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Friday 7th December 2018

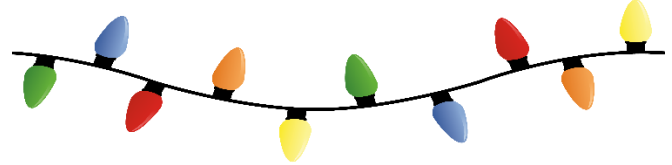
Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter Jumper Day

It is Christmas/Winter Jumper Day on: **Friday 14th December**. We would like all children and staff to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper or cardigan. 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.



 Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success – a massive thankyou to Mrs Buckley, Mrs Taylor and everyone who helped or attended this event. We raised £532.30 for school fund.



Weather warnings and school closures



Although we have not yet had any wintry 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

Forest School and Pond Area

You will have noticed some building and landscape work taking place over the past week around the pond area at the Vicarage Road end of the playground. Thank you for your patience whilst this work has been underway. We are very excited to be creating a Forest School Area which the children will begin using once staff have received relevant training.

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.



Sharing Learning

On Tuesday 18th December we would like to invite parents to come into the classroom between 8.45am and 9.05 am for children to share their learning with you. We hope to see as many families sharing learning as possible and look forward to seeing you.

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%
Week 5	94.6%	93.3%	86.9%	91.4%	99.1%	91.5%
Week 6	95.4%	95.8%	83.2%	93.2%	96.4%	94.4%

Dates for the Diary

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

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

