



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 24 May 2024

### Calendar of Events

**Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May - Half Term**

**Mon 3rd June - Start of Pupil Term**

**Tues 4th June - St Crispin's Athletics Event - 9.15am**

**Wed 5th June - Happy Bag Collection (please bring your filled bags in the morning).**

**Thurs 6th June - Yrs 5 & 6 School Games Cricket Competition - 9am**

**Fri 7th June - PA Krispy Kreme Doughnut sale - 3.15pm**

### Reminders/Notices

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**Year 1 - Milestones Trip:**

**Please complete the online ParentMail Form by 14th June.**

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Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates



Attendance this year: 94.7%



### Year 6 PGL

This week, many of our Year 6 pupils attended a week long residential at Liddington, taking part in a range of team building and outdoor pursuits activities. All children had a marvellous time and, as expected, all represented Keep Hatch in such a way that makes me and the staff team very proud. The children were respectful and supportive of each other, and showed great resilience throughout the trip. I hope they all have some memories that will last a lifetime and enjoy sharing the experiences with family and friends over the coming weeks. A big thank you to all of the staff who gave up their own time to accompany the children on the residential. The children who remained at Keep Hatch had a fun-filled week with many activities including art projects, physical games, board and team games, cooking, and a Wokingham trip to Elms Field and Joy Café and assisting in a younger class for one afternoon! I hope everyone enjoys a good sleep tonight and a very well-deserved rest over half term!

### Year 3 and 4 Tennis School Games

After school on Tuesday, a group of eight Year 3 and 4 children took part in a School Games Tennis competition. The children competed in multiple matches against other schools in order to earn points for the team. They were beautifully behaved, showed excellent skill and had brilliant sportsmanship with their opponents. We are delighted to announce that they won, and are now through to the finals next month! Go Team Keep Hatch!

### Swimming Reminders

We are very excited to commence swimming lessons for all children after half term. Please be reminded of the following swimming kit:

Swimming costume (no bikinis)/ swimming trunks (no loose, Bermuda-style swimming shorts please)

Towel

Swimming hat

Crocs/ flip flops (to wear from the changing room to the poolside)

**No jewellery will be allowed to be worn in the pool. Please remove children's earrings in the morning.**

Children from Year 2 upwards are now permitted to wear goggles for their school swimming lessons, if they wish to, as long as:

Your child can put them on and take them off totally independently, safely and without adult support (adults will not be able to adjust fitting or positioning)

Goggles must be labelled in a waterproof pen

Goggles cannot be shared between children

**NB** If goggles are causing any child discomfort or difficulties during a lesson, the teacher will ask for them to be taken off for the remainder of the lesson.

### Thank you

I would like to express a big thank you to our parent community for the donations already made towards our school fundraiser for The Duchess of Kent Hospice in memory of Miss Mullar. Your generosity is really appreciated ([link to Just Giving](#)).

### School Uniform Reminder

School uniform and smart appearance play a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and setting of high standards for all. At Keep Hatch we feel that smart uniform instils pride and supports positive behaviour. Please could all families be reminded that correct, smart uniform is expected of all pupils in school at all times. Children should only be wearing red school jumpers - not hoodies - and correct school shoes are expected. Trainers are permitted for PE days only. Please refrain from sending children into school wearing jewellery (stud earrings are allowed) and long hair should be tied back with a **small** hair band. Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

### Hatchercise

We have had a very busy half term of Hatchercise as we are nearly finished with our Walk to Paris- just one more half term until we arrive! Well done to Cedar and Laurel who have earned their Bronze Award for 25 Hatchercise sessions. Another well done to Puffins, Sparrows, Skylarks and Kingfishers classes for earning their Silver Award for a huge 50 Hatchercise sessions this year! With one more half term left, we look forward to seeing who will end the year with more Hatchercise certificates, and hopefully we will make it to Paris!

### Happy Half Term

Wishing all our children and families a relaxing, restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd June.

### Windsor Castle Trip

Today, Year 2 went on their school trip to Windsor Castle. They had a fantastic time watching the changing of the guards, exploring St George's chapel and walking through the state apartments. Thank you to all the volunteers who offered to accompany the children.

### Walk to School Week

The final figures have been counted and congratulations to Skylarks who were the winning class, closely followed by Laurel and Hazel. Well done to everyone who walked!

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<b>Puffins</b>	Sofia for always working hard and for being a sensible Puffin. Lennon for being a Superstar during his time at Keep Hatch.
<b>Sparrows</b>	AJ for always trying his best in everything that he does.
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Anne for great phonics work. Yousef for working especially hard writing a book about whales.
<b>Robins</b>	Jayson for super independent writing.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Mason, Georgia, Emilia and Harry for great progress in phonics, especially with improving speedy reading. Well done all!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Brahmleen, for her enthusiasm about all our learning, particularly history! Well done Brahmleen!
<b>Cedar</b>	Elva for writing a brilliant story about Ancient Egypt in English.
<b>Rowan</b>	Bess and Izzy for their brilliant effort and focus in all lessons this week. Well done for showing such excellent behaviour and learning- keep it up!
<b>Hazel</b>	Harry for being really helpful with the laptop, for getting on with his work and being very polite while the teacher has been away. Saifan for his excellent work in English and Geography – Persuasion Text.
<b>Sycamore</b>	Bella for working really hard in many areas of the curriculum this week with a beaming smile! Max for working incredibly hard on his writing this week – well done!
<b>Laurel</b>	Flo and Yee-Huen for always working hard in all areas of their learning. Well done!
<b>Maple</b>	Janeya for lovely handwriting in English and for always working hard in all subjects. Well done!
<b>Mulberry</b>	Away on PGL Residential.
<b>Oak</b>	Away on PGL Residential.
<b>Willow</b>	Away on PGL Residential.
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Patricia, Bella, Yunus, Amelia, Hamiz, Devansh, Lukas and Sophia for being such responsible and positive Year 6 children this week at 'Camp Keep Hatch'!



### This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Kingfishers - Joseph Skylarks - Harry	Cedar - Elva Rowan - Kyle	Hazel - Olly Sycamore - Lucas G	Laurel - Arthur Maple - Lacie-Ann	



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