



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 26 January 2024

### Calendar of Events

**29th Jan - 2nd Feb -**  
Intra House gymnastics

**2nd Feb -** Number Day  
(more details to follow)

### 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 January.

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#### Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £23.36 by Wednesday 31st January.

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#### Year 5 - Ufton Court:

Please complete the online ParentMail Form & make payment of £27.40 by Tuesday 6th February

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#### Funtastic Kids :

February half term camp flyer attached.

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#### Berkshire Maestros:

Newsletter attached.

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Attendance this year:  
94.9%



### Thought for the Week

This week's assembly was centered around the theme: *'It's too hard' is never a valid excuse. Work hard and keep a positive attitude and you can accomplish anything.* As part of our Monday assembly, the children had the opportunity to watch a motivating video featuring the incredible journey of the renowned author, Malorie Blackman. The video highlighted her resilience in the face of numerous rejection letters before achieving success with her many novels. Malorie Blackman's story served as a powerful example of how determination and a positive mindset can turn challenges into triumphs. The children took the opportunity to reflect on their own challenges and discussed the importance of hard work, perseverance, and maintaining a positive attitude.

### Cross Country

The children had a fantastic second cross country competition last Thursday at Braywick. As it was the MOB event it was very busy!

The results are now in:

- Year 3/4 girls all ran amazingly but unfortunately didn't score a team score as we did not have 4 runners. The girls all placed brilliantly though. Well done.
- Year 3/4 boys scored - 15th out of 20 schools
- Year 5/6 girls - 13th out of 20 schools
- Year 5/6 boys - 15th out of 20 schools

We didn't score an overall for this event but we still have Cantley and the relays to go. Well done to the team, and can all look forward to the next competition at Cantley on the 29th February.

### New Starters

A warm welcome to Jack who started this week in Cedar class. He has settled in well.

### Year 5/6 Football Match at Highwood

On Tuesday the 23rd January our team travelled to Highwood Primary School to play the first game in the Spring cup. The children set an excellent example of behaviour around the school and when warming up - Keep Hatch was so well represented. The team showed great determination and spirit to hold onto the lead and managed to finish the game winning 1-0, with Lukas scoring the winning goal! Despite being relatively new as a team, our players showcased a level of cohesion that made it seem as though they've been playing together for ages. This is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the effectiveness of their training. Well done to the whole team. Onto the next round!

### NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 2nd February 2024. NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline - the helpline that's always there for the children and young people whatever their problem or concern. All children are invited to come into school in non-uniform wearing a number as part of their outfit. The more creative the better! Any donation can be brought in by the children and given to the class teacher. Thank you.

### Reminders

As per the communication earlier this week, please could all families be reminded of the below for the well-being and safety of all pupils:

- **Snacks:** All snacks should be healthy such as fruit, vegetables, two plain biscuits, two plain crackers, or dried fruit.
- **Lunchtime food sharing:** There should be no sharing of lunchtime food due to potential allergies and intolerances other children may have.
- **Nut-free policy:** To ensure the safety of all students, all foods brought into school should continue to be nut-free.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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<b>Puffins</b>	Sophie for always being a sensible and hardworking Puffin. Well done Sophie!
<b>Sparrows</b>	Daphne for her hard work and perseverance in Phonics. Well done, Daphne!
<b>Blackbirds</b>	Edith for an amazing sentence using similes and adjectives.
<b>Robins</b>	Ethan H for using fabulous descriptions and vocabulary in his writing this week. Thomas F for working so hard on sentence writing.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Cian and Zoe for their enthusiasm when sharing their Geography learning about oceans. Well done to both of you and keep up the hard work!
<b>Skylarks</b>	Jackson, for working so hard on his maths and reading challenges. Well done Jackson!
<b>Cedar</b>	Jack for settling in so well in his first week at Keep Hatch.
<b>Rowan</b>	Chico for his brilliant behaviour in class and improvement in handwriting - keep it up!
<b>Hazel</b>	Edi and Charlie P for their excellent concentration and work in English, especially when using pathetic fallacy. Well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Tibby for some excellent progress with multiplication methods in maths.
<b>Laurel</b>	Olive for always putting in 100% into her learning. Well done.
<b>Maple</b>	Alex for having an exceptional work ethic and role model learning behaviours. Well done!
<b>Mulberry</b>	Isabella for increased confidence and some lovely writing this week.
<b>Willow</b>	Shree for working hard independently and making good progress.
<b>Oak</b>	Livvy for some amazing artwork and always trying her best in all subjects.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	Eli (Y3) for excellent learning behaviours and great contribution to this week's Monday assembly.



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