



## Hatherop Church of England Primary School

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*'Caring, Believing, Achieving'*

### **Newsletter: 2 October 2023**

This term our value is Thankfulness. During worship time, have been thinking about all the things we have to be thankful for and also about how we might share these things with others. Therefore, during September, we celebrated the Harvest with a harvest service at church reminding us to be thankful for the farmers and the food that makes it to our plates. We were very grateful for the much-needed food contributions which were all sent on to the Cirencester Food Bank. Thank to all of those that were able to attend and enjoy the readings by the children and the lovely singing. Thank you to Rev Simon for welcoming us into church.



### **Open Morning**

Open Morning will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9:30am. Please contact [admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk) to book a place. Take a look at our website for more information about our school. <https://www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk/>

### **Year 6 and Reception Class**

This term we welcomed our new Reception Class. They have quickly settled into their new routines and school life! The Year 6 class have begun to take on new responsibilities and are proving to be good role models for our younger children.



**Year 6 2023**



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### **Parents' Evening**

This term, parents' evening will take place in the week commencing the 13<sup>th</sup> November. We will send out more information nearer the time.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform/PE kit into school. The list/photographs can be found on our website. School shoes must be a black and not be a trainer. Long hair must be tied up.

### **PTA News – Rags2Riches**

We will be participating again this year in the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme with a collection date each term. This term's collection date is 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023, so please start saving up your unwanted but good quality clothing and accessories as these can all be donated and will raise money for the school. You are encouraged to bring your donations into school in any bag.

### Outdoor Classroom

Thank you to the Ernest Cook Trust who have kindly donated some log rounds to us. This has enabled us to make better use of the outdoor classroom, providing seating for a whole class.



### Hatherop Traffic

Hatherop has recently had a Community Speed Watch Camera installed and the local community have been analysing the data so far.

#### **Typical monthly vehicle movements (one way)**

Hatherop North location (westbound) – 5372

#### **Speed**

365 vehicle movements exceeding 36mph near the school in a month

Highest speed – 51mph

Fastest hours 6-7pm

Busiest hours 4-5pm

Average offence speed across the day typically:

7-8am 37-38mph

Lunchtime 37mph

3-4pm 38-39mph

6-7pm 39-40mph

The parish council are very keen to work with us to try and improve this data for the safety of all the children and families attending school or living in the village. To support this, we will be doing a road safety assembly with children next term. You can help too, by being more aware of your speed in the village. Let's try and work together to improve these stats.

### Book Donation

Due to a very kind donation each class has some new books to enjoy. The teachers and children selected some from their recommended read lists. We look forward to using the new texts in school.

### Attendance

This term we have been inundated with requests for leave. It is very important, that if your child is well, they should be at school. Most leave requests will not be authorised unless there really are exceptional circumstances. Children miss out on elements of learning when they are not in which often affect their next steps. Please reconsider the decision to take your child/ren out of school during term time.

### Cross Country

Well done to all the children who attended the Cross Country races last week at Kingshill school. As usual Hatherop did brilliantly with both boys teams coming in first place and both girls teams securing third place.



### Open Afternoon

We would like to invite you to an Open Afternoon this term. This will provide you with the opportunity to come into your child's classroom and look at the work they have done so far as well as well as meet their teacher. This will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 3:05 – 4:00pm.

### Punctuality

Well done, most children have been at school in time for the new start at 8:35. Please try and get here on time each day. Children miss essential information when they are not in at the start of the day. If you are late, please bring your child up to the office and sign them in and order their lunch. They should not be left to come in the gate on their own.

At the end of the day, if you are late for pickup, your child will be put into ASC and you will be charged accordingly.

### Salvation Army Christmas Appeal

This year we have, once again, agreed to take part in the Cirencester Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We have chosen to support this appeal because we think it is important for our children to realise that there are disadvantaged families in the local area, not just in far off places. The Salvation Army's message states that their "services are offered unconditionally to people of all faiths and none."

This year we are collecting Christmas specific food, such as a bag of chocolate coins, a selection box, a tin of Quality Street, a bought Christmas cake or a Christmas pudding.

A Member of the Salvation Army will be coming into school to collect the gifts and to talk to all the children about the work they do. Please bring your goodies in to school place them in the large box on the windowsill in the hall.

More information about the Christmas Appeal can be found on the Salvation Army website.

### Dates for the Diary:

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Census Day
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Immunisation Day Yr R- Yr 6
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics Workshop 2:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Classrooms 3:05-4pm
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Celebration Worship 2:30pm End of Term 3pm
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Secondary School Application Deadline
6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Term Starts
W/C 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Rags to Riches
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Open Morning
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 Bikeability
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 School Beat Officer Visit
Week Commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity/Carol Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Treasure Island at The Barn Theatre
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Celebration Worship 1:30pm End of Term 2pm