'Nurturing aspirations, celebrating individuality, fulfilling potential'

Letter 18 24th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers
I think we are all in need of Spring and some proper sunshine, but despite the time of year we are keeping busy at school. Next week the Life Education Bus visits on Wednesday and all the school will have a session on keeping healthy in mind and body. David Hicks Beach is coming into school to prepare the children in Class 3 for the Mock Trials and Nature Club are preparing for our first round in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Quiz just after half term. Please look at the Diary Dates at the end of the letter to make sure you are up to date with what is happening at school.

The Value Bear
We have been looking at the Value of Generosity through the stories of the Generous Widow, the Good Shepherd and the story of Rainbow Fish. This week Daisy Cowan has nominated Mollie Harris for showing the value of Generosity by demonstrating 'You first, me last' in Class 2.

Parent Governor Vacancy
Parent Governor, Phil Cook, is standing down from his role on the Governing Board. The current governors and I would like to thank Phil for all the time and support he has given so generously to the school. In his role as governor, he has been particularly involved in the development of the school grounds and in the up keep of the school buildings. If you are interested in becoming involved in the school as a governor, details will be coming home this week. Please look out for nomination forms in school bags.

Indoor Football
Congratulations to our team for coming third in the Indoor Football tournament. Mrs Clarke praised their skill and team work and is confident that they could come first next time! Well done to all of you.

Year 4, 5 and 6 – Sports Hall Athletics Final
Congratulations also to all those children who took part in this event. With a superb team effort, Hatherop received Bronze overall, which is a considerable achievement since we were one of the smallest schools competing. Many of the children individually picked up 1st and 2nd place too, so well done to everybody. Please look on the school website for photos www.hatherop.gloucs.sch.uk.

Extra snack on Thursdays
Just a reminder again that on swimming Thursdays, lunch is not until 1pm so we would encourage you to **send your child with a piece of fruit and a cereal bar** to eat at playtime. **Please note** that on all other days, children are either offered fruit (in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or can bring fruit in to eat at break time at school. Please do not send your child in with a cereal or snack bar.

Netball at ASC on Mondays in Term 4
Verity Gardiner, one of our Governors, has kindly offered to run a netball club on Mondays as part of After School Club provision starting after half term. This would be suitable for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children and it

would be helpful to know who might like to come to this. It would be from 3 – 4 pm on Mondays during Term 4. If your child is interested please could you let Mrs MacKenzie know.

Drop off and Pick Up

Just a reminder to keep the area outside the main gate clear during these times and to supervise your children if you use the entrance through the school car park. Also, please do not park on or near the farm entrance since farm vehicles and trucks use this access continually and the farmer has asked us to kindly keep this area clear. I appreciate your support at these busy times. The school is also in contact with Gloucestershire Highways to try to improve the safety around the school for your children.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Burton
Head Teacher

Diary Dates for Term 3 – Theme of the term is Let Me Entertain You

Thursday 25th January	Swimming (3) Runner Beans 3-4 pm
Tuesday 30th January	Lizzie's Choir 3-4 pm
Wednesday 31st January	Life Education Bus
Thursday 1st February	Swimming (4) Runner Beans 3-4 pm
Monday 5th February	Kitchen Club Community Tea Workshop
Tuesday 6th February	Lizzie's Choir 3-4 pm
Thursday 8th February	Last Swimming (5) Runner Beans 3-4 pm
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3

Diary Dates for Term 4 – Theme of the term is Take One Author

Monday 19th February	Term 4 Starts
Tuesday 20th February	Class 2 trip to the Corinium Museum
Wednesday 21st February	Wildlife Quiz at Bibury 1.30 pm
Thursday 22nd February	Cross Country at Deer Park School
Monday 26th February	Cross Country at Farmors School
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day – Dress up as a Book Character Cross Country at Kingshill School
Friday 2nd March	PTA Film Night
Monday 5th March	Bikeability Week for Year 5s
Thursday 15th March	Parents Evening 3.30 pm – 8 pm
Friday 16th March	Big Bang Science trip for Yr 3, 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 20th March	Author Day at School
Friday 23rd March	Able Writers Day at Chesterton
Monday 26th March	Class 1 trip to Lea Wood 9 am – 11.30 am
Thursday 29th March	Easter Service at 10 am End of Term 4