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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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As we near the end of a very challenging year, we hope that the children will enjoy the end of term activities we have planned. Our priority remains continuing with teaching and learning and making sure that we cover the curriculum before the children move onto the next year group, however there will be some activities outside of the classroom for them to enjoy.

Mr Russell and the team in Red Kite have put a huge amount of effort into preparing the play 'Cinderella & Rockafella.' I know the children have all been working incredibly hard in preparation, learning lines, getting their costumes ready as well as rehearsing their songs and so it is a highly anticipated event! Children in school will have an opportunity to watch the dress rehearsal and I know we are all looking forward to that! There are some other leavers activities planned along with a Leavers Service led by the Diocese.

Our Christian value of the term is 'Courage.' We have looked at Moses and the courage he had when God spoke to him as well as the courage it takes to sometimes do something that makes us feel worried or afraid. The children can only be commended for the courage they have shown throughout the year, adapting to all the changes at school and at home. We really have the most wonderful school community.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff and governors for their support over the past few weeks. This was not the way I wanted to end my first year at Hatherop, but I felt confident that I was leaving the school in very good hands in my absence. Thank you especially to Mrs Balloch, who continued her teaching commitments while also leading the school.

Mr Cowley

A huge thank you and well done to Mr Cowley who completed his teacher training placement at Hatherop this term. He has been a great support in Red Kite class and we wish him all the best in his teaching career.

ParentPay Accounts

Please could you check your ParentPay accounts regularly and make sure everything is up to date and that there are no outstanding payment items at the end of the term e.g. Swimming, After School & Breakfast Club and Dinners

Year 5&6 Trip to Go Ape in the Forest of Dean Monday 28th June 2021

Last Monday, Year 5 and 6 braved the rain for an action-packed trip into the forest. The day began with 'Gorilla Games' in The Glade, where the children worked as teams to solve a range of physical challenges. After our picnic lunch we collected our safety harnesses ready for our ascent up into the trees. The treetop adventure had wooden pathways and obstacles of various difficulties at different levels up in the trees. Each route you took ended with a thrilling zip wire ride through the trees. It was fantastic to be out on a trip again after so long.



Year 4/5 Multi-Sports Afternoon

The Year 4's and 5's had a great afternoon at Kingshill School at the multi skills event. Along with 2 other schools, in bubbles, the children played a fun game of rounders and then learnt some new skipping skills including Double Dutch skipping with 2 long ropes. We won that event which meant that we could bring the ropes back to school. This event tested the ability of the rope handlers rather than their skipping! Well done all and thank you to Ms Clarke and Mrs Cook for accompanying them.



Uniform

As you begin to think about uniform for September, please refer to the uniform policy to ensure that your child/children have the correct uniform as they start the year. During the last week of term, we will leave second-hand uniform on the playground for you to take. If you do have any difficulty purchasing the uniform, please do let the office know and we will assist you as much as we can.

New Classes

Although we will not be able to have a traditional 'moving up' morning, children will spend some time outside with their new teacher in the last week of school.

Leavers Services

On Friday, the Year 6's will participate in the Diocese Leavers service which is being held virtually this year. On the 21st July, they will present a leavers assembly to parents at 1pm outside and the children will be able to leave school immediately afterwards.

Reminder:

Please can we remind parents to supervise their children before the gate opens in the morning and once children have been collected at the end of the school day. Children should not stand on the wall or climb the tree at the entrance of the staff car park.

Netball Club

A huge thanks to Helen and Jackie who have provided the children with fantastic netball training throughout the summer term. The netballers have made such good progress and have developed so many skills, it has been wonderful to watch.



Pupil Led Worship

The Worship Committee, have been leading worship in school fortnightly this term. With Mrs Dugdale's support, they are becoming more confident, and are working more independently to prepare the learning and reflection each time. Their efforts are to be commended, and we look forward to them working with other year groups to further develop worship from September.



Dates for the Diary:

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| 8 th July 2021 | School Sports Challenge |
| 9 th July 2021 | Diocese Leavers Service Year 6 |
| 13 th July 2021 | Year 5/6 Performance |
| 16 th July 2021 | End of Year Reports to go out |
| 19 th July 2021 | Meet your new teacher – all classes |
| 20 th July 2021 | Leavers' Evening 6-8pm |
| 21 st July 2021 | Leavers' Service 1pm |
| 21 st July 2021 | Last day of term 2pm Finish |