



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 9 September 2022

Calendar of Events

12th September - Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00

14th September - School Photographer - Individuals

15th September - School Photographer - Siblings

15th September - Meet the Teacher 3:30-4:00

16th September - House T shirt sale - 3pm (outside the music suite - opposite the Foundation entrance)

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

30th Sept - Non-uniform day for WADE

Reminders/ Notices

Book Sale

On Monday and Thursday after school, when we are inviting parents into classrooms to meet the teachers and see your child/ren's classrooms, we will also be holding a book sale on tables outside the school office where we will be inviting you to select and take home as many pre-loved books as you wish for a donation of your choice. Any money raised will then be used to buy brand new books for our reading areas.



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

Welcome Back

We are at the end of the first full week and it has been remarkable how quickly the children have settled back into school and welcomed new friends to our school community. I am very proud of them all. Thank you to parents and carers for your patience this week whilst we have been fine tuning some of our systems and processes within the school to ensure it runs as smoothly as possible for all children and families.

The Queen

It was with great sadness that we were all told about the Queen's death yesterday. Our children will all have spent some time today reflecting upon as well as celebrating her long and colourful reign as our monarch, as well as thinking about the fact that our country now has a new King: King Charles the Third. Our thoughts, as we are sure many of yours are too, are with the Queen's family and friends at this time.

Update

We are delighted to welcome some new staff to our team this academic year. As well as new staff, we have some of our existing staff who have taken on new roles this year. Mrs Wesley now forms a part of the Senior Leadership Team in her role as Assistant Headteacher in addition to her role of Upper Key Stage 2 Leader and Class Teacher. Miss Jervis has taken on the role of Lead Practitioner in addition to her current role of Lower Key Stage 2 Leader and Class Teacher.

Attendance and Punctuality

I am very proud to say that at Keep Hatch, our children's attendance and punctuality has always been very good. The government places a legal duty on parents and carers to ensure that their child receives a full-time education that meets their needs. It is therefore essential that your child attends every day, unless they are unwell. It is also crucial to your child's learning that they are here on time in the morning; this sets them up well for the day and instils good habits for the future. Please be aware that the school doors close at 8:50am sharp and any child arriving after this time will have to enter school via the main office. Great attendance is undoubtedly one of the easiest ways to give your child every chance of success and, as a school, we will do all we can to secure attendance rates that allows that to be the case. Please feel free to speak to Mrs Leek - our Family Support Worker and Attendance Officer - if you have any concerns around your child's attendance as we will do our very best to support you and work towards achieving our whole school target for attendance which is 97%.

Farewell to Mrs Jalisi

At the end of next week we will sadly be saying farewell to one of our fabulous teaching assistants, Mrs Jalisi. Mrs Jalisi and her family have been a part of Keep Hatch for many years and she will be greatly missed. I would like to thank Mrs Jalisi for her hard work, commitment and contribution to many children's education at Keep Hatch over the years and wish her the very best of luck for her future.

Funds raised for Keep Hatch

I would like to say a big thank you and well done to Edward in Year 4 who took some time out of his summer holidays to hold a 'lemonade and cookies' stall to raise money for our school. He managed to raise an amazing £62 for Keep Hatch that we will be using to buy some new books for Year 4. Thank you so much, Edward, for your hard work and kind gesture.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for support staff: Classroom Teaching Assistant; 1:1 Teaching Assistants and a Lunchtime Controller. 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/>

School Photographer - Wednesday & Thursday

On Wednesday all pupils will be photographed by the school photographer. Keep Hatch brothers and sisters will be photographed together as well as individual photos. Sibling photographs will be taken on Thursday. Parents will receive a proof copy and will be able to order prints in a variety of sizes. Your child will need his/her school sweatshirt or cardigan on that day and we ask that hair be tied back neatly. (Please see attached letter from Simply Portraits). If your child has PE on either Wednesday or Thursday next week, please send them in to school in their uniform and not their PE kit. Thank you.

Nut-Free School

May we take this opportunity to remind you all that we have several children and a couple of members of staff in school who have SEVERE ALLERGIES to NUTS. Any contamination from products containing nuts – and that includes nuts of any kind, as well as products such as Nutella which contain nuts – will have serious consequences for them and could be life-threatening. Contamination could come from products in another child's lunch box or even by touching the hand of someone who has eaten foods with a nut content. Thank you for your understanding.

Headteacher Mrs C Appleby

Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



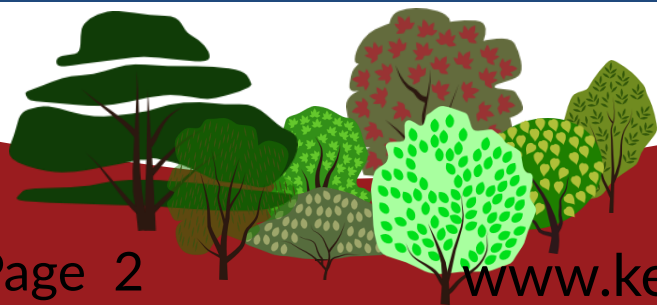
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Celebration Assembly Special Mentions

Blackbirds	Lola for demonstrating fantastic perseverance in maths this week.
Robins	Noah W for participating enthusiastically in PE and for helping a friend join in the lesson.
Skylarks	Poppy for a great first week at Keep Hatch. Well done for settling in so well Poppy!
Kingfishers	To the whole class for making a fantastic start to Y2! Well done Kingfishers!
Cedar	Charlie P for always being ready to listen and learn, and for making thoughtful comments in class discussions.
Rowan	Ava C for always being ready to learn and showing excellent responsibility towards her work. Joe for his really thoughtful contributions in all subjects.
Hazel	The whole of Hazel class for showing incredible resilience, getting into the routine and settling in their new class very well. Well done Hazel!
Sycamore	Emmie and Lacie for settling into Year 4 really well! They have been listening beautifully, always ready to learn and have worked incredibly hard! Well done!
Laurel	Navika and Ben for settling in well this week, and for making a great start to their time at Keep Hatch.
Maple	Owen, for his amazing contributions and hard work all week.
Elm	Great work from Hira, Joseph and Lois, not only have they been working hard in class but settled in well with new routines.
Willow	Well done to all the new starters this week but in particular Tyron for a very high standard of work to start year 6
Mulberry	Tymek for being an incredible support to the teachers and new members of the class when translating English into Polish. Thank you Tymek 😊
Oak	Bella for great editing of English work, she really listened and responded to feedback incredibly well.
Headteacher's Award	A huge well done to all our new children who have settled in so positively this week. It is wonderful to welcome you to our school.



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