

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

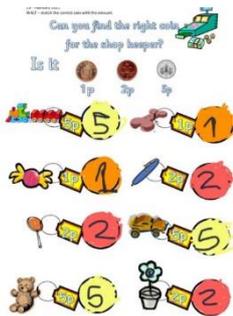
Update

This week, the Prime Minister announced that all schools will reopen on **Monday 8th March.**

In light of this announcement, we would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that all previous COVID measures will be in place, alongside some new ones. One of these is the decision for children to come to school dressed in appropriate sports clothes, on the day of their PE lesson. Taking away the need to change will reduce risks for both children and staff. You will receive more up-to-date information at the end of next week, before children return.

Next Friday will be 'Screen free Friday'. Children will be encouraged to undertake a range of practical activities, which we hope both children and adults will enjoy. Meanwhile, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks for all the support that you have shown with regards to home learning. These have been challenging circumstances for us all, but we have worked together to make it a success. Well done!

Here are some more examples of great work that children have carried out at home:

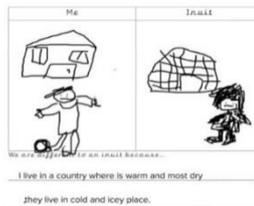


Reception money



Reception

Understanding of the world



Y1 Geography



Y1 Science



Y2 Art inspired by

William Morris



A special mention must also be given to the children who have remained in school during this current lockdown. They have accessed the same learning as children at home, whilst abiding by even more COVID restrictions. Their resilience and enthusiasm have filled the building with much needed laughter. It has been a delight to have had them in school!

Many thanks to those of you who have completed the parent questionnaires. This information will be shared with you all in due course, but your appreciation of staff and their dedication is truly valued.

Hopefully, next week will be the last week for remote home learning before all schools' return. However, there is one thing that we want you all to know...

we can't wait to have you back!

Nursery News

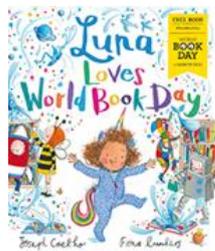
We have been learning the names of the musical instruments and their different sounds created by banging, shaking or tapping. We also explored how those sounds can be changed for example fast and slow, loud and soft.



At Hatherley Nursery we currently have some places available in our morning sessions. We also have places available for the new academic year in September for morning, afternoon and all day sessions. For more details about the provision we can offer your child please phone the school office on 01452 522027 and we will be happy to answer any questions.

Thursday 4th March is World Book day!

This year World Book Day, just like everything else will be different. However, it can still help us to celebrate a love of books and shared reading. So feel free to dress up as your favourite book character, whether you are at school or home!



Every child registered with school will receive a £1 voucher which they can swap for one of World Book Day's exclusive books from participating sellers or use to get £1 off any full price book or audio book. There is a new single-use digital version, that can be printed at home or shown to booksellers on a phone or tablet screen. This can be accessed using the following link:

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

The vouchers are valid from Thursday 18th February to Sunday 28th March 2021.

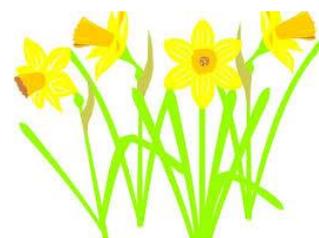
You can view the list of free books using the following link:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

St David's Day

Please wear something yellow!

Monday 1st March is St. David's Day. For hundreds of years, people have celebrated the patron Saint of Wales. Though we cannot all be together, we can wear something yellow!



Readathon

School is now signed up to 'Gloucestershire Readathon'.

So, on the last Friday of every month, everyone in school will stop what they are doing for 15 minutes to sit down and enjoy a book. You might like to join in too!

Doodle update

A big well done to all these super doodlers!



Doodle Maths-Top Doodlers

Foxcubs: Ahmed, Jocelyn, Lilyana

Hedgehogs: Dishant, Hamza, Zayd

Moles: Amelia

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayaan, Ayra

Badgers: Millie, Ryan



Doodle Maths-Green Zone

Foxcubs: Ahmed, Jocelyn, Liyana, Loki

Hedgehogs: Dishant, Hamza, Mansa, Salima, Zayd

Moles: Amelia, Dawid, Felicity, Farooq, Haleema, Shehyar, Umar

Squirrels: Aadam, Anayah, Ayaan, Ayra, Maisie, Wojciech

Badgers: Edward, Gunreet, Millie, Ryan,



Doodle English-Top Doodlers

Foxcubs:

Hedgehogs:

Moles: Farooq

Squirrels: Adaam, Ayra

Badgers:



Doodle English-Green Zone

Foxcubs:

Hedgehogs: Salima

Moles: Farooq

Squirrels: Aadam, Ayra

Badgers: Rebecca

Governor News

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you will join us in extending our thanks and appreciation to all staff who have made our children's learning a priority during these turbulent times. Please see our latest governors update, which is included at the bottom of this newsletter.

Albert Gardiner

Chair of Governors



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Amanda Chong



Lauren Davies



Laura Nutland



Ruth Kessell

Free Vitamins

Vitamins are now available FREE in Gloucestershire as part of the Healthy Start voucher scheme, helping to give children the best start in life.

Vitamin drops for children aged from birth to four include:

- Vitamin A: for growth, vision and healthy skin
- Vitamin C: helps maintain healthy tissue in the body
- Vitamin D: for strong bones and teeth.

Vitamin tablets for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding include:

- Folic acid: reduces the risk of birth defects
- Vitamin C: helps maintain healthy tissue in the body
- Vitamin D: helps your body to absorb calcium and supports your baby's bones to develop properly



The Healthy Start scheme also provide free fruit, veg and milk for eligible families.

Visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/healthy-start to find out how to apply for Healthy Start vouchers.

Dates for your diary

2021

Term 4

22nd February First day of term
8th March **Welcome back all children**
1st April End of Term 4

Term 5

19th April Children return to school
28th May End of Term 5

Term 6

7th June Children return to school
21st July End of Term 6

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



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22nd February 2021

Governors Update to Parent/Carers

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well, it has not been the start to the year that we were all anticipating/hoping for was it. Yet here we all are in Lockdown 3, with a move to remote learning and what an adjustment that is!

I extend my thanks and gratitude to all the staff at school who worked with minimum notice and technical constraints to place online all that they have. I think you'll agree that the increasing use of Class Dojo makes such a difference to the children.

For those of you at home supporting our child(ren) with their learning we certainly recognise the skills, patience and incredible aptitude that our teachers demonstrate every day. After all, if children could learn new concepts without specific teaching, we would not need teachers. The teachers have spent hours putting together things to send home and they have done, and continue to do, their very best. They are working long hours and undertaking work outside of their comfort zones to video record content and conduct live links to enable as much remote learning as possible. The planning, preparation and pre-records are highly time consuming and staff have still been in school well into the evening every night this week. They are doing all that they can.

They also continue to put themselves at risk of COVID transmission in this global pandemic, so please, join me in thanking them and recognising their efforts are going beyond what is called for under normal circumstances. On that note please can I implore each of you to really consider your eligibility for "critical key worker" places at school? The spirit of the school provision is to provide care/supervision for children whose parents are key workers (away from the home). If you are working from home, then as difficult as it may be to work and support your child(ren) remote learning please really consider whether you require an essential place at school. The more children at school the higher the risk.

For those of you with children of different ages at home you may well ask how you can get three different lots of work done with three children of different ages/abilities. The answer is you cannot so stop trying. If they are old enough try to get them to do some bits independently otherwise try something they can all engage with. If you are trying to do this and hold down a demanding full time job working from home, realise that is an impossible ask and adjust your expectations. Please make contact with your child(ren)'s teachers if you need some support for your child(ren) and the team are ready and waiting to help you too.

You are doing enough. You are loving the children in your care and supporting them through the most difficult circumstances. Look after yourself. Minimising stressors as much as possible at this time is vital for wellbeing; please do not let remote learning be the something that stresses you out. Please accept what is in your circle of control - as the primary educator at the moment, this is your call. We will make the provision of resources and the framework/structure to the lessons, it is really up to you how best your individual situation lends itself to its undertaking, some days will be better than others and that is OK. We will continue to build on the provision and fix any teething problems as we go along.

These are exceptionally difficult times, we are all doing our bit to get through the best that we can. I wish you all continued good health and welcome any communication for the Governing Body via the office email address.



wishes,

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Albert Gardiner
Chair of Governors

