



Keep Hatch Primary School



Headteacher's Newsletter – 1 December 2023

Calendar of Events

Mon 4th Dec -
Y5/6 Carol concert at All Saints Church, children to arrive at 6.15pm for concert to commence at 6.30pm. Parents are invited.

Tues 5th Dec -
Y3/4 Christmas performances - 2pm-3pm or 6pm-7pm in the main hall.

Thurs 7th Dec -
EYFS Christmas Workshop -9am - 10.45

Fri 8th Dec -
Christmas Lunch & Christmas jumper day

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.

Reminders/Notices

Young Voices Pupil Coach:

£23.33 payment now due.
Deadline – Friday 12th January.

Young Voices Parent Coach:

£17.25 payment due by Friday 8th December

Year 6 - PGL:

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

Year 6 - Bowling:

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

Please follow us on Facebook for regular school updates



Attendance
this year:

95.2%



Countdown to Christmas

It has been such a pleasure hearing Christmas carol rehearsals for the last couple of weeks at school. We are all very much looking forward to the children's performances over the next two weeks.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December, children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers - or anything else 'Christmassy' for the day. As per last year, we are going to be fundraising for the local Children's charity First Days. First Days Children's Charity reduces the long term effect of poverty on children by equipping them with the essential items they need for their early years and at school. The charity believe children should be safe in their home and out and about, be confident in school and have fun. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter along with a link to the website which explains how the charity supports families at Christmas time: <https://www.firstdays.net/christmas-2023>. Families are invited to make a donation; however, please do not feel obliged as we understand that this is a very expensive time of year. Any donations are welcomed and appreciated and please remember that no amount is too small. The children will also be enjoying their annual Christmas lunch on this day which is always such a wonderful festive event that is enjoyed by all!

Cross Country Competition

Last week, our fabulous cross country team enjoyed their first competition at Lightwater. Firstly, thank you to all the parents who drove the children to the competition and for supporting them by marshalling and recording the results. It was a beautiful day for a race on a very tricky course. The children all ran brilliantly and encouraged each other. We are placed in 7th place out of the 10 schools in attendance. This is a great place to be and we are very proud of everyone who competed. Well done to all the children for participating, and thank you to Mrs Somerville and Miss Connelly for organising yet another successful event. We look forward to the next competition at Braywick on Thursday 18th January.

Secret Santa

I wanted to express my sincere thanks to our fabulous Parents' Association for organising yet another highly successful Secret Santa event this year. The children really love this event which is obvious from the smiles on their faces as they leave the hall with their wrapped gifts! Thank you for the time and effort put in to make such event so successful and memorable for the children.

Caterlink Debts - Years 3 - 6

Please check your ParentPay account(s) over the weekend and ensure you will not be in debt and that you will have sufficient credit until the end of term as the Caterlink debts need to be zero at the end of the year. Thank you.

Funtastic Holiday Club

Please see attached flyer.

Berkshire Music Trust Newsletter

See attached.

Christmas Post Boxes

From Monday 4th December, there will be a couple of post boxes located around the school.

Children are invited to bring in cards to post to their school friends. Please can parents check that the envelopes show the first name, surname and class to ensure they reach the right child.

Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd Dec from 1:00pm-3:30pm.

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Blackbirds	Yousef and Zwena for working so hard and carefully during our DT day.
Robins	Noemi and Tilly for creating wonderful wooden spoon puppets showing off amazing sewing skills.
Kingfishers	Caius and James for their conscientious approach to reading and maths quizzes this week. Well done for showing perseverance and independence boys!
Skylarks	Lottie, for always seeking a challenge! Well done Lottie!
Cedar	Eric for the progress he has made in his English work. Eric has been working very hard in all his lessons and you can see this through his work. Well done!
Rowan	Ezra for her beautiful manners and kindness on our Geography fieldtrip towards her group. Liam for consistently trying his best in all lessons - your hard work has not gone unnoticed.
Hazel	Charlotte and Sebby for their great effort and understanding in science and maths. Well done!
Sycamore	Sheryl and Laila for always listening, always working hard and always trying their best!
Laurel	Amalie for excellent contributions towards discussions and for efforts in writing. Well done!
Maple	Stephen for his consistent enthusiasm during singing rehearsals.
Mulberry	Rehan, Kaspar, Jerry and Daniel for their enthusiasm in our Christmas rehearsals. So lovely to see.
Willow	Sophia for patience in her artwork leading to a fabulous clay lizard eye.
Oak	Luke for some wonderfully emotive writing recounting The Highwayman poem.
Headteacher's Awards	Bonnie S (Y 3) for being so brave in the mornings.



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