

Dear parents and carers,

Teachers and teaching assistants were delighted to welcome you into school for our most recent parents' evening. The children were excited you meeting their teachers. There was a delightful atmosphere within school and there were some children who did not want to leave!

As the colder months approach, please could you ensure that hats, gloves and scarves are clearly labelled. It is much easier to return lost items to their owners!

There are a number of exciting events planned for next term, including our school nativity.

We wish you all an enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 3rd November**. As usual, the school gates will be open at 8.40am ready for an 8.45am start.

Mrs F Briggs

All children should have **100%** attendance.

School is open for **190** days of the year for teaching and learning.

This leaves **175** days for holidays, family gatherings and other special occasions.

Help your child to be successful in learning for life, by supporting great attendance.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Foxcubs	97.14%	94.00%	93.16%	98.94%	91.67%	93.33%	94.74%	90.67%
Hedgehogs	93.94%	94.44%	95.44%	97.50%	93.89%	92.22%	97%	99.44%
Owls	95.98%	96.55%	94.29%	94.41%	92.91%	95.27%	92.04%	92.74%
Rabbits	90.8%	92.07%	95.44%	94.48%	92.28%	87.36%	90.69%	93.89%
Badgers	97.32%	96.07%	92.75%	93.06%	91.63%	93.33%	90.36%	93.69%
Squirrels	91.8%	93.68%	93.06%	97.18%	94.49%	95.63%	97.14%	95.22%

The government has set the standard, that all children in schools should have an attendance of 95% or above. This year, we have introduced Attendance Contracts so that we can work together to support great attendance which will support children with their learning both now and in the future.

The class with the best attendance of the term is Hedgehogs!

Well done Hedgehogs!



School opens at **8.45am**, with gates closed at 9.00am. School finishes at **3.15pm**.

Community News

Laura Jones and Rafiq Patel visited Hatherley Infant School & Nursery today. They were impressed with the children's learning in class and chatted to them during playtime. Laura has recently moved to the Barton and Tredworth area and is Youth Engagement Officer for Gloucester. Rafiq teaches and supports attendance in Gloucester schools and is a Community Engagement Coordinator with Gloucestershire Constabulary.



The end of British Summer Time

Please don't forget that the clocks go back on Saturday night.



Reading cafés!

We hope that you have enjoyed our reading cafes. These have been well attended and provided parents and carers with an insight into how to teach reading at our school.



Please continue to listen to your child read at home, 3 times or more per week. Your support is invaluable!

Due to their popularity, reading cafes will continue next term but with a different focus. We look forward to welcoming you back.

My Happy Mind

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called myHappymind. myHappymind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

This term the children have been learning all about their amazing brain!

Our brains are made up of 3 parts- hippocampus (H); amygdala (A) and the prefrontal Cortex (P). When we are worried the amygdala grows bigger, which stops us from making good decisions. Ask your child to show you the breathing technique that they have learnt to help shrink the amygdala, so that they can go back to making good decisions.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th November-School photographs

Tuesday 9th December-School nativity

Wednesday 10th December-School nativity

Wednesday 17th December-Christmas dinner and jumper day

Friday 19th December-School closes for the Christmas break at 1.15pm