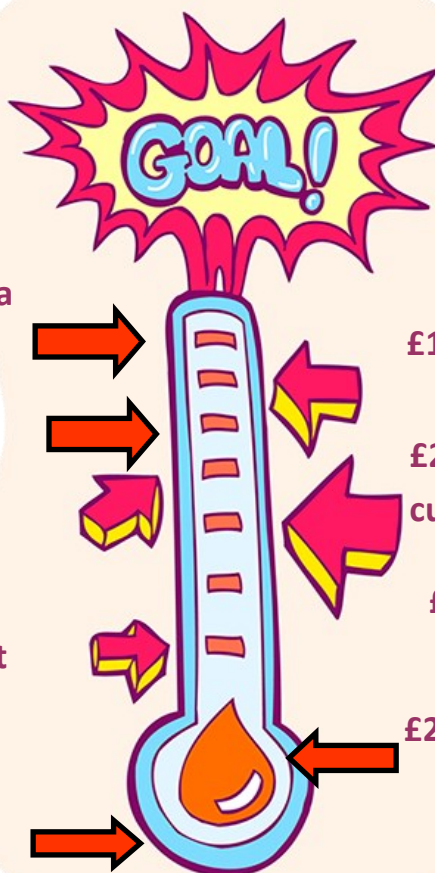
£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ 581 February Event

£128.00 Penny Wars

£947.30 Winter Event

£629 Autumn Event



£169.70 Easter Raffle

£273.57 Christmas Cards, cups and tea towels

£1,585 Christmas Fair

£2,100 Sponsored Bounce

These fantastic amounts that have been raised has enabled us to be able to order a road safety sign for the end of the drive and finish purchasing bookcases for the remaining areas that do not have them.

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