

Monday 27 September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

What a pleasure it has been to see all the children back in school and doing so well since the start of term. The first few weeks are always a busy time, but the children always seem to take everything in their stride. They get on with their learning and enjoy every day at school with their friends.

As you will see from this newsletter, we are very proud of our 'Values Cup' winners and the children who were chosen to celebrate their 'Good Work' last week.

I'd like to thank everyone involved with the school for making the start of this academic year such a successful one. You as parents have been extremely supportive of all we are doing here at Hatherley, and every member of staff has been working as hard as they possibly can to ensure your children get the best education.

Finally, please can you ensure that you do send your children to school. Attendance is very important here at Hatherley Infant School and Nursery.

Kind regards,

**Mr Millington**

### Congratulations to this week's



**Values Cup Winners**



**Good Work Winners**



**GEM Power Winners**

### Welcome!

We are very pleased to tell you about some lovely new members of staff who have joined our team.

Mrs Dahlfors is working with Foxcubs class, Mrs Choudhury with Badgers and Mrs Turner with Squirrels.

Mrs Jo Johnson is our new SENCO and Family Support Coordinator, you will see her most mornings on the playground.

And a welcome return for Mrs Hyett in the Nursery!

Please do say hello!

### Extra holiday day

Due to the addition of the Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday to the 2022 calendar the council are recommending that schools finish the school year a day earlier than previously published.

Due to the INSET day, **the last day of term for the children will be Wednesday 20 July 2021.**



### Parent Text Messages



We often send out reminders and information by text. The message is only sent to **one number**, so please make sure you keep your contact details up-to-date with the school office.

### School Photographer

On the morning of **Friday 1 October 2021**, the School Photographer will be taking photographs of the pupils. A letter will be sent out next week for you to complete and return if you would also like to arrange photographs with brothers and sisters.

### Free School Meals in the school holidays

For the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Find out more at <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>.

### Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that our Breakfast Club is free to all pupils.



Please call in to the office for a Breakfast Club form.

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 1 October	School Photographer	(am)
Thursday 21 October	Parent/Carer coffee morning	(am)
Friday 22 October	Last day of term	(3pm)
Mon 25 – Fri 29 Oct	Half term holiday	
Monday 1 November	Pupils return to school	(8.45am)

### Menu Change this week

On **Thursday**, the kitchen will offer:

Cheese and tomato pizza  
or  
Macaroni cheese  
with  
Peas/sweetcorn  
Cookie

*Jackets and sandwiches available as usual*

### Attendance

The school attendance percentage for 2021/22 is 92.4%, which is sadly well below the national expectation of 97%. We know that there are many nasty bugs going round at the moment, but we will continue to challenge the reasons for poor attendance.

Please remember to contact the school office **EVERY DAY** that your child is absent.

Call [01452 522027](tel:01452522027) or email [admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk)

Mr Millington awards a certificate to the class highest attendance each Friday in our Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to **Foxcubs** for the best class attendance last week!