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Newsletter 3

Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safety Message

Please could we remind all parents and carers that you must **remain in the playground** with your child until the whistle blows at 8.55am. Children must not be dropped off and left unsupervised.



School Council

Congratulations go to the newly elected members of our School Council:

- Badgers:** Maysa and Owen
- Squirrels:** Levaeh and Mubarak
- Rabbits:** Afifah and Eden
- Moles:** Raby and Eesa

The School Council meet once a month to discuss issues important to all the children in our school. They represent the pupil voice of our school. Please make sure that your child passes on to their class councillors, any good ideas they may have about ways in which our school can be made even better or any worries they might have and we promise we will do all that we can to help.

Free School Meals

It is really important that **ALL parents/carers** complete this **online application** for each of your children as it may entitle your child to additional Pupil Premium funding. Pupil premium is an allocation of funding which school can use to support your child with their learning and progress. Mrs Phillips will contact you by text with the **web link** if you have not yet completed this online form and will be sending weekly reminders. Please speak to Mrs Phillips in the school office if you are having any difficulties or require any help with this.

Bikes and scooters



It's great to see children walking, cycling and scooting to school. We would like to remind you that for health and safety reasons, **children are not allowed to cycle or scoot across the playground**. Please ensure your child dismounts before they enter the playground in the morning and that they only get back on their bike or scooter once they are back on Hatherley Road or Vicarage Road.

You are welcome to leave your child's scooter or bicycle in the racks provided, but please be aware that you do so at your own risk. We do not recommend you leave bikes or scooters in the racks near the main Hatherley Road entrance unless they are padlocked as the Hatherley Road gate is no longer locked during the day due to the installation of new gates and locks.

Friends of Hatherley - We Need You!

All parents with children at this school are automatically 'Friends of Hatherley'. The 'Friends' contribute greatly to many areas of school life and benefits all the children. Please support us by coming to the next meeting on **Friday 12th October** at 9.00am which will be run by Mrs Sam Buckley (Family Support Worker) to find out about fundraising and events this year, including planning the Christmas Fayre.

Harvest

The children will be thinking about and celebrating harvest on Thursday 18th October. We will be supporting Gloucester Food Bank to help families in need in the local community. We would like all children and staff to bring an item of food for the harvest table, preferably tins and packets of food. The Food Bank also need toiletry items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste etc.



Bring your favourite poem to school

On Thursday 4th October we will be celebrating National Poetry Day and would like children to bring in their favourite poems, rhymes or poetry books to share with their class.



Change of Date

Unfortunately due to staff training, we need to postpone our Literacy open morning scheduled for 11th October. We will let you know once an alternative date has been found.

Reception Reading Workshop Friday 12th October

Please come along at 10.15 am to find out how we teach phonics and how you can support this at home.

You must sign up for these meetings in advance using the slip at the bottom of the letter which we will send out next week.



Jeans for Genes

Pupils and staff wore their jeans to school last Friday and have raised £125 so far for this worthwhile charity. Jeans for Genes raises money for children with genetic disorders, to fund the care and support they need now and the research which could change their futures. It is not too late to make a donation. Please just pop any donations into the office. If you'd like to know more about Jeans for Genes Day, you can visit the charity's website at

www.jeansforgenesday.org

Thank you to everyone!

Hatherley Little Owls Nursery

We currently have some spaces available in Nursery. If you are interested please complete an Application Form available from nursery.

Free Childcare for two year olds:

This funding is not open to every child. To find out if you can be awarded funding contact Gloucestershire Family Information Service on 0800 542 02 02 or 01452 427362 (you will need to provide them with your National Insurance number). Funding usually starts the term after your child's second birthday. We can offer these children 5 X 3 hour afternoon sessions.

Free Childcare for three and four year olds.

Every child is entitled to receive this funding from the term after their third birthday. We can offer these children 5 X 3 hour morning sessions.

Learning gems

As part of our 'successful learners' programme we will again be using 'learning gems' this year. Each gem holds behaviours which we can acquire to become more effective learners. The children will be introduced to a new gem each term.

This term we are developing our 'diamond power'. This is the ability to solve problems for ourselves. The more problems we solve the better we become at our learning, since we do not need to rely on someone else to tell us what to do when we are stuck!



Admission to school in September 2019

If your child is due to start school in September 2019 you should receive paperwork in the post from the Local Authority by mid-November. If you have not received a pack by December, you should contact the school admissions team on:

01452 425407 or email

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Parenting Course

Finlay Children's Centre are offering places on a Solihull Parenting Course starting on Friday 5th October. For more information, please speak to Mrs Buckley, our Family Support Worker.



Governor Vacancy

We currently have a Parent Governor vacancy which we need to fill as soon as possible.

The Governing Body's main functions are to:

- Help set the aims and objectives for the school
- Help ensure the policies and procedures are relevant and achieve their objectives
- Set targets to monitor the progress of the school to ensure it is meeting its aims and objectives
- Be a critical friend to the school and provide a source of challenge and support

Please contact the school office or arrange an appointment for an informal chat if you'd like to find out a little more about this role.

Albert Gardiner (Chair)

Attendance

The school attendance percentage is currently 95.9% which is below the national expectation of 97%. Please support us to maintain the excellent start by ensuring your child **attends every day** and **arrives on time**.

	Foxcubs	Hedgehogs	Moles	Rabbits	Badgers	Squirrels
Week 1	100%	100%	96.2%	100%	97.2%	97.6%
Week 2	98.6%	93.3%	92.3%	97.1%	96.7%	97.1%
Week 3	99.3%	92.4%	99.2%	95.4%	96.5%	91.1%
Week 4	97.4%	97.6%	90.0%	96.4%	96.5%	96.5%

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 4th October – National Poetry Day
Tuesday 9th October – Family Make and Create
Friday 12th October – Friends of Hatherley Christmas Fayre
Friday 12th October – EYFS Reading Workshop

We want to ensure your needs are met. If you would like this document in any other format, please contact us: admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk

