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Dear parents and carers,

Many thanks to those of you who attended our first PTA event of a toy and cake sale. I am delighted to inform you that an amazing £340 has been raised for school funds. This money will go towards a school pantomime, which has now been booked for the Autumn Term. This promises to be lots of fun and will provide children with the experience of a live show within the familiarity of their school setting. We are extremely excited!

A BIG thank you needs to be extended to all the volunteers who helped on the day, with a special thank you extended to Bethany and Kulsum, whose efforts went over and above. We could not have done it without you.

This is the final week of school before the summer break and **school closes for children on Friday 17th July at 1.15pm.**

We wish you all a great summer but look forward to welcoming many of you back in September, along with new members of our school community. For those of you saying farewell, we wish you well and hope that Hatherley forever retains a special place in your heart.

School reopens for children on Thursday 3rd September at 8.45am.

Take care, keep safe and enjoy some quality time together.

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.

Attendance

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Fox cubs	99.5%	97.00%	99.00%	92.59%	96.00%	94.00%	
Hedgehogs	89.66%	91.76%	94.71%	83.09%	93.49%	87.06%	
Owls	93.21%	95.00%	93.93%	78.13%	96.43%	93.21%	
Rabbits	95.71%	94.64%	96.47%	84.48%	94.83%	87.93%	
Badgers	94.44%	92.96%	97.04%	90.74%	95.19%	94.44%	
Squirrels	96.67%	97.78%	95.56%	75.46%	94.07%	90.37%	

In school, on time, every day

Congratulations to Foxcubs, for being the class with the best attendance this term!

Well done to all of you who have fully supported the school to improve your child's attendance. The attendance challenges devised by Mrs Jones have been well received, and school is now making progress in improving its overall data. There is still work to be done, but the trend is now on an upward trajectory. Attendance will remain a target for next year, but we know that **together we can make a difference.**

When booking holidays, please note there is no legal right to term-time leave, and unauthorised leave of five days or more can lead to fines of up to **£160 per parent.**



Toy and cake sale

The first event organised by our PTA was a great success! Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile event.



Piano recital

On Friday 26th June, staff and children (at least those who remained in school) were treated to a piano recital. This provided children with an opportunity to engage with a live performance. At the end of the recital, children were given the opportunity to have-a-go at playing the piano by themselves. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated!



Staffing news

Mrs Brooks, Mrs Bee, Mrs Ford, Miss Stones and Miss Williams will all be leaving us for new roles and fresh pastures. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work and dedication. Their commitment to Hatherley has been unwavering and they have played a big part in Hatherley's history.

We wish them all the very best.



Summer Reading Challenge

Unfortunately, our visit by Gloucestershire Library was cancelled due to the extreme heat.

However, below is some information which you may find helpful.

Travel through time, get reading and earn rewards!

There are lots of fun, interactive activities waiting for you! You can try them on your own or team up with friends, siblings or grown up.

Complete tasks and earn free rewards. Show your activity in any way you like-write it, draw it, stick things in, or add photos. It's your time-travelling story, so make it your own! If you need inspiration, just ask your library for activity sheets to help you get started.

You can find out more at www.gloslibraries.uk/welcome-library-challenge

