

### Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been such a pleasure to see all the children back at school this week. How typical that we have the best weeks weather of the year as we return to school! However, all the children look extremely happy and we can see are delighted to be back with their friends in their new classes. It has also been lovely to see you all as parents again; and so many new parents. I thoroughly enjoy meeting you all at the gate and being able to just exchange a quick 'good morning'. As always, I will try and be on the playground as much as possible at drop off and pick up. So please do say hello. But if you can't find me then Mrs Johnson or Miss Kirby will always be available.

This year will once again be a busy one here at Hatherley and there are a few things we ask of you as parents.

#### A few reminders:

- Please can you always ensure the school office has your most up to date contact details (phone numbers and email addresses and emergency contacts). A Data Sheet will be sent out shortly for you to check and return with any amendments.
- School gates are open at approximately 8.30/8:35 am. (Slightly earlier for Breakfast Club children) Parents must then stay with their children until a member of staff is on the playground at 8.45 am to invite them into class. **Our school day starts at 8.45.** This then gives any parents with children at St James time to get them there for the start of their day. Please be prompt in picking up your child(ren) at 3.15.
- **Please can you ensure that you do try and read all the information that we send home to you.** This is so important for you as parents and us as a school. Please let us know if you have a problem of any kind (if you don't let us know, we can't help you)
- Most importantly, unless your child is really poorly, please send them to school every day. This is important for all areas of their education.

Finally, from me, thank you again for your support. It is an absolute pleasure for me to be the Executive Headteacher of both St James' and Hatherley Infants and to see how the staff and governors of both schools are working so well together for all the children who attend this Federation of schools.

Regards,

*Mr Millington*

**IMPORTANT:** a reminder that bikes are not allowed on the playground, thank you

### Congratulations to this week's

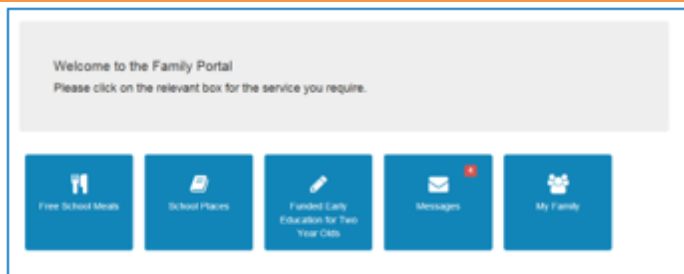
#### Values Cup Winners



#### GEM Power Winners



Mr Millington awards a certificate to the class with the highest attendance each Friday in our Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to **Rabbits** for the best class attendance last week! **Well done!**



By setting up an account you can confirm funding and arrange school places for all children in your family.

Visit <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

### Please register your family with the council Family Portal

Gloucestershire County Council has a useful Family Portal where you can access their education services for your children.

### Breakfast Club

Just a reminder that our Breakfast Club is free to all pupils.



Please call in to the office for a Breakfast Club form.

### Dates for the Diary: Autumn Term 1

***\*\*Please check each week. New and amended dates will be highlighted in red\*\****

Date	Event	Class	Time
w/c 11/09/23	Reception children 8:45-1pm	Rec	
18/09/23	Reception children in full time	Rec	
20/10/23	Individual and Siblings photos	All	All day
23/10/23	Parent Consultations	All	3:30-6pm
25/10/23	Parent Consultations	All	3:30-6pm
25/10/23	St James Harvest Church Service (children only)	Y2	9:15
27/10/23	Last day of term (3:15 finish)	All	
HALF TERM 30/10/23-3/11/23			
6/11/23	Back to School	All	8:45

### Language of the Month

At Hatherley and St James', we value the multilingualism in our schools. That's why we celebrate Language of the Month.

This month, we are celebrating Slovak! Children will be taught how to say 'good morning' and 'good afternoon' in Slovak. Why not ask them to teach you too?





The school attendance percentage for 2022/23 was 89%, which is sadly well below the national expectation of 97%. We will continue to challenge the reasons for poor attendance.

Please remember to contact the school office **EVERY DAY** that your child is absent.

Call 01452 522027 or email [admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk)

## School Photographer

On the morning of **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**, the School Photographer will be taking photographs of the pupils. A letter will be sent out next week for you to complete and return if you would also like to arrange photographs with brothers and sisters.

School Ping  **SchoolPing**

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP FROM YOUR PHONE PROVIDER.**

SchoolPing is now the **ONLY WAY** to receive updates/reminders from Hatherley



## LEARN ENGLISH @ ST JAMES CHURCH THE ENGLISH CORNER WEDNESDAY'S 9:15AM - 10:45AM

Learn English conversation skills in a fun and relaxed way with our experienced and friendly tutors Alastair and Alice. For more information drop in to St James Church, Upton Street or get in touch at 07458302459 or [office@stjamesandchristchurch.uk](mailto:office@stjamesandchristchurch.uk)



## Healthy and Safe lunchboxes

If your child brings a packed lunch from home, please make sure it includes some fresh and healthy options.



### Suggestions to include:

Sandwich/wrap/bagel, veggie sticks, pasta, ricecakes, plain popcorn, yoghurt/jelly pot, fruitbread/teacake, fruit/dried fruit (*please cut grapes in half*)



### Foods to avoid:

Chicken nuggets, chips, crisps, sweets, chocolate bars, sugary cakes and drinks

The NHS website has some really good suggestions for healthy lunchboxes:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>