# Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

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This term our value is friendship. We are working on how we can be a good friend to others; building up one another rather than knocking each other down. The story of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha reminds us how spending time together strengthens our friendships. We have a varied programme of worship this term, with Open the Book who teach Bible stories, the Vicar and Youth Worker who both deliver a Christian based worship, worship led by teachers as well as by pupils. Thank you to all those who give up their time to come in.

The remainder of this very short term is busy with our Year 6's writing their SATS on the week of the 12th May. Some classes will attend outdoor learning with the Ernest Cook Trust and we look forward to a drumming workshop at the end of term. Please remember to check Reach More Parents for news, updates, information and the very useful calendar.

Next term, we will be launching our new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum, starting with a parent consultation meeting, where you will be able to look at the resources and hear how they will be delivered to each year group. This will take place on Tuesday 10th June straight after school. Please save the date and we will send out further information nearer the time.

## Healthy Schools Award

We are pleased to have been awarded with the Healthy Schools Award. Thank you to Miss Bevans who completed the application. Mel from Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning will attend school to present the award to us. We will send out further information when we have it.

Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning

## PTA Easter Fun

Thank you to the PTA who made sure that the children had a fun-filled morning of Easter activities to end off last term.

The children got to enjoy an obstacle course, some Easter crafts, which included making bunting, and an Easter treasure hunt. At the end of the morning, they were given some Easter treats to enjoy.

## Goodbye Mrs Clarke

Last term we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Clarke. We had a fun afternoon where we all enjoyed a big game of rounders followed by a special worship in the hall. The afternoon ended with drinks and snacks and some surprise past pupils visiting too. Mrs Clarke has led us to so many sporting victories, she will be greatly missed!

## Swimming Gala

Well done to the Swim Gala team! Hatherop won the competition for the 2nd year running and what a way for Mrs Clarke's to leave, with a win at her last event!

## School's Golf Competition

Yesterday Ollie attended the Gloucestershire Schools Golf Championship 2025 at Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club, where he represented Hatherop.

It was a really tough day with the weather being so hot and on a course with no wind and zero shade! He was also the only primary school aged pupil competing. He came 19th out of 70 incredibly talented, much older, children. Congratulations to Ollie, we are very proud that he was able to represent our school and do so very well!

## Uniform

As we start the new term, please be aware that we will be doing uniform checks. Children must be wearing their black school shoes with their uniform; trainers must only be worn with PE kit. Some children are wearing jewellery to school, and incorrect hair accessories since the Easter holiday. Please see the paragraph below from our uniform policy as a reminder:

*"Sensible black school shoes should be worn. Extremes in hairstyles are not acceptable; this includes dyed hair and tracks, shaved heads, designs or words cut into hair. Long hair on both girls and boys must be tied up or kept in place with a hair band. Hair bands should be school uniform colours blue, white or grey only. Children may wear a watch and small stud earrings. No other accessories are permitted. Nail polish and make up is not permitted."*

The full policy with examples of suggested school shoes can be found on our website https://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk/starting-school/uniform/

Additional request: Please can the children only have **1 keyring** on their bookbags/rucksacks. We have limited space in clock rooms and in their draws which are overrun with keyrings of all shapes and sizes – especially in Skylark class!

## Fundraising update

After some consideration, Helen Forbes has decided to step away form leading the fundraising. She dedicated a year to the project and the fact that we are poised and ready to proceed with Phases I and II, is testament to her dedication and commitment and hard work!

We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to Helen for what she has achieved and the way she has collaborated with the different fundraising groups to raise such a considerable amount of money. It will be wonderful to see the fruits of everyone's labour come to life in the summer when the building work gets underway.

There is obviously still some way to go to achieve Phase III. if you are interested in taking over from Helen, even if just for a short while, please get in contact.

| **Dates for the Diary:** | |
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| 1st May | Skylark Outdoor Learning |
| 5th May | Bank Holiday |
| 6th May | Kingfisher Outdoor Learning |
| 9th May | Class Photos |
| 12th May | SATS week |
| 20th May | Year 4 trip to Gloucester Museum |
| 21st May | Staff Training – No ASC |
| 22nd May | Skylark Outdoor Learning |
| 23rd May | African Drumming Workshop<br>Celebration worship<br>End of Term |
| 2 June | INSET DAY |
| 3 June | Red Kite(Y5/6) Outdoor Learning<br>Year 4 Multiplication Check Week |
| 9th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Week |
| 10th June | Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Parents Consultation |
| 11th June | Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
| 16th June | RSE Lessons Week 1 |
| 17th June | Kingfisher Trip to Cathedral and Mosque |
| 21st June | Small Schools Sponsored Event |
| 23rd June | RSE Lessons Week 2<br>District Sports at Farmors School |
| 1st and 2nd July | Farmors Induction Days |
| 2nd July | Year 4 Outdoor Learning Trip |
| 10th July | Whole School Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park |
| 11th July | Flourishing Together Art Exhibition @ Meysey Hampton |
| 14th July | Sports Day |
| 18th July | End of Term 1:30pm |