



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 21 October 2022

Calendar of Events

Half Term
24th October - 28th October

INSET DAY - Monday 31st October (School closed)

Tue 8th / Wed 9th
Parents Evenings on Teams

Tues 15th/ Thurs 17th Open Classrooms

Mon 14th Nov
Odd Socks Day to launch Anti Bullying Week

Fri 18th Nov BBC Children in Need

Reminders/ Notices

FLU IMMUNISATIONS:
Please complete the online consent form before **7th November**.

YOUNG VOICES REMINDERS:
Audience Tickets – return order form and payment by Nov 4th

Parent Coach – complete Parentmail 'Form' by Nov 4th

Pupil Coach - £19.35 payment due Dec 9th

TERM DATES 2023-2024:

Please see attached

AUTUMN TERM DATES:

Please see attached

Attendance

Whole school attendance this term: 96.1%

An amazing 285 pupils have had 100% attendance this year and 299 pupils have attendance of above 97%! This is wonderful - well done



Please follow Keep Hatch Primary School on Facebook for regular updates.

Invisible Disabilities Week

This week started with an assembly from Mrs Caird and Mrs Cartwright about invisible disabilities. Some of the disabilities discussed included: ADHD, autism, hearing/ visual impairments, dyslexia, dyspraxia, sensory processing difficulties and many more. The children learnt a bit about these different disabilities and awareness was raised. The children discussed ways in which they could support others who have these additional needs, and as always, impressed all their teachers with such thoughtful answers. A special thank you to Mrs Caird for sharing her expert knowledge, and to Ava in Year 3 who stood up and spoke to the whole of Key Stage 2 with such confidence, and shared a favourite book of hers 'Herb - The Star Who Twinkled Differently' by G. L. Stone, and Liam in Year 2 who spoke to KS1. What a fabulous start to our week!

Harvest Assembly

We were lucky enough this week to have another special assembly to celebrate Harvest. In the past this has been held at All Saints Church which was not possible this year; however, the children still enjoyed an in-house assembly with a visit from Reverend Becky who shared a harvest story. The children raised the roof with their fabulous singing of some of our favourite harvest songs. Thank you again to all families who have donated food for the local food bank.

Y2 Walk to Wokingham

This week, Year 2 have been out and about exploring the local area. They were looking for Tudor houses to follow-up on their comparative history work around the Great Fire of London topic. All children enjoyed seeing the features they have been learning about including: wooden beams, thatched or tiled roofs, jetties and small windows. While walking, the children could really see how housing has changed over time. Thank you to the Y2 team and helping parents who planned the outing and accompanied the children on the walk.

Birds of Prey

Our Year 6 pupils were lucky enough to have a visit from Berkshire Birds of Prey to support their Science learning on adaptations. Thank you so much to Mrs Parker for organising such a wonderful experience for our children. Please take a look on our school Facebook page for photos of the beautiful birds.

Football

After school on Tuesday Keep Hatch played a football match against Hawthorns school. The game was well fought with some excellent skills shown by both teams. However, the confidence, determination and team work resulted in a 7 – 0 win for Keep Hatch. Well done boys!

Y5 Trip to Ufton Court

Year 5 had a wonderful time yesterday at Ufton Court learning more about the Anglo-Saxons. The children tried their hand at some Anglo-Saxon skills such as creating fences from bamboo, making wool using basic spindle techniques and creating sparks for a fire using flint and steel. In addition to this, the children played some Anglo-Saxon games, explored some artefacts and acted out the story of Beowulf. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their day and were very good ambassadors for the school. Well done Year 5.

Show Racism the Red Card

Thank you to all children and families for helping us support this charity today by wearing additional red clothes for the day. The children have been learning about what racism means and how we can all help to put a stop to it.

Anti-Bullying Week

During the week commencing 14th November, as a school we will be supporting 'Anti-bullying Week' and this year it has the theme of 'Reach Out.' We will begin our week with an 'odd socks day' on the Monday, to celebrate anti-bullying in a positive way and to help raise awareness.

Parents Evenings & Open Classrooms

All links to online parents evenings were sent out earlier this week—please do sign up for a 10 minute slot on Teams to talk with your child's class teacher. Following these meetings, on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th November, we will be holding 'Open Classrooms' again for parents/ carers/ family members to come into school to have a look at the children's work in their books and on display in their classrooms. Please come along to one of the two possible sessions.

Wokingham History Event

On Tuesday 25th October, Wokingham will be celebrating some local history with some fun children's craft activities in the Town Hall. Children can learn about local industries such as brick making and bell foundries and get crafty making, amongst other things, their own mini -Wokingham brick!

Thank you to our Parents Association

Last week our PA held their annual AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to our chair from last year - Stephanie Coombes - and all other members of the committee who raised so much money for our school.

I'd like to welcome Phil Wallbridge in his new role as PA chair and Kate Wallbridge in her role as secretary. We look forward to events already being planned for this academic year.

Half Term

Wishing all our children and families a restful half term break. Please be reminded that the first day back—Mon 31st October - is an INSET day and school will be closed to all pupils. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 1st November**.



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Celebration Assembly Special Mentions

Blackbirds	Amelia for her independent writing this week. What a super star!
Robins	Ella for being a lovely member of the class who always tries her best, has super manners and a fabulous smile!
Skylarks	Albie for his fantastic learning in Maths this week.
Kingfishers	Molly F for her perseverance in Maths.
Cedar	Leanne for her perseverance in her writing of her portal story, particularly with her editing. Well done, Leanne! Heidi for demonstrating the Keep Hatch Values of confidence and resilience this week.
Rowan	Freya for completing some fabulous extra English work at home, to help with the writing of her portal story. Hazel for producing an excellent E3 response for her portal story writing. Super description! Sharon for completing some extra Science work at home after our edible soil lesson at the start of the week- fabulous effort!
Hazel	Arthur, Joanna and Yee Huen, for their positive learning behaviour, excellent effort in every lesson throughout this term and writing an amazing story. Well done!
Sycamore	Rebecca for being an 'always' child: she is always supporting her peers, always ready to learn and always works hard in all areas of the curriculum.
Laurel	Yr 5 for being such great ambassadors on their school trip to Ufton Court, and for demonstrating a positive approach towards their learning. Well done! We hope you all had fun.
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Willow	Emma for displaying all the Keep Hatch values – someone who enjoys learning and has a positive mindset. A particular well done for being brave yesterday. (Emma knows why) .
Mulberry	Aanya and George for super application to all activities- showing excellent learning behaviours and being team players in class. Well done.
Oak	Chloe for some beautifully descriptive writing and for being an always child, a pleasure to have in the class.
Headteacher's Award	Ava Y3 and Liam Y2 for talking with such confidence and clarity in the KS2 Invisible Disabilities Assembly this week. Eleanor - Y3 for learning extra French at home and sharing in school.



This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Max- Cedar Reuben—Rowan	Charlie - Hazel Angel Mia - Sycamore	Nathan - Maple Mia - Elm Benjamin - Laurel	Sushruth - Oak Chloe – Willow Arin - Mulberry

Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole