



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 13 January 2023

### Calendar of Events

Thurs 19th Jan

Census Day

Fri 20th

Young Voices Choir Event –  
O2

Thur 26th Jan

YR - Vision Screening

### Reminders/ Notices

**Special Events  
Calendar:** please  
see attached.

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### Year 3 Marwell

**Zoo:** Please  
complete the  
online ParentMail  
Form and make  
payment of £20.85  
via ParentPay.

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### Welcome to New Starters

A very warm welcome to Runako who started in started in Skylarks class last week, she has settled in well and has made lots of friends.

### Eco Team Meeting

This week I was delighted to be invited to the Eco Team Ambassadors team meeting . This team of Year 6 children have been working very hard planning a school project and presented this to me with such confidence, thoughtful planning and even some great ideas for funding. I was amazed by the children's maturity towards this project and the team work they demonstrated. This exciting project will be shared with the wider community in the next few weeks.... Watch this space!

### Bursar Vacancy

At the end of this half term, we will be sad to be saying farewell to Ms Napier our school Bursar. The team at Keep Hatch would all like to thank Ms Napier for her contribution to the school and wish her every success for her future.

We will be advertising for this position in the vacancy section on the school website.

### Early Years Foundation Stage Teaching Assistant Maternity Cover

Congratulations to Mrs Kenny who is going to be leaving Keep Hatch early in March to have a baby! Therefore we are advertising for a maternity cover Teaching Assistant position to cover Mrs Kenny's role until the end of the academic year. Please see details on our school website (link below) for more details on this vacancy.

**Details of both of the posts above are available on our school website:**  
<https://www.Keephatch.wokingham.sch.uk/school-info/staff-vacancies/>

### Vacancies at Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids have an ongoing need to recruit enthusiastic individuals to join their Holiday Camp teams. Supervisor, Playworker and Sports Coach roles are available across Berkshire for February Half Term and beyond.

Working with Funtastic Kids is an enjoyable and rewarding way to earn additional income, and would particularly suit school staff or people with previous childcare experience.

More information and application forms can be found here: <https://funtastickids.co.uk/vacancies/>

### Child Safety and the 'Metaverse'

We would like to signpost all parents to [an article](#) and linked information published by the NSPCC regarding VR headsets. Now that these can be more easily purchased for home use, the VR headsets and their powerful technology are more accessible to children. The NSPCC and schools want to help parents and carers to keep children and young people safe in these more unregulated online spaces. Please do also read [the linked guide](#) on this topic which can also be found within the article.

### Census Day

Census Day on Thursday 19th January is an important day in the school calendar in that it gives a snapshot of information about the school which is submitted to Wokingham Borough Council. We would like to encourage all children to have a school dinner as this impacts the school funding that we receive and so we will be swapping Thursday 19th and Friday 20th January around.

#### Thursday 19th January

Fish Fingers with Chips  
Cheese Omelette with Chips (V)  
Baked Beans or Peas  
Vanilla Shortbread

#### Friday 20th January

Beef Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges  
Vegan Burger with Toppings and Potato Wedges  
Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers  
Seasonal Cake

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### Celebration Assembly Special Mentions

<b>Blackbirds</b>	George for working so hard in every lesson and for his participation during talk partner time.
<b>Robins</b>	Aaliyah for growing in confidence and contributing lots of ideas during talk partner time.
<b>Skylarks</b>	Matilda and Runako for settling in so well to Keep Hatch school.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Reuben for trying his best in his learning and engaging so well in our healthy eating project this week.
<b>Cedar</b>	Charlie R for his enthusiasm and engagement in our new Rivers topic this week. The Water Cycle knowledge he shared with the class was brilliant.
<b>Rowan</b>	Tsveti for making some excellent learning choices this week - I am very impressed! Sharon for a lovely piece of writing in English. Her explanation text is superb!
<b>Hazel</b>	Esmee and Hamnah, for their great effort, engagement and participation in English writing lesson. Well done both of you!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Joe for developing some amazing metaphors and pieces of personification in his writing lesson this week.
<b>Laurel</b>	Khole and Crista for always being ready to listen and learn.
<b>Maple</b>	Sophia for reading aloud in class this week and sharing her ideas in group work. Fantastic work Sophia!
<b>Elm</b>	Rehan S and Hamiz for persevering in Maths, especially when finding multiplying 4 -digit by 2- digit numbers challenging.
<b>Willow</b>	Polina and Tiffany for collaborative, careful work in science
<b>Mulberry</b>	Ella for always giving thoughtful, detailed contributions in class and for producing some language rich writing this week. Kara for excellent demonstrations in gymnastics.
<b>Oak</b>	Lacey for some amazing writing using wonderful high-level vocabulary AND some really logical thinking in maths.
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Owen J (Y5) for consistently demonstrating polite manners.

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



Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
	Charlie - Hazel Tom - Sycamore	Harvey - Elm Nathan - Maple Caiden - Laurel	

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