



## Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### **Newsletter: 1st October 2020**

With the term well underway now, we are pleased to see how focused the children are on their learning and how much progress they are quickly making. Despite a few colds in the first couple of weeks, attendance is improving and whenever possible children are coming in. We are trying to keep rooms well ventilated in accordance with our risk assessment, and therefore would encourage the children to wear an extra layer to school, perhaps a vest/t-shirt under their uniform. The school hoodie which is available from PMG Schoolwear, is also a warm option as we get nearer to winter. Sadly, taking advice from the Local Authority, we will not be able to hold an Open Morning this year. Instead we will promote our school via our website which is currently being updated. In the meantime, if you know of any families who are likely to want join the Hatherop in Reception 2021, please encourage them to make contact with the office. Finally, thank you all for your ongoing support during these frustrating times, when it is not always possible to do things in the way in which we usually would. We know you, like us, have had to make adjustments, but it is important to remember that many of the decisions made are with the safety of our school community at the forefront.

### **Parents' Evening**

This year, parents' evening will take place in the week commencing the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. As I am sure you have realised, it is not possible to hold them in person. We will, however, hold individual zoom meetings. Teachers will contact you in due course in order to set up mutually convenient times for your slot. If you prefer a phone call, this can also be arranged.

### **Guitar/Drum lessons**

Both guitar and drum lessons have resumed. They take place during the school day. If your child is interested, please contact the office for more details.

### **Uniform**

Our uniform makes us distinctive from all the other local schools, instils a sense of belonging and it is therefore important that we take pride in it. I am therefore asking that children come into school wearing the correct uniform, and that even on PE days they wear a dark tracksuit, preferably with the Hatherop hoodie/sweatshirt. Long hair must be tied back. Shoes should be black school shoes, not boots or trainers.

After half term, we will be expecting all children to be in winter uniform.

### **Message from the PTA**

Fundraising for the school is proving pretty tricky with current circumstances and some of our more fun ways of raising money and community spirit are unfortunately on hold for now, however there is a way you can help the school without even leaving your sofa.....

The PTA have registered Hatherop C of E Primary School on the fundraising website below.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for the school. Just start your first online shopping at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. The retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you" There is a free, easy and simple to use app you can download and register then you simply choose Hatherop C of E Primary School as your cause and shop as you normally would. Some parents are already doing this and it is very much appreciated – Thank you!

### **Traffic/Parking**

Please be aware that the start and end of the school day is a busy time in the village. We have had requests from our neighbours, to please be considerate when parking as well as to watch your speed as you drive through the village.

### **Individual Photographs**

These will be taken next week on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Sibling photographs can be taken with brothers/sisters at Hatherop, but no family photos will be able to be taken this year.

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

5 October 2020

Individual Photographs

Week Commencing 2 November

Parents Evening

23 November 2020

Salvation Army Donations

30 November 2020

Year 5 Bikeability

