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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### Newsletter: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022

As we continue to focus on our value of perseverance, it has been lovely to have the children come up to me and tell me about their achievements and how they have had to persevere in order to meet their goals. We have some very determined children in Hatherop.

We look forward to working more with the Ernest Cook Trust and enjoying the outdoor learning sessions at Lea Wood. A list of dates has been sent out and further information will be sent prior to each visit. We will need some assistance with lifts to and from Lea Wood, and hope that parents will be able to help us out.

Thank you again to the PTA for holding another cake sale with the added luxury of much needed hot chocolate on a cold day. Your contributions all make it such a success. I will be meeting with the PTA in the coming weeks to discuss potential plans for using some of the money to make improvements in the school.

### Anti-Bullying Week



During Anti-bullying week, the whole school created a 'One Kind Word' display which is now up in the hall to remind us to be kind to one another.

### Stop Motion and Animation Club



There has been a very enthusiastic uptake of the stop-motion club, and pupils have designed and made their models and have begun producing their animation.

Thank you to Mr Russell for running the club on a Tuesday afternoon.

### Monitoring Visit

Later this term, we will be having a visit from Ken Buxton, who is a school improvement advisor, appointed to us by the Local Authority. He will be doing a monitoring visit, focusing on teaching and learning in English. We look forward to this supportive visit which will inform us of our next steps in development of our curriculum.

### Safer Internet Day

On **Tuesday 8th February** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. The theme is: **"All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online"**.

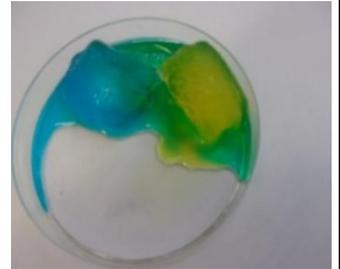


Safer Internet Day inspires a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. It will focus on how we can decide who to trust online, supporting children to question, challenge and change the online world for the better.

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our pupils about. During Internet Safety Day children will be participating in a range of games, activities and discussions in school.

## Red Kite News

Year 4,5,6 DT this term is focussing on the construction of a cardboard marble run. Thank you for all of the cardboard tube donations from home. Year 4 have been having lots of practical fun in our States of Matter science topic.



## Punctuality

Please endeavour to get your child/children to school on time. The gates close and lessons start promptly at 8:45am. If for any reason you are late, please walk your child to the blue door so that they can be safely met by a member of staff. The gates are open from 8:35am, so that there is time for the children put away their belongings and be ready to start lessons promptly at 8:45am.

## Reminders

### **ParentPay**

Please settle any outstanding payments for lunches as well as all after school and breakfast clubs.

### **Packed Lunch**

Due to allergies, please do not include any nut products in your child's packed lunch. This includes peanut butter on sandwiches.

## Governor News

Following the recent parent governor nomination request, I am pleased to let you know that Ben Platts has been elected unopposed. Ben is dad to Albert (Yr2) and George (Reception) and his term of office will start on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Ben will replace Iain Turnbull who has been a parent governor for the last 4 years; Iain covered a number of important roles such as Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Child Protection and we thank him for the time he has given to the school.

## Phonics Workshop

We will be holding a phonics workshop on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February in Skylark Class at 2:30pm. The workshop will provide some insight into how we teach phonics and reading at school, as well as give you some ways in which you can support your child/children at home.

While this session is primarily suitable for parents of children in Skylark class, many children in older classes use phonics to support their reading and you may find the workshop beneficial. If you would like to attend, please let the office know.

## Dates for the Diary:

2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022	Year 5/6 Cross Country Competition
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Safer Internet Day
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	ECT outdoor learning day
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	National Children's Health Programme Year R and Year 6 Phonics Workshop 2:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Last day of Term -3pm finish
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	<b>INSET DAY</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	First day back for children
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2022	World Book Day Rags to Riches collection
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Science Week