



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 Week 1



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Dear All

I am sure you were all just as delighted as we were for your children to return to school this week, although we were not prepared for the torrential rain we had all day! In 26 years at Hamsey, I don't think I can remember such a deluge of rain on the first day of term— and the speed that the playground became a boating lake!

The children were very excited to see their friends and adults who will look after them as well as settle back into routines and straight back into learning. Our first challenge yesterday, was checking we all fitted into the hall—having increased from 12 classes to 13. It was a tight squeeze but we just about managed it.



Over the Summer, we also had great news. We were awarded a bronze certificate/ accreditation from the National Schools Sports Mark for our provision to KS2 PE and a silver Games Mark certificate from Surrey for KS1. We will continue to gather evidence to build on these throughout the year.



For the last two days, our focus has been on belonging and forging a strong sense community spirit. Please ask your child about how they have settled in, about new friendships and what they are going to do to help develop this further.

We have reminded the children that for health and safety reasons, when they reach the fence or the gate we share with Warlingham, that they are expected to walk their scooters and bikes and that they should be playing ball games during playtime/lunchtimes rather than before and after school. We are about to install some new mini equipment too which should have arrived during the summer holiday— but was delivered yesterday! We are just waiting for a dry day but thank you for your support in ensuring that children do not play on this before and after school either as per the large play area.

We offer a very warm welcome to our new children in both the nursery and primary, their families and new staff. We wish you many lovely years at Hamsey Green and Acorns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace

Provisional AUTUMN TERM 1 Events

2nd September TRUST INSET Day

3rd September INSET Day

4th September INSET Day

5th September—Pupils return Years 1-6

5th & 6th September—New Reception home visits

w/c 9th September—New Reception pupils staggered start a chat/coffee/tea and tissues available at drop off in the small dining hall afterwards if you need it each day!

Monday 9th September— 6-7pm Year group Curriculum Evening/Meet and Greet—sign up on Arbor

Tuesday 17th September—8.30-9.15 parent drop in/PTA catch up

19th September—Year 5 to Science Museum

20th September 6-7pm —PTA AGM

25th September TBC Sponsored Bounce PTA

26th September - Nursery Macmillan coffee Primary timings TBC

27th September—Macmillan coffee Primary main hall 8.30-9.30am & 2-3pm small hall

2nd October— school photos

9th October— Harvest Festival TBC

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 Christams jumpers and fancy dress costume drop off


21st October—1st November—two week half term

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 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 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!



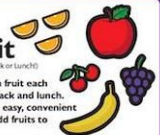
Whole Grains

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



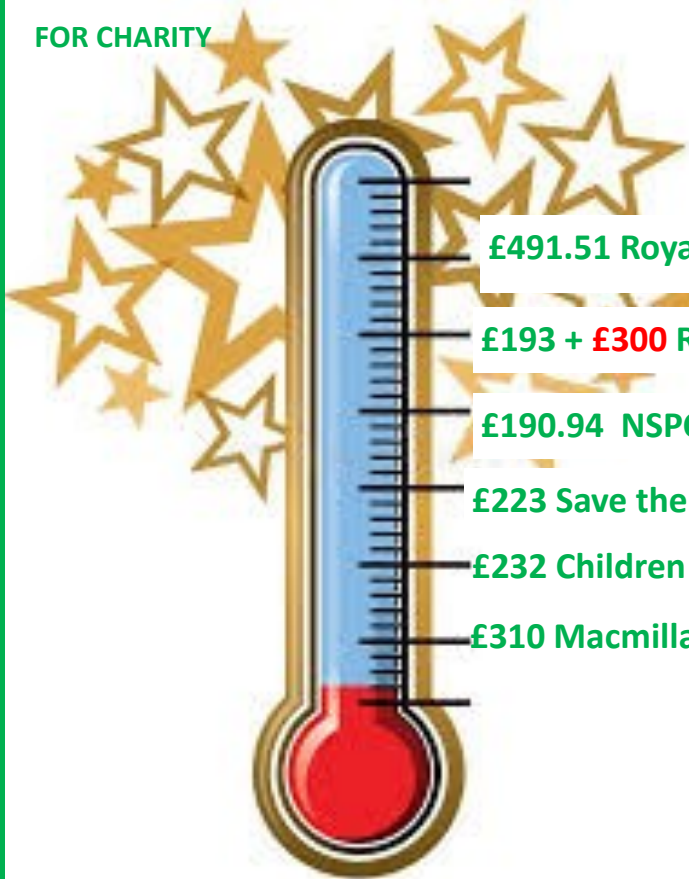
School Uniform

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

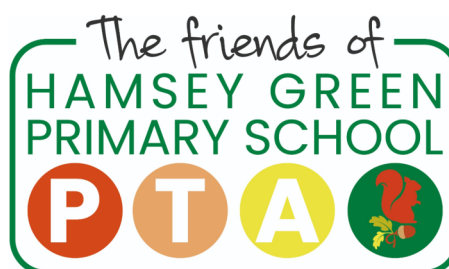
£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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DONATIONS



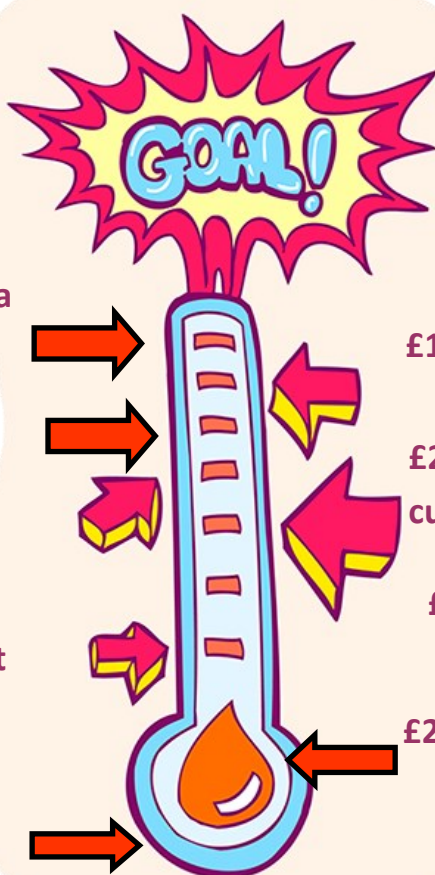
£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ 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