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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### **Newsletter: End of Year July 2023**

Well, that's it! The end of another school year! And what a year it has been. Entirely free of the constraints of the pandemic, we have embraced every opportunity we could, making sure that the children had as many positive learning experiences as possible. From the science dome, to art week and so many sporting events we couldn't list them, from trips out to visitors in school, and a plethora of different after school clubs, we know as a small school, we have given them as many experiences as we possibly could.

All of the above does not happen without a wonderful team of dedicated staff whom I can only thank! Their efforts throughout the year have been outstanding and every member of staff forms an integral part of the Hatherop team. All the hard work has culminated in excellent results across the school, from phonics to SATS, and an Ofsted report we are very proud of.

Alongside the staff are the Governors, who quietly work in the background, constantly challenging us positively, to make Hatherop the best school it can be. I have to give a special mention to Milly Bowring who works tirelessly to support us. Thank you also to Lisa Clayton and Jackie Cullum, who step down from their role this summer, both been integral to improvements at Hatherop.

Thank you also to the PTA who raise funds in lots of creative ways, making sure that the children (and adults) have fun! This money has been essential in helping us fund trips and more recently the outdoor courtyard.

Over the past week, we have been saying our goodbyes to Ms Flood and wish her all the best as she embarks on some new adventures. She will certainly be missed here at Hatherop! From September, Mrs Blackburn, who has already been working in Kingfisher class, will take over as the teaching assistant. Miss Sarah will be taking on Ms Flood's sport commitments, such as after school sports, support in PE lessons and swimming with Year 4.

We also say goodbye to Year 6 today, who have had a wonderful week of plays, pizza parties and leavers' celebrations. We wish them well as they move on their secondary schools. We know that they will be very successful at their new schools. We also think of Frank and Orla who also leave Hatherop today.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing refreshed children (and staff) in September.

### **Coln Fete Crafts**

On Wednesday, each class took a turn to be creative in the hall and make something for the Coln Fete in September. Thank you to Mrs Forbes for arranging this opportunity for the children.



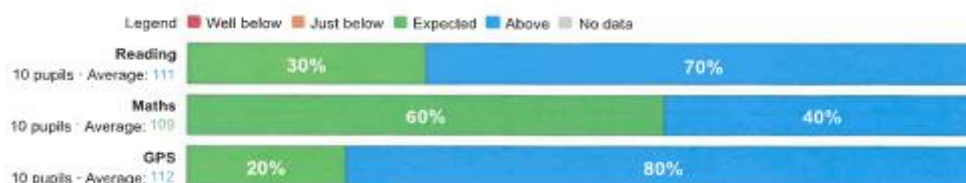
### **Treachery at Traitors Quay**

On Tuesday we were treated to a winning performance from Year 5/6. The children all have to be commended on their fantastic acting, singing, dancing and even their accents. They should all be very proud of their performance. Thank you to Mr Russell and Mrs Cook for all they did to prepare the children.



### Year 6 Provisional SATs results

During May, the Year 6 class wrote their SATs. They were well prepared and took it all in their stride. We are incredibly pleased to share with you the provisional results. A big thank you to Mr Russell, Mrs Cook and the children themselves for all their hard work this year.



### Gardening Club

Thank you to Mrs Legg for teaching the children so much during gardening club. Not only did they keep the gardens looking neat by weeding, they planted flowers and lots vegetables. They are starting to see the first crops being ready to pick. Thank you gardening club!



### Sports Mark

In recognition of our commitment to sport at Hatherop, after submitting our application to the Schools Games Mark, we have just this week been awarded the Platinum Sports Award. Thank you to Ms Clarke for completing the application and to both her and Ms Cook for taking the children to so many competitions and events this year!



### Cotswold Wildlife Park

Yesterday, the whole school went on a trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park as a treat for all their hard work this year, and the fact that together we all achieved such a positive Ofsted result. The weather was very kind to us, and we had a fantastic day exploring the park, meeting up for a picnic lunch and enjoying the play area. Thank you to the Quenington Bulldogs who helped fund the trips, to the parents who came along to help and to Mrs Scaysbrook and the teachers for all their organisation. When we returned, the PTA were on hand to give the children and teachers a much-needed ice-cream. We hope that the children enjoyed the day out.



### Dates for the Diary:

4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Day
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school <b>8:35am</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> September	New Reception intake start (am only)
11 <sup>th</sup> September	New Reception Intake (am and lunch)
18 <sup>th</sup> September	New Reception Intake (all day)
27 <sup>th</sup> October	End of term 1
6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Rags to Riches Collection
21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	INSET Day