



## Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### **Newsletter: November 2020**

The Christian value we will be exploring during the term ahead is Thankfulness. An attitude of thankfulness is necessary if we are to get the best out of life. However, at times it can feel like there is little to be thankful for and sometimes the advice to 'be thankful' may not be well received, especially at this time of lockdowns and restrictions. Hopefully, if it plays a consistent part in our lives, we will be stronger and better equipped to deal with life's challenges.

This term we will look at encouraging a thankful and appreciative attitude in all members of our school community, we will raise consciousness of being thankful for those things we often take for granted and we will explore practical ways that we can show gratitude. As the festive season begins, we will recognise how we can help others who are experiencing hardship, though participating in 'Children in Need' and making Christmas contributions to the Salvation Army.

While I look forward to the term ahead, with the prospect of the children making continued progress while immersed in an exciting and challenging curriculum, it is not without some reservations about what is around the corner, but we will endeavour to be as prepared as we can be, for any eventuality.

### **Parents' Evening**

This week parents' evening is taking place via zoom. If you were unable to book a slot, please get in contact with your class teacher (via the office) to book in a telephone call. This is an opportunity to find out how your child has settled back into school and about their progress so far this year.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Poppies will be on sale in school this week and until Remembrance Day. If your child would like a one, they should bring in a small donation for the collection.

### **Progress Award**

Congratulations to **George Graham** on receiving the progress award this term. His improvements and progress in his writing have been commendable.

### **Harvest Donations**

Thank you for all the donations that were sent in last term. The children watched a real- life story about someone who benefitted from the donations made to the Food Bank and thought about how we could all be a good neighbour. This was a good way to complete our value of the term: Friendship.



Children in their Autumn colours with few of the donations we received.

### Snacks in School

Children in Key Stage 1 receive free fruit daily as part of the Fruit for Schools initiative. Sometimes there is a surplus which is passed on to other classes and after school club.

We would like to encourage all KS2 pupils (Year 3 upwards) to bring in a snack for playtime, but please note that this should only be **fruit** or **vegetables**.

### Schoolbeat Visit

On the 22 of October we had a visitor from the police force to come in and talk to us about online safety. We saw a video clip and talked about what apps we have and what the age ratings were. We found out that Whatsapp is a 16 which really shocked everybody! We played a game at the end of the lesson and talked about how we kept ourselves safe on online games such as Roblox. Then we learned about passwords and to NEVER tell anyone -except your parents- your passwords. In the first hour of her being here we had to talk about what we thought was acceptable to say online and what's not acceptable. At the end, before she left, we got to ask her some questions. So in conclusion thank you PC Davis for showing us how to be safe online. **Grace Year 6**

### Friendship Awards

This term our value was friendship. The teachers nominated children who had demonstrated living out this value in school. The recipients of the friendship certificates were:

Year R – Ophelia, Year 1- Joshua, Year 2- Isaac, Year 3- Orla, Year 4- Olivia, Year 5- Kayla, Year 6 – Isak



### Parking

To keep everyone safe, please make sure that you do not park directly outside the school gate.

### PTA:

Thank you to the PTA who have been getting the Christmas cards ready. The artwork will be sent home today, please see the Parentmail message for more details.

### Attendance

Well done to everyone last term. Our whole school attendance was 97.4% and staff attendance was 100%. This an excellent result, especially at this time!

### Welcome:

To Mr Cowley who is a student teacher from The University of Worcester and will be in Red Kite class for the duration of the term.

### House Points

Children have continued to collect house points this term, for work well done, recognition of good behaviours for learning, reading, good manners and many other reasons!

The progress towards 100 points and treat day is as follows:

Keble – 74

Cook – 75

Farmor – 82



### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **Remembrance Day:**

Although we were hoping to arrange something with the Vicar, in the light of the new lockdown rules, this will not be possible. However, the children will do some work in class to mark the day.

#### **Anti-Bullying Week:**

November 16<sup>th</sup> sees the start of national anti-bullying week. It is an important topic, even more so at this time, when cyber bullying has become so prevalent. The children will participate in a number of activities in class to help them recognise bullying, as well as develop strategies to help themselves or others finding themselves a victim of bullying. To mark the start of the week, we will all participate in 'Odd Socks Day'. Children should come to school in uniform, but wear odd socks. This is part of a national initiative to combat bullying.

#### **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.

#### **Some pictures from Term 1:**



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

Week Commencing 2 November	Parents' Evenings
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Children in Need
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Flu Immunisation
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020	Salvation Army Donations
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Odd Socks Day
16-20 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti- Bullying Week
30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Year 5 Bikeability
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
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Year 5/6 Schoolbeat Officer Visit
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020	Year 5/6 Schoolbeat Officer Visit