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Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Chinese New Year and Art Week

This week children have enjoyed taking part in Art Week. Each class has looked at the work of different artists and each pupil is creating their own piece of art. This takes time to do well and as children are still in the process of completing their art, this leaves insufficient time to prepare for Chinese New Year assembly next week. Unfortunately this means we will need to cancel our Chinese New Year Assembly which was due to be held on Friday 8th February. We will continue to celebrate other religious and cultural festivals throughout the year.

On **Tuesday 5 February** the kitchen will be serving a **Chinese Menu**:

Chicken Chow Mein

or

Sweet & Sour Vegetables on a bed of Rice

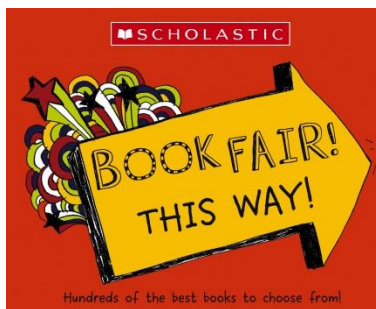
with **Stir fry vegetables**

followed by **Sponge Surprise**

Jackets and Sandwiches will also be available

School Book Fair

The half price book fair is off to a flying start. Don't forget to pop in to pick up a bargain! With every purchase you can enter your child's name into the free prize book draw.



Maths Open Morning



Thank you to all parents who joined their child in a taught maths lesson yesterday. We hope it provided you with information about how we teach maths which will help you to support your child with maths at home. If you would like any further information about maths, please have a look at the school website or speak to your child's class teacher.

Headlice

We continue to have reported cases of headlice and nits (eggs) in school. To check if your child has headlice, wash hair with ordinary shampoo, then using a wide toothed comb, comb wet hair (this may be easier if a conditioner has been used). Once the hair is straight, using a fine toothed comb, comb hair from the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke. If your child has headlice they will be combed out. This needs to be repeated daily as the headlice lay eggs (nits) and these will hatch daily.



Attendance

The school attendance percentage is 93.3% 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**.

Term 3	Foxcubs	Hedgehogs	Moles	Rabbits	Badgers	Squirrels
Week 1	93.3%	90.4%	90.8%	95.9%	97.7%	96.3%
Week 2	91.3%	87.9%	90.8%	96.7%	95.5%	90.4%
Week 3	94.2%	90.8%	90.0%	97.4%	92.7%	90.4%
Week 4	90.4%	92.1%	88.8%	95.6%	92.7%	90.4%

Parents of pupils for whom attendance has fallen below 93% will receive a warning of monitoring and may be invited in to school to agree an Attendance Improvement Plan.

Weather warnings and school closures



Following today's wintery weather, we were pleased we were able to open school as usual. There was some confusion over which schools were open today as there were some issues with inaccurate information being reported. Please can we remind you that 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.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 12 February - Sharing learning - children and parents - 8.45 am
Friday 15 February - **Last day of term 3 for children**

Holiday – Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

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

