



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 23 February 2024

### Calendar of Events

27th Feb - Yr 5 - St Crispin's - Andrew Jeffrey Mathemagician

29th Feb - Cross Country Competition - Cantley Park - 12.30pm

1st March - Year 2 Sharing Assembly - 9.15am

5th March - Happy Bag collection (AM)

5th March - Mother's Day Gifts (bring £3 in a purse or named envelope)

5th March - Yr 5 Sharing Assembly 2.45pm in the main hall

6th March - WASMA Solo rehearsals 3.30 - 5.00pm

7th March - World Book Day

### Reminders/Notices

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Year 6 - PGL Residential:

Please make sure that all payments to date have been made - next payment due 28th February.

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Year 6 - Leavers Hoodies:

Please complete the online ParentMail form by 1pm on Wednesday 28th February.

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Netball Flyer:

Please see attached flyer.

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Caterlink:

Please see attached flyer.

Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates



Attendance this year: 94.9%



### Get Ready for World Book Day on March 7th!

We are excited to announce that this year's World Book Day celebration is just around the corner, taking place on March 7th. This annual event is a fantastic opportunity for our children to celebrate the joy of reading and immerse themselves in the wonderful world of books.

Our theme for this year's World Book Day is "Cosy or Costume," giving children the option to come dressed as their favourite book character or in their comfy pyjamas. We encourage children to bring along the book that their chosen character appears in or their favourite bedtime read, creating an opportunity for them to share and discuss their love for books with their class. (Please do make sure any books brought in are named!)

The day will be filled with exciting activities and opportunities for our children to engage with books in various ways. We'll be sharing more information about these activities and competitions soon.

### Parents' Evening Appointments

Parents' Evening appointments will go live next week and we will make sure to let you know when you are able to sign up. We are going to be taking the same approach for our upcoming Parents' Evening as we did previously. This format proved to be highly effective and provided valuable opportunities for meaningful, face to face interactions between teachers and families. During Parents' Evening, each parent will have an 8-minute appointment with their child's class teacher to allow for a 2 minute changeover and ensure meetings run to time. The discussions will focus on your child's progress and achievements, and any areas for development. Before or after your appointment, there will also be an opportunity for you to walk around the classrooms, gaining insight into the learning environment and experiencing your children's wonderful work! We look forward to welcoming you into school on Mon 18th or Wed 20th March.

### Ufton Court

"Odin!" This Tuesday, Year 5's trip to Ufton Court started their exciting History unit of The Vikings. The children had a fantastic time learning about how widely the Vikings travelled, explored and traded. In role, the children rowed in a longboat and went on a raid for treasure. They also learnt about, and practised, key battle skills and intimidation tactics, using swords, shields and axes – all in slow motion of course!

In addition to this, the children learnt about life on a Viking farm and the key skills that were needed to enable people to be self-sufficient and trade with others. They tried their hand at 'milking' cows, grinding grain (this was a tough job!), creating a fence using wattle, carding, spinning and creating a spark (for a fire) from flint and steel.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable and informative day, led by two very knowledgeable guides, Grace and Giles. Thank you Ufton Court! Photos of the day will be on the website soon.

### Athlete Visit

We are very excited to announce that we have a Paralympic athlete from Sports For Schools coming to visit the school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February. Kylie Grimes MBE, is a GB wheelchair rugby player, and will be leading active circuits for each class to participate in, as well as a whole school assembly. **Please send your child to school in their PE kit on the day.** For more information about her, you can visit the school website .

### Run to Paris 2024

As a school, we are aiming to run the distance from Wokingham to Paris to celebrate the 2024 Olympic Games! This means we need to complete 17 miles each week, with each class running a mile every week. This may be split over the 5 days, or done as one big run! This will run alongside our 'Hatchercise' to help keep everyone engaged in activity during the lead up to the Olympics!

### Polite Parking Request

We have had a request from a resident of Budes Road asking Keep Hatch parents not to park in their little car park at drop off and pick up. The sign may be obscured by foliage but it is a 'Residents Only' car park and there is not sufficient parking for the residents as it is. Your kindness and consideration would be much appreciated.

Would you like to become a school governor?

If you, or anybody you might know, may be interested in joining the governing body and believe you have the skills, passion, and commitment to contribute to the continued success of our school, please do get in touch via our governor email address: [clerk@keephatch.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@keephatch.wokingham.sch.uk)

Headteacher Mrs C Appleby

Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



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<b>Puffins</b>	Ash for always being a kind, sensible and hardworking Puffin. A special well done for your hard work in phonics.
<b>Sparrows</b>	Leo for his hard work in phonics this week. Well done Leo!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Lena for using some good adjectives in her writing. Jacob for coming back from half term so sensibly and trying hard with his writing.
<b>Robins</b>	Sebastian for fantastic writing ideas. Louie for super quick mental maths work.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Wilbur for always working hard and trying his best to improve. This week he really impressed me with his deduction and reasoning skills when looking at historical sources. Well done Wilbur!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Sophie, for taking great care over everything she does, including our recent art project! Well done Sophie!
<b>Cedar</b>	Jack W and Brayden for their enthusiasm in learning. Both boys have been keen to share their answers in all subjects. Well done and keep it up!
<b>Rowan</b>	Ksenia for her excellent learning behaviours and focus during all lessons! Charlotte for her brilliant feedback to her partner during PE.
<b>Hazel</b>	Harry and Lucas for being kind and helpful, showing excellent learning behaviour and trying really hard in every lesson. Great effort, well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Jolie and Lexi for working extremely hard in maths! Well done and keep it up!
<b>Laurel</b>	Alyssa for some great contributions during class discussions, and for her effort in writing this week. Well done.
<b>Maple</b>	Joe for sharing his knowledge of Vikings and trying really hard to focus in all lessons.
<b>Mulberry</b>	Josh, for producing some exciting examples of writing recently. Ali, for thoughtful contributions in class, especially RE.
<b>Willow</b>	Jessie for ensuring that she really understands new learning and making sure that all her work is completed even if it means a few minutes in her own time.
<b>Oak</b>	Poppy for always showing effort across all areas of the curriculum.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	Eliza (Y5) for being proactive in seeking out help and feedback from Mrs Cartwright in order to make progress in something—well done!

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



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Cedar - Ila G Rowan - Eunice	Hazel - Aidan Sycamore - Liliana	Laurel - Ashley Maple - Summer	Mulberry - Chloe Oak - Senuth Willow - Jasmine

**Our Rock Stars are selected by the person in each class playing the most number of minutes per week on TTRS! Who will be next week?**



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby  
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole