



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 16 September 2022

Calendar of Events

21st Sept - National Fitness Day (children to come dressed in PE kits all day)

w/c 26th Sept—Yr 6 day trip/ residential to Oakwood

27th Sept—Happy Bag collection (please drop off bags before 9:15am)

30th Sept - Non-uniform day for WADE

3rd October—Nearly New Uniform Sale (after school)

Reminders/ Notices

Parentmail Recipients

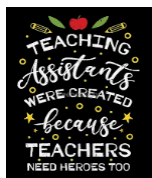
New Parents & Carers— Parentmail is only set up for the first parent detailed on the registration form unless you request otherwise. Please let the office know if you would like an additional parent to be added to Parentmail.



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

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As previously communicated, Monday 19th September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral, will be a national Bank Holiday and Keep Hatch will be observing this as well as all educational establishments. This will allow individuals to pay their respect to Her Majesty and commemorate her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning. Post 19th September, as a school we will be thinking about commemorative activities to take forward and how the school will mark her passing.



National Teaching Assistants Day

Today we celebrated National Teaching Assistants Day! We are so lucky at Keep Hatch to have such a committed, supportive and caring team of Teaching Assistants who are incredibly valued members of our team. I cannot thank them enough for their hard work and dedication given to meet the needs of our children and support the teachers and other staff in their roles.

Meet the Teacher

It was fabulous to see so many families in school this week meeting their children's new teachers. We hope you enjoyed this opportunity and we look forward to planning some 'open classroom' events in the near future which will enable you to see some more of your children's work in their books and on display in their classrooms.

Attendance

Thank you to all families for your commitment to ensuring children arrive school punctually so they can begin their learning on time and no valuable time is missed. We are continuing to monitor children's attendance and punctuality to work towards our target of 97%.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for support staff: Classroom Teaching Assistant; 1:1 Teaching Assistants and Lunchtime Controllers. Please take a look on our website for more details should you be interested in applying: <https://www.Keephatch.wokingham.sch.uk/school-info/staff-vacancies/>

Parking on Site

This is a really important reminder to ALL parents and carers that **no cars are permitted to drive onto—or park on—the school site between 8:00am and 5:15pm at all** except in the following circumstances:

- You have been called by the school office to collect a sick child
- You are dropping off a child to Funtastic Kids between 7:30-8:00am or you are collecting a child from Funtastic Kids after 5:15pm
- You are one of a small number of parents who have been given permission from the school office and are displaying a sign in your car window to show that you have permission to park on-site for personal/ specific reasons

Since extra-curricular clubs after school started back this week we have noticed a large number of parents driving/ parking on-site to collect their child at 4:30pm. This must not continue from next week as the risk of an accident occurring is too high and greatly outweighs the inconvenience to parents and carers. At 4:30pm there are so many children, families and staff leaving the school site, so we kindly request that you find an alternative place to park off-site. We would like to acknowledge that the vast majority of our parents abide by these rules and support us in our decision to put safety above convenience and we thank you for that.

On a related note, please can we ask parents to closely supervise their younger children when they exit the green gates—especially if on wheeled vehicles—so that their personal safety is absolutely secure.

Finally, please can we remind and encourage parents to use the school path and to refrain from walking in the school driveway which is, effectively, a road. It is important that we all instil good road safety messages to our children from an early age and it is important that we, as adults, lead by example.

Times Table Rock Stars

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables! Every child has their own login which can be obtained from their class teacher. When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication facts up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds! It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of daily practise are more effective than spending hours once a week. So to help drive this goal we are on the search for our top TTRockstars. Every week, Years 2-6 will be naming their top rock stars on the school newsletter. Keep an eye out and keep rocking!!

Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



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Celebration Assembly Special Mentions

Blackbirds	Albie and Grace for working so hard at being resilient this week.
Robins	Molly for being an excellent role model and always making the correct choices.
Skylarks	Rehan for showing respect and kindness to others and always trying his best, no matter what the task.
Kingfishers	Molly B for consistently demonstrating the value of independence and generally being a fantastic role model in the classroom. Well done Molly!
Cedar	Harry for always being ready to learn and consistently contributing his fantastic ideas to class discussions.
Rowan	Aston for settling in really well to Year 3, and completing some excellent Maths and Writing tasks. Olly T for including some super vocabulary in his Let's Get Writing piece—incredible!
Hazel	Mitchell and Fraser for their excellent learning behaviour and trying really hard in every lesson. Great effort—well done!
Sycamore	Jolie for trying really hard with her English speaking this week—her confidence has really improved. Well done!
Laurel	Crista for excellent efforts in writing this week and for always smiling. Well done!
Maple	Erin for showing resilience this week when things got tricky.
Elm	Sam S for challenging himself further in his writing and being willing to share his ideas with the rest of the class. Excellent work Sam!
Willow	Ethan for being really enthusiastic, helpful and for always having a beaming smile!
Mulberry	Jaydon, Matthew and CK for some wonderful writing this week and a fantastic attitude to learning. We have all noticed. Well done!
Oak	Lacey S for always being ready to learn and trying her hardest across the whole curriculum.
Headteacher's Award	Lorena (Yr 6) for her sunny personality, politeness, respect to adults and beautiful smile that makes everyone around her smile. She has really stood out since she has arrived as such a lovely girl and a real pleasure to be around. Rebecca (Yr 4) for being such an amazing friend.



This week's top Times Table Rock Stars are:

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jonah	Ethan	Selena	Mason	Logan