



# Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

## Newsletter: December 2020

Advent is a very special and exciting time at our school. The children will be learning all about ways in which Christians prepare for Christmas. Not only is Advent a good time to reflect on what positive skills and attributes we can work on, but also how we can serve others. One way in which we did that was to bring in a gift bag for the Salvation Army, which will benefit a child less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your generous donations.

While there are less than three weeks left until the end of term, the children will continue to keep up the good work that they have been doing since the start of the year, and the focus will still be on learning. There will, however, be a few celebrations to look forward to including the very exciting Pantomime, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch of course!

## Harvest Donations

Thank you for all the donations that were sent in last term. Mrs Cowan and the girls kindly dropped off the food. We filled 5 crates with the school collection and the Cirencester Food Bank were incredibly grateful.



## Coming soon...



Skylark class look forward to presenting to you 'The Nativity 2020'. Online, but no less amazing! The picture above is a little taster of what is to come. Kingfisher and Red Kite class will be delighting you with a couple of carols that will also be sent to you all.

## Remembrance Day

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month at 11am, we gathered outside to the school to hold a 2min silence together. After the 2 minutes, Harley and Persephone laid a poppy wreath which was made by Kingfisher class. We ended with a prayer written and read by Archie and Phoebe. Kingfisher class then laid the remainder of their poppies on the grass.



## Swimming

We are hoping that Year 4 will be able to go swimming in the new year, pending completion of the pool. If all is well, lessons will begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## Car Park

Please ensure that children are not allowed to play in the staff car park before or after school. Use the path to enter and leave the school, rather than the area in front of the cars.

### Children in Need

To raise money for Children in Need, the School Council prepared a 'wake-and-shake' to perform in front of the school. Beforehand, we watched a video of Joe Wicks completing a 24 hour fitness challenge and we did the same, apart from it only lasted 15 minutes! Throughout the 15 minutes, we did fitness exercises and dances to four songs in total. Along with wearing sports-kit, everyone brought in £1 each to donate to the charity, Children in Need. The money that we donated would go to the charity and then they will send the money to children who are poor or sick and are in need of money to help pay for things.

**By Ebba Year 4**

### Anti-Bullying Week

This year we started off Anti-Bullying week with Odd Socks Day. We wore odd socks to remind us that everyone is different and that everyone is equal. We had an assembly about how to recognise bullying and what actions can be taken if you or anyone you know experiences bullying. The children took part in different activities in class and some designed a poster to spread the message of anti-bullying week. Well done to Joe Cook who won the poster competition. Thank you to for all your entries.



### Admissions for Reception Class 2021

Reminder that the deadline for application is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Apply online at <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions> you will receive confirmation of your application and you will be notified of the outcome on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### Website

Some ongoing work to improve the school website has been happening behind the scenes. Please take a look at the class pages as well as the school tour, which are new additions to the site. Thank you to Chris Clayton who has been assisting us.

### House Points

On Friday last week, Farmor's house celebrated their win with a treat day where they were able to wear their own clothes to school and had a small, sweet treat at play time.

### School Council Update

At our last meeting we worked on a child-friendly version of the Anti-Bullying policy and began to think of eco-friendly ways in which we can celebrate Christmas in school.

### Colder weather

A reminder to keep an eye on the weather forecast as it gets colder. We are still keeping rooms well ventilated as well as making sure we get outside for breaks and PE as much as possible, so please ensure that children are sent in wearing suitable clothing. Tracksuit bottoms are recommended on PE days.

Hatherop Primary School is looking for a midday supervisor from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Hours:** 12 - 1pm

**Days:** Mondays and Tuesdays, School Term Time only

**Salary Scale:** Grade 2 Point 3 (£18,562 per year full time) - **the salary will be paid pro rata for the hours worked**

Please contact the School Office on 01285 750318 or email [admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Closing date for all applications is 12 noon 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

A DBS check will be required for this position and training provided.

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **Experience Christmas Day**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of December, each class will visit the Christmas stations set up around the school. There will be a sequence of props in each area to tell the story of when Jesus was born. Thank you to Mrs Dugdale for all her hard work in getting things ready for the day.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

#### ***Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children***

On Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> December we would like all children and staff to come to school in a Christmas jumper in support of the Save the Children charity. Your jumper can be home-made (ie an ordinary jumper decorated in a Christmassy way) or a Christmas-themed jumper. You may also top off your style with appropriate head-wear such as sparkling antlers, Santa hat or tinsel etc. All those wearing a Christmas jumper will be asked to contribute £1 to Save the Children.

Please note that this is not an own clothes day and children should wear their jumper with their school uniform.

### **Pantomime:**

Although we will not be able to attend the Pantomime as we usually do, we have organised for a company to come into school on the 17<sup>th</sup> December to perform a pantomime. They have taken precautions which they have shared with us and which enable them to continue to perform to schools. This includes the fact that they will do 2 performances to enable us to have a smaller group of children in the hall at any time. They will be more spaced out and the performers will be kept at a distance from the children. We thought that this was a good compromise which still enabled the children to enjoy one of the school Christmas experiences this year. As with everything, this is dependent on restrictions in place in December.

**Lunch that day will be a 'packed lunch' option as the hall will be out of use at lunchtime.**

### **Dates for the Diary:**

8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Experience Christmas Day
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Pantomime
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	Last day of Term 2pm Finish
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	INSET Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Return to school
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Year 5/6 Schoolbeat Officer Visit
12 February 2021	Last day of Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	INSET day
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021	Return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last Day of Term
19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Return to School
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Last day of term
28 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	INSET day
7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Return to school
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Year 5/6 Schoolbeat Officer Visit
21 July 2021	Last day of term