



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 Week 8



Dear All

I hope you have all had a restful half term holiday and enjoyed the two weeks off? And to those of you who have celebrated Diwali during half term, I hope you had a lovely time. The children and staff have hit the ground running this week and are engaging in their new topics. Please take a look at the learning they will be covering in the year group curriculum maps on the website. I am sure Year 3 have shared with their families their excitement at making their Greek clay pots, developing their DT skills. We cannot wait to see their finished products.

This week as part of our PSHE lessons, we welcomed The Dogs Trust into school. We launched our learning in a whole school assembly and then Jo, the trainer, worked with Year 1 to Year 6 in class based workshops. The children were especially excited to meet Bessie, the trainers rather large cuddly toy labrador to help them in their learning— she really was life-like! Pupils learnt that their behaviour can directly impact safety around dogs and were explained the behavioural science to help children behave differently to stay safe around all dogs, especially dogs they know and interact with at home. They discussed the ABCs of being a dog's best friend, developing simple skills for life to have happy, safe relationships with dogs!



The Head, Deputy Pupils and prefects will be proudly representing the school and nursery by placing our wreath at the Remembrance Day service in Warlingham on Sunday at 11am and we hope we may see you there.



Thank you for your kind donations for the bottle tombola today too.

As we look ahead to next week, Year 3 and 6 both have historical workshops and we are celebrating Anti-Bullying Week with a theme of choose respect— both in person and on-line.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Mace

AUTUMN TERM Events

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

11th November—Year 6 WW2 Day

12th November—Year 3 Greek Day

12th November—CHANGE OF TIME 2.15PM Parent Drop in/ coffee or tea and a chat

15th November—Children In Need spotty mufti—£1 donation on Arbor

18th November—NASAL FLU vaccinations

19th November— Reception parents consultations

20th November – Acorns Nursery school photographs

21st November—Reception parents consultations

22nd November – PTA Secret Santa /preloved teddies donation mufti

29th November—PTA chocolate tombola mufti

5th December—tree planting morning !

6th December—3.15PM– 5.30PM SCHOOL FAIR

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

11th December - 3.15-4.30 (possibly second session depending on interest) PTA ginger bread house making event after school

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



It has been lovely to welcome back the children after the half term break, listening

to all their news and what they have got up to during the break. We have loved seeing so many happy faces eagerly returning to the nursery!

This week, we have focussed our activities around fireworks. The children have enjoyed lots of cooking and creative activities to design fireworks as well as mark making and creating images of a firework scene in 2D and 3D form. We have thought about significant language used to describe the sights and sound of fireworks and we created a word web with the children's ideas. We also learnt a new firework song.

During half term, the children were given a special bag and were encouraged to go on an autumnal walk to collect natural items of interest. This week, each child got to add their finds to the autumn tray. It was great to see such a variety of items which prompted additional learning to identify or name them!

We also launched our Talk For Writing story "Stickman". A lot of children are familiar with this story, so we have increased the gestures and signage within the story recall, which the children have enjoyed learning.

Communication this week

4.11.2024—Email to Year 6 WWII day

4.11.2024—Email to Year 3 Greek day

4.11.2024—Email to Bunzl class parents evening

Attendance

1st place: Blackman (5) - 100%

2nd place: Dodd (1) - 99%

3rd place: Morpurgo (6) - 98.9%

Whole school: 94.9%

We would like to make you aware that we have and 'school readiness' and 'Early Toileting' sessions coming up on Tuesday 26th November 10.30am to 11.30am and December 16th 1-2pm.

See Calendly link below to send out to schools to share with parents.

<https://calendly.com/csh-schoolready>

These sessions are useful for the parents and carers of nursery aged or reception children. Please circulate to your parents that may have younger siblings that will be attending your schools in September 2025.

Kind regards,

0-19 School Nurse Team

Children and Family Health Surrey


For further information visit www.childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk

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 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!



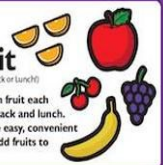
Whole Grains

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. 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-finder/?school-search=Hamsey+Green+Primary+School> buckland.co.uk/school-

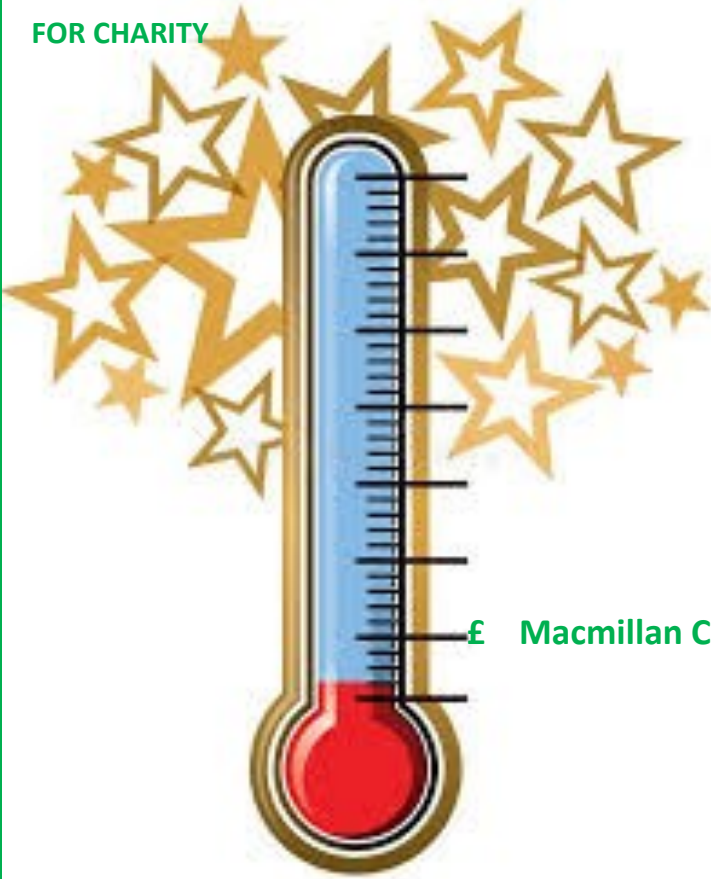
Please be aware that any items ordered through Price & Buckland to be delivered to the school will take longer than if you pay for p&p for home delivery.

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

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/>

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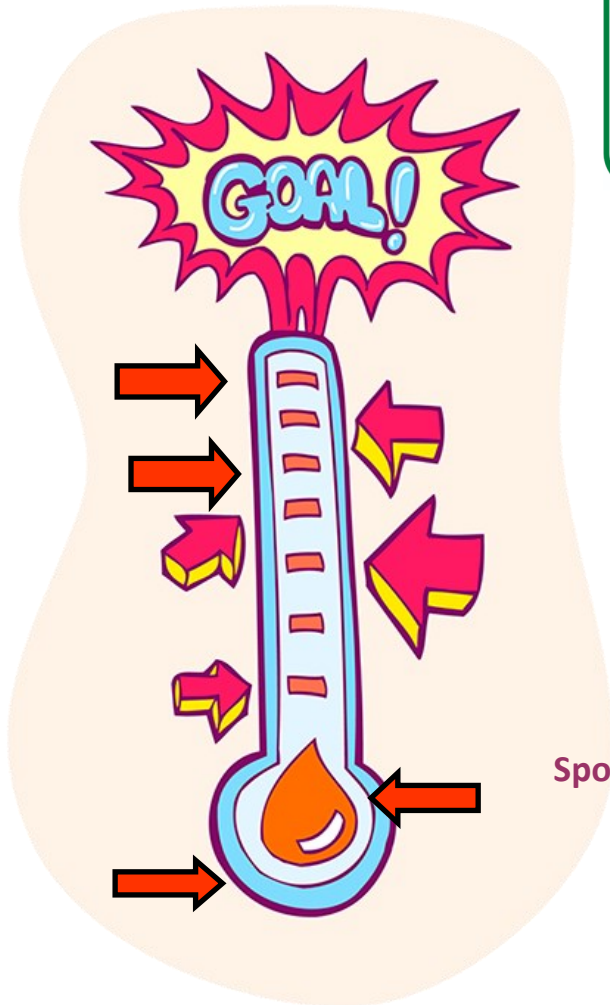
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FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

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