



# Keep Hatch Primary School



## Headteacher's Newsletter – 8 December 2023

### Calendar of Events

**Mon 11th Dec -**  
Choir singing at  
Westmead

**Tues 12th Dec -**  
Y1/2 Christmas  
Performance 9.30am -  
10.30am in the main hall.

**Tues 12th Dec -**  
Y 6 Bowling Trip

**Wed 13th Dec -**  
Y1/2 Christmas  
Performance 9.30am -  
10.30am in the main hall.

**Fri 15th Dec -** End of Term  
- School closes at 1.30pm.

### Reminders/Notices

Young Voices Pupil Coach:

£23.33 payment now due.  
Deadline – Friday 12<sup>th</sup>  
January.

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Young Voices Parent Coach:

£17.25 payment due by  
Friday 8th December

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Year 6 - PGL:

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

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Year 6 - Bowling:

Please complete the online  
ParentMail Form and make  
payment of £5 via  
ParentPay.

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school updates



Attendance  
this year:  
95.2%



### Christmas Performances

Christmas came alive at Keep Hatch this week! Starting off with the beautiful carol concert at All Saint's Church on Monday evening, featuring our talented Year 5 and 6 children. The festive cheer then continued with two performances from Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday. As always, the children did so well and performed with such confidence, whilst clearly having a wonderful time. Finally, we held our annual Early Years Foundation Stage Christmas Workshop on Thursday morning as each Puffin and Sparrow invited an adult into school for a morning of creative activities. The children's special performance of Christmas songs and a snowflake dance left us all beaming with pride. A special thank you to our families for coming along to support your children with these events. There's more in store next week as we look forward to the Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance, children's Christmas parties, and the traditional 'Big Sing,' before wrapping up the term on Friday with an early finish of 1:30pm. I would like to thank all the staff who work so hard to ensure that the children can look back and remember Christmas in their primary school as a very special time.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Today, all children were invited to wear their choice of festive attire for our annual Christmas Jumper Day, all in support of the local children's charity 'First Days.' The funds raised will contribute to ensuring every child has the essential items they need for a positive start in their early years and at school. We'll update you next week on the generous amount we've raised. I'd like to give a big shout out to the children for their festive spirit and to Mr. Moir, the school kitchen staff and all teachers and teaching assistants for organising a delicious Christmas lunch.

### New Starters

This week we welcomed Thomas who started in Rowan Class and Jessica who started in Puffins. They have both settled in well.

### Nut Free school

A reminder that at Keep Hatch we are a 'Nut Free' school. Please be aware of what snacks you provide your children with, as we have had a couple of crepes/pancakes given as snacks and some of these contain chocolate spread that contains nuts. Thank you for your understanding.

### Farewell to Mrs Richardson

At the end of term, we will be saying a very sad farewell to the absolutely wonderful Early Years Teaching Assistant Mrs Richardson who has been at Keep Hatch for 15 years! Mrs Richardson has supported so many of our youngest pupils when they start at Keep Hatch helping the children settle into school and eventually then to be ready to move onto Year 1. Her care and dedication has been incredible over the years and we wish her all the very best as she starts a new, exciting adventure in another part of the country. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing Mrs Richardson a huge thank you and all the very best for the future.

We will inform Early Years parents next week with an update to staffing in Early Years.

### Funtastic Kids Wraparound Care

As a reminder to parents who have children attending after school club on Wednesday 13th December, Funtastic Kids after school care will end at 5.30pm on this day. On Friday 15th December Funtastic Kids will be operating from 1.30pm - 4.15pm.

### Keeping Children safe online

Please see attached document.

### Free film screening

Please see attached document.

Headteacher Mrs C Appleby

Executive Headteacher Mr C Cole



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<b>Blackbirds</b>	Arlo and Oscar for trying really hard in their work this week and contributing to class discussions.
<b>Robins</b>	Hayden for amazing reading and super participation in phonics.
<b>Kingfishers</b>	Kyla-Rae for always being a kind friend.
<b>Skylarks</b>	Oscar, for lots of improvement in phonics and reading with lots of expression!
<b>Cedar</b>	Liam for his hard work this week as well as his insightful contribution in English! Well done, Liam!
<b>Rowan</b>	Izzy for showing real focus and effort in her work. Well done for asking questions that will further your learning- keep it up!
<b>Hazel</b>	Leo and Georgia for their great effort and concentration in Maths and Geography. Well done!
<b>Sycamore</b>	Joe for being a responsible member of the class and supporting his peers with their learning.
<b>Laurel</b>	Belle – for always putting in her best effort into her learning. Well done!
<b>Maple</b>	Harry for excellent vocabulary choices resulting in a highly entertaining story, for his
<b>Mulberry</b>	Khole, for consistently working hard and making contributions in class.
<b>Willow</b>	Milly for some really clear explanations of her ideas – particularly in Maths and Geography this week.
<b>Oak</b>	Matthew for some very thought provoking and insightful questions for our RE visitor this week.
<b>Headteacher's Awards</b>	Charlotte F (Y4) for being an excellent role model and for always greeting Mrs Appleby with a smile.  Bethany M, Charlotte W, Emily K (Y3) for excellent manners in school.



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