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Newsletter 7

Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 30th November between 3.15 pm and 5pm. There will be games, a beauty salon with face and nail painting and henna hands, a café with pizza, hot and cold drinks and cakes; a raffle; a pocket money stall; pre-loved toy stall; sweetie tombola, wrapping tombola, a Christmas photo booth, karaoke, a lucky dip, presents for parents and the Father Christmas Grotto. Thank you to everyone who sent in items for our Christmas Fayre on Non-Uniform day today. It's not too late to send in donations of raffle prizes, sweets, wrapping paper and pre-loved toys or to volunteer to help on the day. Please speak to Mrs Buckley or the school office if you are able to help.

Children in Need

On Friday 16th November everyone wore spots to schools and we raised £147.67 in support of Children in Need.

Popcorn Club

Children enjoyed watching The Incredibles at Popcorn Club on Wednesday and raised **£191** for Friends of Hatherley. Thank you to Mrs Buckley and all her helpers for organising this.

Winter Jumper Day



It is Christmas/Winter Jumper Day on: **Friday 14th December**. We will send a letter with more information next week, but you do not have to buy a Christmas/Winter jumper or cardigan... you can decorate one that you already have at home to make it look festive. We look forward to children wearing their festive jumpers in return for a £1 donation towards Save the Children.

Weather warnings and school closures



Although we have not yet had any wintery weather, it's certainly got much chillier since half term. If we need to close school and nursery due to bad weather we will let you know in the following ways:

- We will post this information on the Gloucestershire County website at the following address <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>
- Local radio stations should also pick up information from this website and will announce it on their stations.
- We will publish any school closure notices on the home page of the school website. <http://www.hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk/> .
- We will send you a text message.

A decision to close a school is often based on a school being adequately staffed. This is often not known until staff attempt their journey to school. We will try to make this decision by 7.30 am. Please be assured we will always remain open if possible and will let you know as soon as we know, if school and nursery are going to be closed.

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 (LA) by mid-November.

Transition to Junior School in September 2019

If your child is due to start junior school in September 2019 you should receive paperwork from the Local Authority (LA) via the school by mid-November.

If you have not heard from the LA by December, you should contact the school admissions team on:

01452 425407 or email

school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Family Make and Create

The Family Make and Create Animation session was a big success and Pete Nolan guided our families through making a simple stop motion animation using school Learn Pads.

The theme was internet safety and the children really got on board with this and used the resources very creatively. The completed short animations are currently being downloaded and will be emailed to parents this week. We are hoping to run another Animation Make and Create next term and have kept a list of those of you who didn't get a place this time.



Early Morning Shared Reading

After Christmas we will be offering **Fun Reading Sessions** from Reception to Year 2 children who have English as an additional language. These sessions will take place at **8.30am** every **Monday** and **Wednesday** morning in the Learning Zone with Mrs Rama and Mrs Buckley. Please be at the main Reception entrance at 8.30am promptly with your child. Books and reading activities are available for you to borrow if you wish.



Grandparents Tea Party

It was lovely to see so many grandparents in school on Tuesday afternoon for the Grandparent's Tea Party. We will organise another in the Spring term.



Attendance

The school attendance percentage is currently 94.9% which is well 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	95.4%	90.9%	93.3%	96.1%	98.2%	91.9%
Week 2	96.3%	93.0%	92.9%	93.6%	95.0%	88.6%
Week 3	97.9%	86.8%	92.1%	94.6%	94.5%	93.3%
Week 4	73.8%	58.4%	88.1%	92.0%	94.4%	93.3%

Dates for the Diary

Friday 30th November – Christmas Fayre – 3.15pm

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December – EYFS Nativity Play (10am)

Friday 14th December – Winter Jumper Day for Save the Children

Tuesday 18th December – Sharing Learning – Parents and children – 8.45 – 9.05 am

Wednesday 19th December – School Christmas Lunch

Friday 21st December – Last day of term – children collected at 1.20pm

Christmas Break Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 7th January 2019 - Children return to school for start of new term

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

