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Dear Parents and Carers,

Winter Jumper Day

Children and staff enjoyed wearing their Christmas/Winter Jumpers to school last Friday on Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £113 for Save the Children by wearing our festive jumpers. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

Nativity Play

The whole of EYFS (Nursery and Reception classes) took part in A Miracle Comes to Town last week. The children sang and performed their version of the Nativity story. The children did really well to remember so many song words and I'm sure they've been singing at home too! Well done children and staff for a wonderful performance. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as the children enjoyed taking part in it.



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.

Keep Reading_

It is really important that children continue to practise reading and phonics/spellings during the Christmas break. We would like to encourage you to keep reading with your child during the holiday. Reading and sharing books little and often is the best! We are always looking for ways to promote a love of reading and would like to put up a display of children enjoying reading at school, at home or out and about. It would be lovely to include any photo's you have of your child reading, (on their own, sharing a book with a grown up or brother or sister, reading a comic, looking at books in a book shop or library etc). If you have a photo which we could include, please send it in and we can either use the photo you have sent or we can photocopy it and return the original to you. Many thanks

Mrs Briggs



Christmas lunch

Children and staff enjoyed sitting together for Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. Our fantastic kitchen staff cooked and served a delicious lunch. The children loved pulling their Christmas crackers and wearing their paper hats.



Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties took place this afternoon. Children enjoyed their party snack and drinks and had fun playing party games.



The Adventures of Treasure Island

We were really pleased to welcome Chaplins Theatre Company who visited us today. Children thoroughly enjoyed watching a performance of Treasure Island. They joined in with cheering and shouting and I'm sure they'll all still be talking about it as they come out of school today.



The fundraising efforts of Friends of Hatherley have helped to subsidise this treat.



Dance Festival

Last week, Hatherley Infant School dance club performed a dance to 'It's a Hard Knock Life' at a local dance festival at Ribston High School. The children worked extremely hard on the routine and rose to the occasion when performing in front of hundreds of people. The children also performed their dance for the whole school. We are

so proud of how they did, particularly as we were the only Infant school taking part. Well done girls – you did it!

Mrs Norris

Sharing Learning

Thank you to everyone who came into school on Tuesday to see what children have been learning about this term.

Attendance

The school attendance percentage is currently 93.5% 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%
Week 7	95.4%	92.9%	93.4%	93.6%	98.2%	98.5%
Week 8	94.3%	91.7%	87.5%	87.5%	93.2%	95.8%

Dates for the Diary

Friday 21st December – Last day of term – **School closes at 1.20pm**

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

Term begins on Monday 7th January 2019



We would like to wish all the children and their families and friends a peaceful and restful holiday time together. Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2019!



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



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