



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 Week 5

Dear All

I wanted to start this week saying a big THANK YOU for supporting our Macmillan Coffee EVENT LAST WEEK. In the end, we raised £240!

This week, we have been celebrating Black History Week. This years theme is 'reclaiming narratives'. Each year group was given a British individual to research, tell their story and celebrate their achievements. Year 1 learnt about Laurie Cunningham who was one of the first-ever black England international footballers; Year 2 researched Mary Seacole who broke social rules and prejudices to travel the world, run businesses and help those in need – even in the most dangerous places and was best known for her work as a nurse in the Crimean War; Year 3 Betty Campbell who became Wales' first black headteacher and championed her nation's multicultural heritage throughout her life; Year 4 studied Floella Benjamin (who was a heroine of mine growing up with Play School on TV way back in the 1980s! She is an actress, presenter, writer, independent producer, working peer in the House of Lords and an active advocate for the welfare, care and education of children throughout the world; Year 5 studied their class author Malorie Blackman who has written more than 60 books for children and has won many awards for her work. She also writes for TV shows like Doctor Who; and finally Year 6 learnt about Olaudah Equiano who was a writer in c1789, whose experiences as a slave prompted him to become involved in the British abolition movement.



It has been really lovely to see the variety learning coverage on top of this too when visiting classes. In one afternoon, I saw Spanish, Science categorisation of animals, sharing, reading squads, chalk drawings, the daily mile challenge, and Donaldson class boogieing away in their music lesson— I am not sure who

was having more fun— the children or Mrs Booker!

Miss Caires took the netball team to Caterham School to compete against other local teams. We were really proud of them—coming third!

Looking forward to seeing you all at Parents Consultation next week— remember school run clubs won't be running.

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace

AUTUMN TERM 1 Events

9th October— Harvest Festival - donations of tinned, non-perishable items for collection for the Caterham Food Bank—please take to classrooms

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 focused our "All about me" topic on "My body".

The children have learnt about the role of a dentist and the importance of brushing our teeth through discussions and a fun role play tooth brushing activity.

We have explored healthy food choices through discussions and the children enjoyed making their own fruit salad by selecting and chopping up their favourite fruits for snack. They also made a healthy pizza for snack on another day, choosing from a variety of vegetable toppings.

We have explored the importance of exercise and fresh air by taking part in numerous physical activities, including dance, music movement, moving in a variety of ways outdoors such as jumping, side stepping or tiptoeing, plus the children have not only just run around the playground but have needed to run back into nursery to avoid being caught in the sudden downpours of rain this week!

We have enjoyed lots of counting, sorting and number recognition games in our daily provision and have used natural resources in our art area, such as conker rolling.

The children have also enjoyed their daily Little Wandles phonic sessions and Rhyme times.

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!

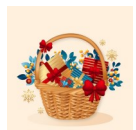
<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/the-body-coach-partners-with-asda-for-cashpot-for-schools/>

Communication this week

- 1.10.24—Email to Rec-Year 6 re school photos
- 1.10.24—Email to Yr1 and Yr2 re autumn disco
- 1.10.24—Email to Yrs3-6 re autumn disco
- 2.10.24—Email to Rec re autumn event
- 2.10.24—Email to whole school with Camps4Champs flyer
- 4.10.24—Email to Yr 2 with sports survey
- 4.10.24—Email to Yrs4 & 6 with sports survey

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.



Attendance


1st place:	Dahl (4) - 98.3%
2nd place:	Murphy (2) - 97.3%
3rd place:	Rowling (3) - 97.2%
Whole school:	96.02%

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.

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!



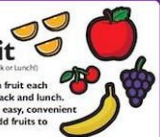
Whole Grains

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



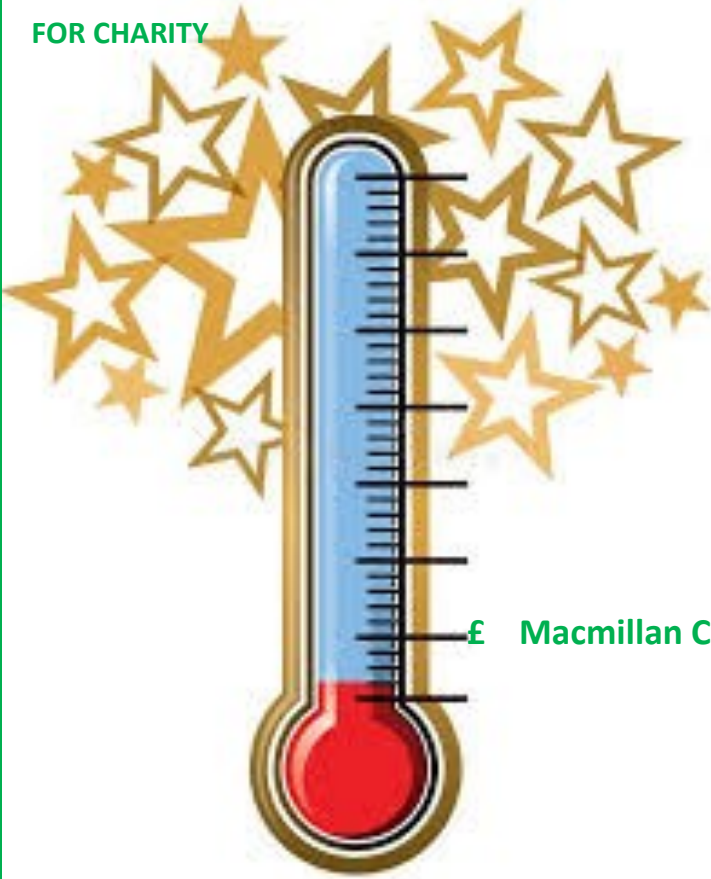
School Uniform

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.

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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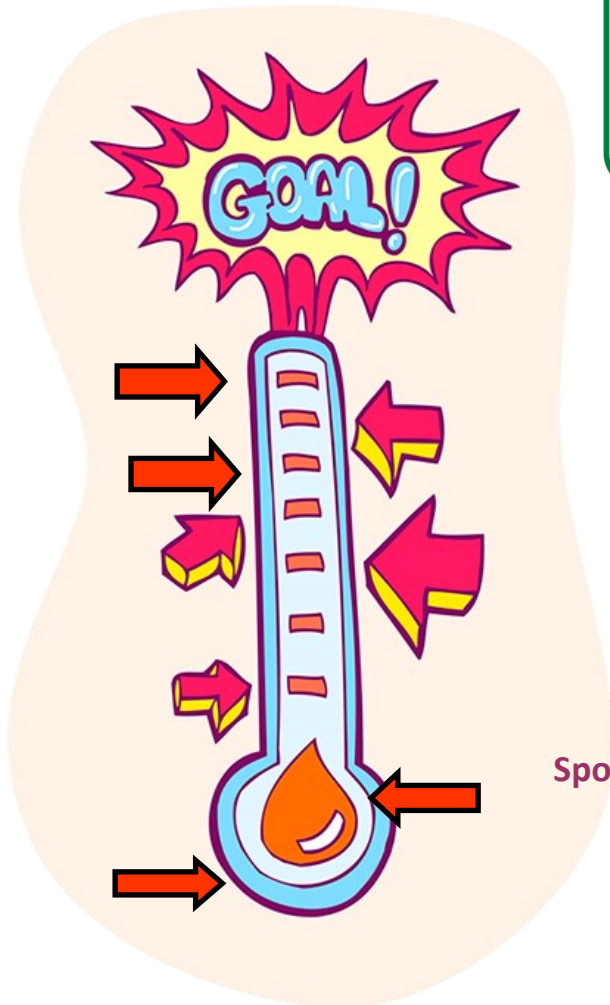
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FOR NEWSLETTER FOR ALL PARENTS FROM SCHOOLS

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