



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 12 January 2024

Calendar of Events

Wed 17th Jan - Year 6 - Beat Boxers at St Crispin's - Leaving Keep Hatch at 8.45am

Wed 17th Jan - Year 4 - Beat Boxers at St Crispin's - Leaving Keep Hatch at 12.45pm

Thurs 18th Jan - Census Day

Thurs 18th Jan - Cross Country Comp (MOB event)

Thurs 18th Jan - Young Voices - Choir event - 02

Fri 19th Jan - Happy Bags (please bring your filled happy bags to school)

Reminders/Notices

Year 4 - Winchester Science Centre:

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

Year 5 - Ufton Court:

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

Years 4 & 6 Beat Boxers:

Please complete the ParentMail form by Monday 15th January.

Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates



Attendance this year: 95.2%



Ofsted Report

Thank you to all families for the many messages following the publication of our Ofsted report this week and for your on-going support given to the school. We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the many strengths of Keep Hatch thanks to the collective efforts of our dedicated staff and governors, enthusiastic students, and the support from our parent community.

Thought for the Week

This week's theme has been: *'Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful'*. In our assemblies, all children took a moment to reflect upon their own personal challenges and how they can approach them with a positive, growth mind-set; seeing them as stepping stones to success rather than 'road blocks.' We discussed resilience, strength and capacity for growth, and having a belief in our ability to transform obstacles into achievements. As always, your children made some incredible contributions to our group discussion, sharing their own challenges and how they achieved them.

Year Group Sharing Assemblies

We are looking forward to celebrating the children's learning with you through more sharing assemblies this term. The dates and times have been chosen to align with the children's topic that they would like to share with you as part of their assemblies. Please 'save the date' for our remaining year group assemblies which are all taking place in the spring term. We look forward to welcoming you into school:

- Wed 7th Feb - **EYFS** - 2:45pm
- Fri 1st March - **Year 2** - 9:15am
- Tues 5th March - **Year 5** - 2:45pm
- Tues 12th March - **Year 3** - 2:45pm
- Weds 27th March - **Year 1** - 2:45pm

Please could we kindly ask for a maximum of 2 family members to attend the Year 6 assembly - due to the higher number of children - to allow enough space for all. Thank you.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we monitor children's attendance daily and we appreciate the support received from families who do their very best to ensure their children attend school. Consistent attendance not only contributes to academic success but also fosters a sense of routine, responsibility, and engagement. When children attend school regularly, they build essential social skills, form positive relationships, and develop a strong foundation for future learning. Arriving at school on time, is also integral to the children's learning and routine which contributes to their overall achievement. We do understand that children get unwell and do require some time away from school. Please do refer to this useful guide if you are unsure whether to send your child into school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Thank you for your on-going commitment and support, let's continue to work together to make every school day count!

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Census Day

Census Day on Thursday 18th January is an important day in the school calendar in that it gives a snapshot of information about the school which is submitted to Wokingham Borough Council. We would like to encourage all children to have a school dinner and so we will be swapping Thursday 18th and Friday 19th January menus around.

Thursday 18th January

Fish Fingers with Chips
Cheese Omelette with chips (V)
Vegetables of the day

Friday 19th January

Chicken Korma with Rice
Veggie Meatballs in tomato sauce with rice (V)
Vegetables of the Day

Please find attached to this newsletter the updated Spring Term dates with a couple of events added.

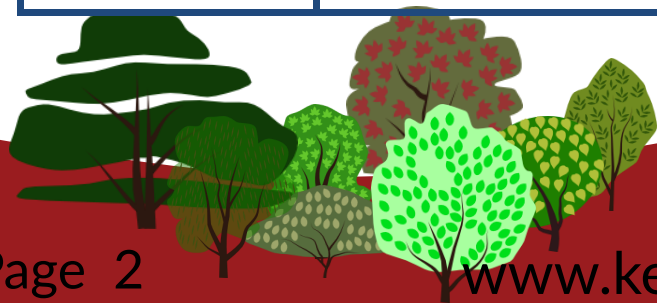


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Puffins	Kaylan for a super start to the new year and making good behaviour choices.
Sparrows	Jesse for always being such a kind, hardworking Sparrow that is always ready to learn.
Blackbirds	Jim for always trying his best in all of his work. Ria for doing some lovely writing this week.
Robins	Kaia for her fantastic letter writing in English. Ella for approaching all of her work with a positive attitude.
Kingfishers	Albie for his super participation when learning about shapes in maths. He can identify shapes and name describe their properties. Well done Albie! Cameron for his excellent progress in phonics! Mrs Wain is super impressed.
Skylarks	Layla, for encouraging others during the intra-house competition and trying her best.
Cedar	Jacob and Sophia for their learning attitude and hard work in class. Both children have made tremendous amount of progress in writing and this term they are trying hard to use new skills taught. Well done and keep it up!
Rowan	Molly F for her brilliant independent work when writing instructions. You have worked hard to include all the features in your writing! Bess for her hard work , beautiful manners and kindness towards friends, she amazes Year 3 adults every day. Well done.
Hazel	Lyla and Tsveti for their positive learning behaviour, trying their best and showing resilience. Well done and keep it up!
Sycamore	Henry for always being ready to learn and for being a respectful learner.
Laurel	Fraser for very focussed work (especially in writing), and for being super helpful.
Maple	Hazel For trying something for the first time and doing really well. Ava for her constant perseverance with maths and always working hard to make sure she really understands different methods.
Mulberry	Harvey, for some lovely writing this week which really shows off a range of Year 6 writing techniques. Ella, for her increased contributions in class demonstrating great understanding.
Willow	Freya for a confident start to the spring term and some great development of ideas in writing this week.
Oak	Sophia for great progress with her writing, not only presentation but content as well.
Headteacher's Awards	Gaby K (Y3) for fantastic progress with her writing. Thank you so much for sharing this amazing success with me! Henry B (Y4) for always making excellent choices in school.



Headteacher Mrs C Appleby
Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole