



## Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### Newsletter: May 2023

This term our value is friendship. We are working on how we can be a good friend to others; building up one another rather than knocking each other down. The story of Jesus visiting Mary and Martha reminds us how spending time together strengthens our friendships. We have a varied programme of worship this term, with Open the Book continuing to come in, the Vicar visiting weekly, worship led by teachers as well as by pupils in the worship committee. Thank you to all those who give up their time to come in.

As you know, on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, Ofsted inspected Hatherop. We will be sending out the report later in the week, and hope that you agree that it is a good reflection of our school.

The remainder of this term is busy with our Year 6 and Year 2's writing their SATS, before Year 5 & 6 head off to Wales on their residential. We have Coronation celebrations that the PTA are arranging on Friday as well as a few sporting events to look forward to.

#### Outdoor Learning

Kingfisher benefited from an outdoor learning experience last week at Lea Wood. They continued to develop their understanding of their current science topic - Living things and their habitats. The children enjoyed classifying items they found in the woods into groups before exploring the woods on a nature trail. We were even lucky enough to find animal remains, spot the bluebells, watch a hare running across the track and some children even spotted a deer! Kingfisher thoroughly enjoyed their time in the woods and returned back to school eager to learn more!

#### PTA

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May there will be a Rags to Riches collection. Please place your bags in the shelter in the morning.

On Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May, the PTA are arranging some events, so please look out for a ParentMail from them. Please could the children dress in red, white and blue on the day in exchange for a plate of snacks – more details to follow.

#### Skylark Class visit Cogges Farm

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Skylark visited Cogges Farm. We participated in lots of different activities and had a wonderful day out. Thank you to all the adults who volunteered to help on the day. Here is what the children had to say about the trip:

Verity – At Cogges Farm we milked the pretend cow and saw the cute new baby chicks.

Bea- My favourite part was seeing the pigs and rabbits. We made Welsh cakes in the shape of the giant's footprint in the giant's bedroom.

George – We had a golden egg hunt at Cogges Farm.

Rudy – I loved seeing the pigs.

Isaac – My best bit was stroking the goats.



### Year 5/6 Fun Run

In order to raise funds towards their residential, Year 5 and 6 arranged a fun run with a difference! Dressed in fancy dress, they all headed up to the field and after some photos, set off running laps. Well done to them all, some with very tricky costumes to run in. Thank you to all of those who sponsored the event. Please send in any sponsorship money this week.



### Safer Internet Info

Following the Safer internet talk held last month, some parents said that they would like more information on how to keep their children safe online. Please look out for our new Safer Internet Newsletter coming soon.

### Courtyard

During May half term, we will be refurbishing the courtyard area adjacent to Skylark class. Thank you to the PTA who are funding the project. They will also be helping to prepare the area on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you think you would be able help in any way, please let us know.

### Dates for the Diary:

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Rags to Riches Collection
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Tea Party
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Week Commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Outdoor Learning: Red Kite
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Count on Nature at Church
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	RIAT Stem workshop Year 5/6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Outdoor Learning: Skylark
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Outdoor Learning: Kingfisher
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Outdoor Learning: Year 4

