



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Summer Term 2024 Week 6



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Dear All

HAPPY 75th BIRTHDAY HAMSEY GREEN! Today, we celebrated in style! The children were absolutely amazing at the whole school assembly this morning. The wriggles and jiggles as they sang and entertained us through the decades. We were delighted that some of our Acorns could join us to celebrate too. Reception sang 'Celebrate' by Kool and the Gang; Year 1 danced the Lindi hop; Year 2 sang Photograph by Ed Sheeran; Year 3 had learnt 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley; Year 4 performed a 1990s mash up of a variety of tunes; Year 5 sang 'Living on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi and Year 6, the Beatles 'Here comes the sun' - which was very apt as we have been on tenterhooks all week hoping the sun would shine through! We were so excited to welcome 45 visitors to watch their assembly, culminating in our whole school song 'You Can Count On Me' by Bruno Mars. Something to end on that warmed our hearts hearing them sing collaboratively. I am proud to say that I was at Hamsey for the 50th birthday, with the school celebrating then by adding two new classrooms on the Infant Site. I had joined as a newly qualified teacher in Topaz Class, Lion Class, Mole Class and Starfish Class. When I taught at the Juniors, I taught Lobsters, Sharks and Octopus - I truly cannot believe how fast the time has gone.

Above you can see a couple of squirrels! Every child from Acorns to Year 6 will be bringing one of these cuties home as a customised, commemorative souvenir of today's celebration from the PTA. Thank you so much! At the time of writing, the abundance of bouncy castles have been inflated, the year groups Enterprise Stalls are set up and the hotdogs are smelling delicious as are the cream teas. We look forward to seeing you all there.

This week, Year 2 have released their butterflies in the hope that they enjoy the newly finished flower beds. Mr Poulloin has been out and about too. He took some Year 3 pupils to attend a tennis festival at Whyteleafe and Caterham tennis club. The children learned lots of new skills and are all ready for the start of the grass court season! Wimbledon here they come! And on Monday some very lucky Year 3 and 4 children were able to attend the 'Play on the Pitch' morning at Selhurst Park which was organised by Crystal Palace Football.

The children learnt all about ball control and movement on the football pitch and even managed to score a few goals in the Holmesdale end!

Year 1 had an amazing time at Bodiam Castle, heading back in time to learn about what castle life was like and pretending to be knights! And finally, 3Discovery returned to school for iPad/green screen workshops. All classes have used the 75th birthday as their foci - I just had to cringe at listening to their interview of me!

Wishing you all a lovely, restful half term - ready to gear up for the next 8 weeks!

Mrs Mace



Upcoming SUMMER TERM Events

24th May - 75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - 3pm - 5pm
SCHOOL 75th BIRTHDAY FAIR

24th May - BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

3rd June - Return to school

6th June - Year 3 to Chessington

12th June - Year 6 residential

19th June - Year 4 to British Wildlife Centre (letter to follow)



What an incredibly busy week before half term we have had! The children came to nursery dressed in some amazing minibeast outfits for our "Ugly Bug Ball" day on Tuesday. They had fun dancing to several bug related action songs plus the Ugly Bug Ball song! They enjoyed eating their bug themed cakes which some of the children had made from the previous day and enjoyed lots of bug themed play. We also created a tally chart to record what the children came dressed to nursery as part of a number and grouping activity.

On Thursday, "Karen's Pets and Ponies" came to visit the nursery with an assortment of animals including Lila the dog, 2 lambs, Guinea pigs, chickens, ducks, rabbits and of course Dotty the Pony! The children loved getting up close to these animals and really enjoyed having a chance to groom Dotty - who absolutely loved the attention. They also got to take the lambs and the dog for a walk too.

The children have also spent a busy morning making chocolate/marshmallow crispy cakes to sell at the school fair.



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.

Attendance

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| 1st place: | Donaldson (1) - 98% |
| 2nd place: | Kinney (3) - 97% |
| 3rd place: | Murphy (2) - 96.5% |
| Whole school: | 94.5% |

Communication this week

20.05.2024—Email letter to whole school re Government funding

22.05.2024—Email to Year 6 re kit list for residential

23.05.2024—Email to Year 3 re Chessington payment reminder



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 need to be aware of any child who is not going to be in attendance. Thank you.



Children should not be using their scooters or bikes through the staff car park, please go through the main playground area to enter or leave the school premises. 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.



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

Looking for ideas to spend some time with your children away from gadgets and games consoles? Please click on the link below for some ideas

[Half Terms Events and Activities in Surrey | Visit Surrey](#)



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!



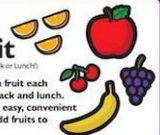
Whole Grains

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



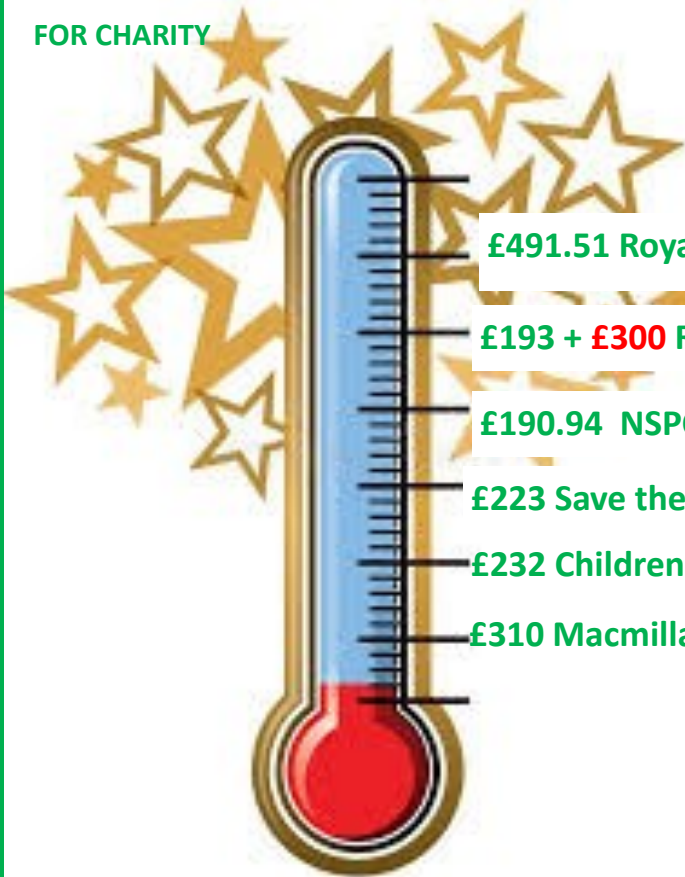
School Uniform

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

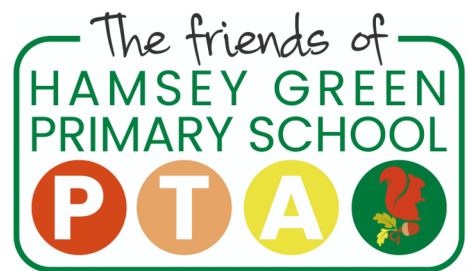
£190.94 NSPCC Number Day

£223 Save the Children

£232 Children in Need

£310 Macmillan Coffee Morning

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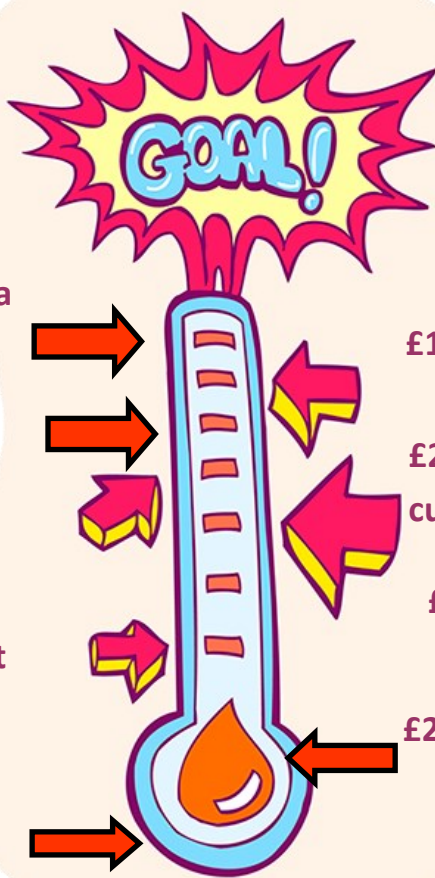
£ 115 Breakfast with a loved one Event

£ 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

Dear Parent/Carer

We are aware that the pandemic has had an effect on families, but the expectation is still that every child should now be attending school full time. 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 Inclusion 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 1st 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 the Local Authority 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 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 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 Inclusion 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

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is currently £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued. Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days. **From 1st September 2024 the amount will be increasing to £80.00 and rising to £180.00 if not paid within 21 days. Any absences taken after the 2024 May half term may incur this higher penalty fee next academic year.**

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows :-

North West - Tel: 01483 518130

South West - Tel: 01483 517179

North East - Tel: 01372 833588

South East - Tel: 01737 737777