



# In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 Week 4



Dear All

Firstly, a big thank you for all your resilience over the last week regarding the road works outside of school and then the temporary traffic lights that were installed on the Limpsfield Road! Hopefully, I think we are half way through now—just about 10 weeks left to go!. Not helped by the wet week we have also had!

Reception Curriculum evening was on Monday evening and Mrs Jordan and Mrs Usherwood said how lovely it was to see so many parents/carers join us in their first event. Thank you for your support. I am sorry I couldn't be there— I was taking my son up to check in at university – it only seems like yesterday that I was meeting his teachers when he was four— definitely cherish the time you spend with your children, it goes all too fast.

All clubs commenced this week too. We hope the children enjoyed their first sessions— from chess to Lego animation— to so many sports, art & mindful colouring and choir— our children are so lucky to have so much on offer. I covered cross country this week— in the rain and I have to say, it was great to see how much stamina our pupils have! I'm not sure I can run the length of the netball court— let alone the distances they ran in an hour.

A big thank you for the support you have given to our Macmillan coffee morning/afternoon at both Acorns on Thursday and Hamsey today. We know that this charity has supported many of our community in the past and present and we are certain that your donations are all greatly received. I will let you know how much we raised next week but so far we have raised over £100 so far, and I may have gained a different few pounds from eating all the cakes too... (I should have taken part in the Sponsored Bounce!) Thank you to the parents who came to count thousands of bounces— great fun was had and we let you know how much the PTA raised as soon as we can. Any sponsor monies to be paid online please.

Next week, we are celebrating Black History. Please ask your children about what they have learnt!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mace

## AUTUMN TERM 1 Events

- 27th September**—Macmillan coffee Primary main hall 8.30-9.30am & 2-3pm small hall
- 2nd October**— School photos
- 9th October**— Harvest Festival - donations of tinned, non-perishable items for collection for the Caterham Food Bank
- 10th October**—Year 4 to Butser Ancient Farm
- 14th October**—Reception and Year 1 & Year 2 Autumn event
- 15th October**—Years 1 –6 Parent consultations
- 17th October**— Years 1-6 Parent consultations
- 18th October**—Years 3-6 Autumn event
- 18th October**—PTA colour mufti—colour donation for each class for children to wear colour mufti—details to follow & Pre loved Christmas jumpers and fancy dress costume drop off
- 21st October**—**1st November**—two week half term



This week we have been thinking all about “wonderful me”! The children have been identifying similar and different features of themselves through a variety of activities. The children compared how tall they were during a measuring activity. There were lots of discussions and predictions as to who might be the tallest and shortest child within the setting.

We have continued our discussions about ourselves. The children have enjoyed identifying things that they favour such as their favourite fruit, animal, or colour and they have continued to recreate self-portraits using a variety of natural and collage resources. The fruit self-portraits was a very popular activity!

We have also thought about where we live and what our house might look like. The children have represented their impressions through collage and shape activities.

Through another maths activity, we created a graph with the children to identify and compare each child’s eye colour. We then counted to see which was the most dominant colour.

Dough disco also proved to be a fun fine motor activity this week, where the children enjoyed a fun activity manipulating play dough in a variety of ways to upbeat music!

We also held our very own MacMillan coffee morning on Thursday. Thank you to all those parents that contributed cakes or came along and supported the event on the day.

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/>

### Communication this week

23.9.2024—Email to Reception with information on Baseline Assessment

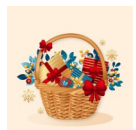
23.09.2024—Email to whole school re Book Fair

24.09.2024—Email to Year 1-6 re parents evening

25.09.2024—Email to Year 1—6 re Rock Steady music lessons

### PTA Request

If you have any unwanted, good condition baskets / hampers / trays to re-purpose and make up for raffle hampers - please can you bring these to your class teacher. Thank you for your help.



Final reminder for any **BAG2SCHOOL** bags to be brought in before school on Monday morning please!

### Attendance

**1st place:** Blackman (5) - 98.62%

**Joint 2nd place:** Browne (2) & Murphy (2) - 98%


**Whole school:** 96.46%

### 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.




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 considerably 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.



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](mailto: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.**

A Guide to Building...

## Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

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Bring **WATER** everyday!

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



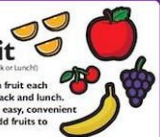
### Whole Grains

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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3GIZF85XRY4MG?ref=wl_share)



### School Uniform

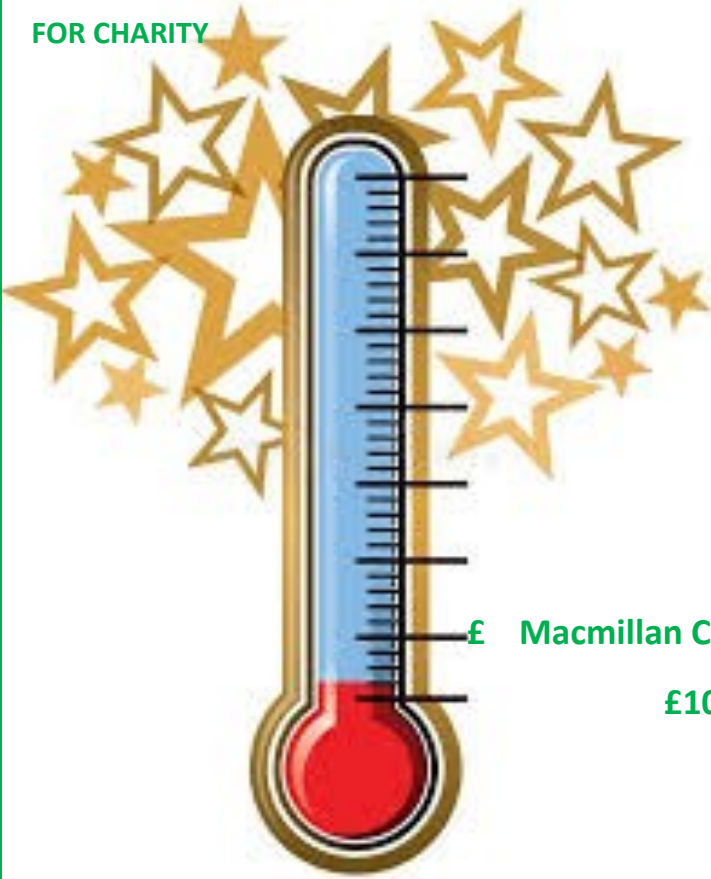
We are depleting our school stock of uniform. Please check to see what items of uniform you may need and please order through us in the first instance. Anything that is unavailable through us, please purchase through Price and Buckland directly. Price and Buckland will refer you back to us if it's stock 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.

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



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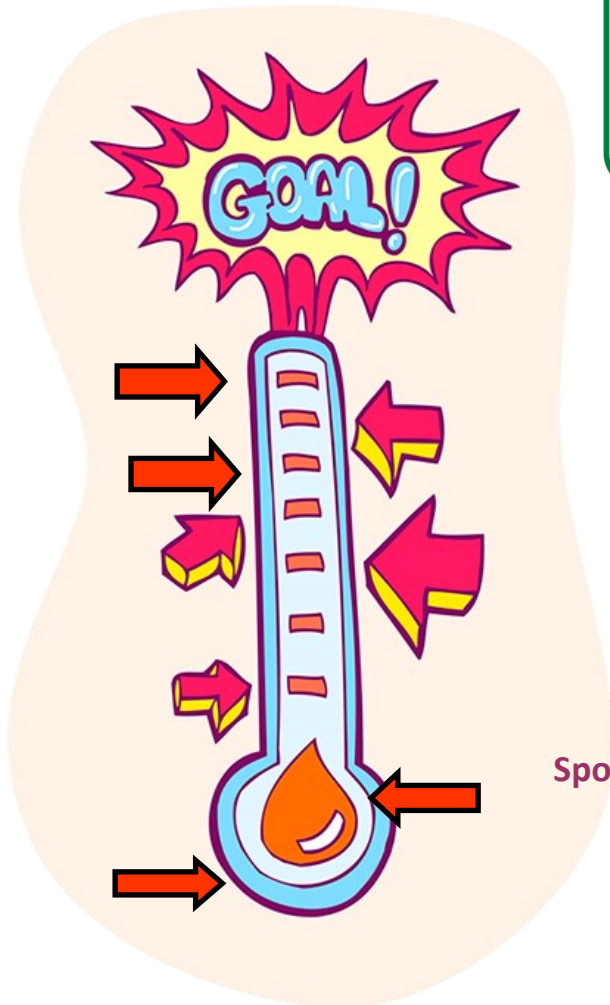
£ Macmillan Coffee Morning

£100+ (tbc)

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**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