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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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Welcome back! This term our value is Justice. We will look at different ways of treating people fairly, and how sometimes that isn't always as simple as it sounds. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. We look forward to an 'Experience Lent' event at the church later in the term, as we prepare for Easter.

In the last week of term, we had a visit from Ken Buxton who was appointed by the local authority to evaluate our English provision. The visit went incredibly well, and he had a lot of praise for the school and was very impressed by all the children he spoke to and their attitudes to learning. He could see that reading and writing was something highly valued by everyone at school, as well as by parents at home. He was particularly impressed by the behaviour of all the children. Thank you to all the staff and governors for all their preparations ahead of the visit.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the PTA Half Term Jubilee Challenge. Please begin to send in your mileage and any photos to the PTA at friends@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk and continue to share the fundraising link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/hatherop-primary-schools-half-term-challenge>

We look forward to hearing whether we made it all the way back to Buckingham Palace!

Hockey Club

Last term the infant classes have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in Hockey Club. They have learnt some new skills and enjoyed the games that Ms Clarke taught them.



Cross Country

Well done to all the runners who took part in the county qualifiers. They did exceptionally well with 6 runners qualifying to represent Cirencester and District in the Gloucestershire Championships in March, with 2 others as reserves. We are very proud of them all!



Year 4 Geography Local Area Trip

On Thursday the 17th of February we went on a walk around the village of Coln, in the Cotswolds. We went to explore and discover the local area and find out more about what life is like in the village. Before we left, we mapped out our route on google maps from a satellite view. Along the way we gathered facts about the places around us, we also did tally charts and some sketches of the local area. We spoke to Philip (the manager of Coln stores) and we also spoke to someone who was working in the area and they both said that they liked it there. We learnt people enjoyed living in a safe environment with quiet roads and being able to listen to the wildlife. By Luna



Skylark Outdoor Learning Visit to Lea Woods

The focus of our visit was to explore the natural world around us and observe seasonal changes. We enjoyed taking part in a treasure hunt looking for signs of winter including pinecones, skeleton leaves, sticks with lichen on and evergreen leaves. We finished our visit by finding good places for some cuddly hedgehogs to keep cosy in the winter. We had a super visit!



Celebration Assembly

Unfortunately, due to the closure of the school on the last day of term, celebration assembly did not go ahead. Therefore, it will now take place this Friday at 9:00am. If you have received an invite, we look forward to hopefully seeing you there.

PE

Generally, as a rule, if your child is well enough to attend school, they should be well enough to take part in PE. We know that sometimes there are exceptional circumstances, such as an injury. In this case, we ask that parents please email the office so that the PE teacher can be informed ahead of the lesson. We know that sometimes injuries also happen/worsen during the day at school and will be mindful of this when children are participating.

Parents Evening

A reminder that parents evening takes place this week. If you have not yet signed up, please do so today before the lists are printed off ahead of Wednesday's meetings.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. Please remember to bring in your **potato characters/dioramas by Wednesday** so that they can be displayed in the hall on World Book Day.

Year 4,5 & 6 Lea Woods Den Building morning 9th February 2022

The children had an amazing morning in Lea Woods. After their safety briefing, they were sent off in teams to create forest shelters. Every group demonstrated exceptional team-building skills and some wonderful structures were created. A big thank you to Liz and Toby (for being such amazing group leaders) and to the parents who supported us with lifts and offers of help on the day.



British Science Week 14-18 March 2022

The theme this year for British Science Week is 'Growth'!

We are asking all pupils to **dress up** on **Friday 18th March** to personify 'Growth'. They could come to school as their favourite scientist (and feel free to think outside the box – the costume can be more than a white laboratory coat!), as an innovation that drove growth (e.g. the internet) or as something that grows in nature (ladybird, tree, flower etc.). We can't wait to hear them share the story behind their costume.

Skylark need your help!

Skylark Class will be holding a Jumble Sale in the playground on Friday afternoon. They are looking for donations of **good quality, second hand toys and books** to sell. Please send in any donations this week.

Any money made will be donated to charity.

We will hold our **Jumble Sale** on **Friday the 4th March**, in the **playground from 2:30pm**.

The other classes will have an opportunity to do some shopping, so please bring in a little change on Friday!

Dates for the Diary:

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| 1 st March 2022 | First day back for children Cross Country: Deer Park |
| 2 nd March 2022 | Parents' Evening Ash Wednesday |
| 3 rd March 2022 | Parents' Evening World Book Day Rags to Riches collection |
| 4 th March 2022 | Skylark Jumble Sale 2:30pm |
| 8 th March 2022 | Cross Country: Kingshill |
| 14 th – 18 th March 2022 | Science Week |
| 16 th March 2022 | Outdoor Learning: Kingfisher Class |
| 21 st March 2022 | Netball Development |
| 22 March 2022 | Netball competition |
| 24 th March 2022 | Experience Lent – at the church |
| 8 th April 2022 | PTA Easter Egg Hunt Term ends – 2pm |
| 25 th April 2022 | Term 5 starts |
| 29 th April 2022 | Lifebus Visit |
| 2 May 2022 | Bank Holiday |
| 6 th May 2022 | Rabbi Visit |
| 9 th -12 th May 2022 | SATS week: Year 6 |
| 18 th -20 th May 2022 | Year5/6 Residential Visit |
| 25 th May 2022 | Outdoor Learning: Skylark/Red Kite |
| 27 th May 2022 | Term Ends |
| 6 th June 2022 | INSET Day |
| 7 th June 2022 | Term 6 starts |
| 15 th June 2022 | Outdoor Learning: Year 4 |
| 16 th June 2022 | Sculpture Show: Year 4/5/6 |
| 24 th June 2022 | Rags to Riches Collection |