

Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update

Last term finished on a high note as children arrived dressed in their party clothes to help celebrate our school being 120 years old. Some of you may have spotted a few Victorian teachers!



It is hard to believe that we are now entering the summer term, the final one for this academic year. Luckily, the sun has shone which has helped to lift all our spirits. As Covid restrictions across the country are slowly lifted, we kindly request that you continue to follow the safety measures that have been put in place across school. These have been introduced in line with Government guidance and are designed to keep us all safe. Hopefully, we will be able to return to some level of normality by the end of June. We will keep you updated.

We are delighted to announce that school is taking part in a project entitled Voice-21. The aim of the project is to develop oracy across the school. Our vision is as follows...

At Hatherley Infant School and nursery we are developing an oracy rich community, where pupils, staff and parents speak with kindness, confidence and clarity. Everyone will have a voice, so that they feel valued and listened to. Opportunities to communicate effectively will be built into every aspect of school life.

With this in mind, we would like to remind you all about conduct within our school and immediate surroundings. Unfortunately, there have been a few occasions where grown-ups have forgotten how to be kind and courteous to others, whilst using inappropriate language. While we are happy to work with you to overcome problems, responsibility also lies with you to make our school community a safe and happy place for everyone.

Some of you will have noticed that our school website has undergone a revamp. Please take a look. We hope it will provide you with all the information you need.

Nursery News

The nursery children have all settled back into the group after the Easter holidays. We are enjoying the story of 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and decided to use our creative skills to make a collage of our own beanstalk. The children are learning story language through the story and their play.



Read for good

Are you struggling to get your child to read? Are they more interested in a screen?

Don't despair! The team at **Read for Good** have devised some accessible strategies that you might find useful.

You will find these on our newly devised website.

Happy Reading!

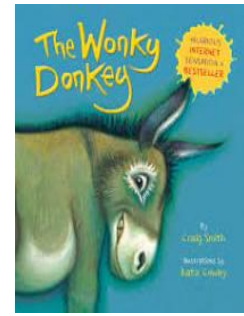
Clap for our children

On the last day of the Spring term, we took part in '[clap for our children](#)'. At 12 o'clock, the school community stopped and clapped. We wanted to show our respect and appreciation for the children's resilience and kindness. Life as they knew it changed in the blink of an eye, but that has not stopped them.

They have been truly amazing!



Book recommendation



Children have loved listening to this hysterical read-aloud story. Give it a try. But, be warned.. it might make you hee-haw!

Doodle update

A big well done to all these super doodlers!



Doodle Maths-Top Doodlers

Foxcubs: Ahmed, Jocelyn

Hedgehogs: Amelia

Moles: Farooq, Haleema

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra

Badgers:



Doodle Maths-Green Zone

Foxcubs: Ahmed, Ania, Jocelyn

Hedgehogs: Amelia, Dishant

Moles: Farooq, Haleema, John, Salima, Shehyar, Umar

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra



Doodle English-Top Doodlers

Moles: Farooq

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra



Doodle English-Green Zone

Moles: Farooq

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Grace

Staffing news

This term we are delighted to welcome Mrs Faulkner to our team. Some of you will recognise her from her role as SENCO at St. James Junior School. Mrs Faulkner will be undertaking this role at Hatherley for children in Year 2, in order to ensure a smooth transition for both children and parents as preparations are made for the next phase of their learning journey.

We are also pleased to see the return of Mrs Rama, who will act as SENCO for both school and nursery, whilst we seek to appoint a new member of staff for September.

Mrs Faulkner will be in school every Thursday, Mrs Rama will be on site every Thursday and Friday.

Sickness

School follows Public Health Agency guidance with regards to infections and recommended time out of school.

You can access the guidance that we follow using the link below:

https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/sites/default/files/Guidance_on_infection_control_in%20schools_poster.pdf



If your child is ill with sickness or diarrhoea, it is important that they stay off school. They should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. Further advice can be found at www.nhs.uk

Dates for your diary

Term 5 – Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May

Monday 3rd May-Bank Holiday

Thursday 6th May-Polling Day, school closed

Attendance

The school percentage is currently 93.3 % which is below the national expectation of 97%.

Please help us to improve this by ensuring that your child **attends every day on time**.

It's chicken pox season and poor Moles have suffered this week, we hope they feel better soon, and we remind you that children can return to school as soon as the spots have crusted over!

Term 5	Foxcubs	Hedgehogs	Moles	Badgers	Squirrels
Week 1	93.8%	94.7%	82.1%	98.7%	97.2%
Week 2					
Week 3					
Week 4					
Week 5					
Week 6					

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