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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

Newsletter: Christmas 2023

As we come to the end of a very long and busy term, I would like to say thank you to all the children for their hard work, parents for your support, Governors for their ongoing work towards improving our buildings, to the PTA for their amazing efforts fundraising activities and donations to support the school and finally to the staff for all their dedication throughout the term.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to say thank you to you all for your generous gifts and staffroom treats, they have been much appreciated by us all.

We wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a very restful, enjoyable Christmas holiday!

A very Special Baby!



Skylark class showcased some excellent acting, sensational singing and brilliant reading, getting us all in the mood for Christmas with their Nativity - a very special baby! It was impressive to see how the children remembered all their words and acted out their parts perfectly; some of them performing for the first time. We were very proud of them all.

Christmas in the playground

Thank you once again to the PTA for organising Christmas in the Playground, we were lucky that the weather stayed dry and we could fully enjoy all the amazing food and drinks on offer as well as participate in the games, win on the tombola, visit Santa and take part in the raffle. The festive occasion raised a fantastic £1,288.00 which will be used to support trips and resources for the children in the new year. Thank you to all parents, friends and family who supported the event.



Virtual Author Visit

On Wednesday 6th December, the pupils of Hatherop C of E Primary school were treated to a virtual author visit from Katherine Rundell. As the author of the popular children's books 'The Explorer' and 'Rooftoppers' - she described how she has been inspired to write stories from her own life experiences and gave us a sneak preview of the characters appearing in her amazing new novel 'Impossible Creatures'. The children found the session inspiring and have already begun designing new fantastical creatures for their own pieces of creative writing.



Pantomime

On Tuesday, the whole school went to the Barn Theatre in Cirencester to watch 'Treasure Island.' As usual, the children represented their school well with their excellent behaviour.

Christmas Lunch

On Monday the children made Christmas hats and enjoyed their Christmas lunch while listening to some festive music. Thank you to all the staff who helped serve the children.



Carol Concert

Last week, Year 2-6, gathered at St Nicholas Church for this year's carol service. Children sang beautifully, shared readings and Year 2 acted out the Christmas story. Many thanks to all family, friends and neighbours who came to the service to support our children and to Andrew and Simon for getting the church ready and warm for us.

Schoolbeat

This term, year 5 and 6 had one of their visits from Leah Davies, our Schoolbeat officer. She works with the children to educate them about keeping safe online. This is always a very valuable session.

Staffing

After the holidays, we welcome Anne Hacker who will be teaching PE and taking the Wednesday club. Thank you to Ms Clarke for filling in after Miss Cole left.

We will also welcome Emma Webb as a Teaching Assistant from January.

Dates for the Diary:

8 th Jan 2024	First Day of Term
10 th Jan 2024	Year 4 Swimming starts back
15 th Jan 2024	Reception Class 2024 Applications close
18 th Jan 2024	Pupil Census
9 th Feb 2024	End of Term
19 th Feb 2024	Term 4 Starts