

Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update

As COVID restrictions ease, we hope that you are enjoying meeting up with friends and family. However, the advice is that we should still exert caution. Therefore, our current protective measures (social distancing, face covering, one-way system, no gathering) will remain in place in school for a little while longer. We thank you for your patience and understanding but will keep you updated as the situation changes.

Children are continuing to enjoy this term's topic of 'minibeasts'. As artists, Reception children have made some marvellous minibeast sculptures out of clay. Meanwhile, Years 1 and 2 have created sculptures out of paper. As scientists, reception children have been observing plants and animals within a minibeast investigation station.



Children in Years 1 and 2 have been learning about microhabitats, including how they have their own temperature, light and creatures.



As we approach half term and more normal times, we have several things planned for the remainder of the Summer Term. We are planning a sports week based on the theme of the Olympics. Each class will undertake different sporting activities on a set day whilst representing a different country. To help prepare for this we are undertaking an international week, where children will learn about their selected country. More details around this will follow.

Children's annual reports will be sent home on Monday 5th July. As always, we will offer an appointment with your child's teacher if you would like one. This may well be a telephone appointment. Please talk to your child's teacher to arrange after you have received your child's report.

Year 2 children will be leaving us for the next phase of their learning journey. In order to say goodbye, we will be planning a farewell presentation, to help them celebrate their memories of Hatherley. Transition activities to ease them into their new school are also being planned. More details to follow.

Next Friday school closes for the half term break and the forecast at this time is looking promising. When the warm sunny weather does appear we hope you take some downtime to enjoy some much-needed warmth and sunshine.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 7th June.**

Nursery News

Mrs Briggs came into the nursery group to read us one of our favourite story's which is 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. She also read us a new story called 'The Wonky Donkey' and it had lots of rhyming words in it which helps us with our reading skills. We were all able to listen with attention



To help our nursery children prepare for school, we learn a new rhyme each week. You can help by supporting your child to rehearse this poem at home. You might even like to add in some actions.

Enjoy!

Twinkle, twinkle chocolate bar
Twinkle, twinkle chocolate bar,
My dad drives a rusty car,
Start the engine
Pull the choke,
Off he goes in a cloud of smoke,
Twinkle, twinkle chocolate bar.



Doodle update

A big well done to all these super doodlers!



Doodle Maths-Top Doodlers

Foxcubs: Ahmed

Hedgehogs: Atiyah, Mansa

Moles: Dawid, Farooq, John

Squirrels: Aadam, Freya

Badgers: Sajjad



Doodle Maths-Green Zone

Foxcubs: Ahmed, Amirah, Lilyana, Maya

Hedgehogs: Atiyah, Hamza, Mansa

Moles: Bella, Dawid, Farooq, Haleema, Joh, Salima, Umar

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Freya, Grace, Musa

Badgers: Mariah, Sajjad



Doodle English-Top Doodlers

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Grace

Moles: Farooq



Doodle English-Green Zone

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra, Grace

Moles: Dawid, Farooq, Haleema, John

Readathon!

Join us in the READ Gloucestershire event on **Friday 28th May at 2pm.**

Drop what you are doing to sit down and read. This might be a book, magazine or comic. Whatever you read...enjoy!



Staffing news

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Norris, who is returning to Calton Primary School in her role as Assistant Headteacher. We're sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future.

After the half term break, Mr Millington will be joining us in his new role as Executive Head Teacher. Many of you will already know Mr Millington from his role as Headteacher at St. James Junior School.

Sadly, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Arnold, who is retiring to explore pastures new. We wish her well but thank her for her hard work and dedication over the past 3 years.

It's good to talk!

Try this fun activity during half term to encourage your child to talk.

Next time you go on a journey-a trip into town or simply a walk to the local park-collect items for a journey stick. These could be natural materials such as feathers, pine cones or leaves, or momentos such as bus tickets or receipts. Attach your souvenirs in the order you collected them, using string, ribbon or wool. Use your stick to recount your journey. What was each place like? What did you see and hear there? Which part of the journey does each momento represent?

The Big Ask

Get your child's voice heard and make a big difference

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is launching a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them. At its heart is 'The Big ask'-the largest ever consultation held with children.

In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children and young people what they think is important for their future and what is holding young people back. The Children's Commissioner will use what children and young people tell her to show the Government what they think and what they need to live happier lives. The survey doesn't ask for any personal information and all responses are confidential. The survey only takes around 5 minutes to complete.

This is an exciting opportunity to help us think big and it is a change for every child in England to have their voice heard. The survey is open until 28th May. Find out more at:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/



Dates for your diary

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Half Term

Monday 5th June-Summer Term 2

Monday 14th June - Oxstalls sport event for Badgers (am) and Squirrels (pm)

Tuesday 15th June - Oxstalls sports event for Moles (pm)

Monday 5th July-Annual Reports sent out

Wednesday 21st July-End of Summer Term 2

Attendance

The school percentage is currently **92.8%** which is below the national expectation of 97%. Please support us to maintain this by ensuring that your child **attends every day** and **arrives on time**.

Please remember to inform school for every day your child is absent – please don't use DOJO, you can call **01452 522027** or email admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk

Term 5	Foxcubs	Hedgehogs	Moles	Badgers	Squirrels
Week 1	93.8%	94.7%	82.1%	98.7%	97.2%
Week 2	92.2%	85.9%	88.1%	89.6%	98.0%
Week 3	92.8%	86.0%	94.9%	86.4%	98.7%
Week 4	85.2%	85.3%	82.4%	92.2%	80.0%
Week 5	97.8%	89.5%	94.8%	93.0%	96.8%
Week 6					

URGENT!

Please keep the school up-to-date on any **changes to your family circumstances**.

This could include: contact telephone numbers

home address

permitted adults (to collect)

changes to permissions

Call in the office at any time and ask to check your child's data sheet.

We want to ensure your needs are met. If you would like this document in any other format, please contact us: admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk