

Congratulations to this week's

Values Cup Winners



GEM Power Winners



Good Work Winners



Mr Millington awards a certificate to the class with the highest attendance each Friday in our Celebration Assembly.
 Congratulations to **Squirrels** for the best class last week with an overall attendance of **98.95%**!

Well done!



Dates for the Diary

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

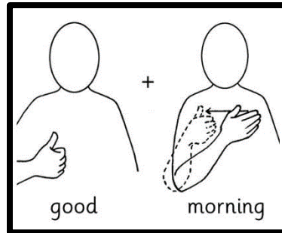
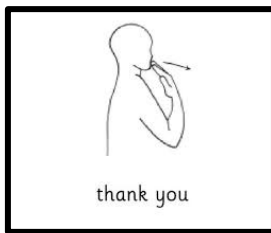
| Date | Event | Class/Year | Time |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 17/11/23 | Children in Need | All | All day |
| 20/11/23 | Flu Vaccinations | All | All day |
| 1/12/23 | Winter Food Fayre (PTA) | All | After School |
| 12/12/23 | Panto | Hedgehogs, Owls, Badgers | Morning, back for lunch |
| 14/12/23 | Panto | Foxcubs, Rabbits, Squirrels | Morning, back for lunch |
| 15/12/23 | Nativity dress rehearsal | Rec & Y1 | TBC |
| 18/12/23 | Nativity Performance | Rec & Y1 | 10am |
| 19/12/23 | Nativity Performance | Rec & Y1 | 10am |
| 20/12/23 | Christmas dinner & jumper day | Whole School | |
| 22/12/23 | Last Day of Term, early finish | Whole School | ***1:15 finish*** |
| 8/01/23 | Inset Day (no children) | Whole School | NA |
| 9/01/23 | Children Back to School, Term 3 | Whole School | 8:45am |

Introducing Makaton at Hatherley

We are excited to be learning Makaton sign language at Hatherley!

The idea will be introduced to children in assembly next week and then have certain key words/signs to focus on each month. These will be based on what we need here at Hatherley. We will make a display so we can build up a bank of the signs we have learnt and refer back.

Look out for the November words and phrases that children and staff are learning on our website.



Y2 Transfer to Junior School

You should have received a letter from school about applications for Junior School.

****The closing date is 15th January****

This is extremely important as any applications received after this date will not be considered until after the allocation date of 16th April 2024.

Please log onto the GCC family portal. If you need any help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

If you need another copy of the letter, please let Mrs Thelwell know in the office and she will send one home with your child.



On 17th November, we will be taking part in the Children in Need fundraising this year. This year's theme is 'Relationships' which the children will be exploring in a special assembly. Children are encouraged to wear non-uniform, something spotty if you have it, for a suggested donation of £1 to support this wonderful charity.

Hatherley Christmas Food Fayre

**Friday 1st December
3pm – 3.45pm**

WANTED!!!
Raffle prizes.
Please contact
the school
office if you
are able to
donate a lovely
raffle prize.



Nursery Corner

Our topic in nursery this term is All About Me. The children have been using the mirrors to look at their faces and draw pictures of themselves. We have also been looking at and talking about how different we all are. The children are developing their understanding that we are not all the same and to recognise our differences.



This week Foxcubs have started learning the story 'The 3 Billy Goats Gruff'. The 3 goats wanted to cross the bridge to eat the fresh green grass so we have been making bridges inside and outside to help them! When we cross the bridge we remembered to 'trip trap trip trap'.

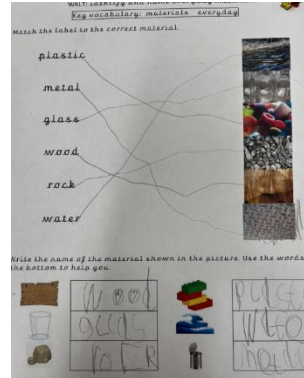


In Hedgehogs class we have been learning the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning this story and acting out the story by pretending to be the characters. We have also had lots of fun engaging in activities linked to the story.

As historians in Owls, we will be learning about a significant event. This event was so great that we still know about it to this day. This event is connected to Bonfire Night. So, we had a go at creating some firework pictures using chalk. We hope you like them!



As scientists Rabbits have been learning about everyday materials including wood, glass, water, rock, metal and plastic. We explored objects around the classroom and discussed the materials that they were made from. The children enjoyed looking at and touching the objects and explaining what was the same or different about them.



In Badgers we have been discovering the story of The Paperbag Princess, and using actions to retell it with huge enthusiasm. We have also been moving on to adding three 1 digit numbers, finding out what materials different household objects are made of, and investigating what started the Great Fire of London... and discovering what a gong farmer's job was in 1666.

In Squirrels, we have finished our Maths unit on adding in different ways. We now try to use the most efficient method for each addition and know strategies including rounding and partitioning - which can be quite tricky sometimes!

In Science, we have begun learning about materials and their suitability to different object uses. In history, as part of our Fire of London unit, we explored the jobs in 1666 and compared them to jobs today. We were surprised with some of the similarities and differences. We found out just how the role of a firefighter had changed. What surprised us the most, though, was that people called 'Gong Farmers' had to go around cleaning up poo!

In our writing, we have been immersed in our new story writing unit where we are 'defeating monsters'. We've since started to plan our own innovated stories and cannot wait to start writing them. In PE, we are looking at the skills of jumping and landing.



FESTIVE ELF WALK

3RD DECEMBER 2023

ARRIVE 4.30PM FOR 5PM START

Complimentary
elf hat for all
participants

3.5km or 8km,
fully signed walk
route through
Cheltenham

Bring the whole
family—dressing up
encouraged!

Join us for
refreshments after
the walk

£10 adults
£5 concessions
£25 family ticket
Free for pets and
children under 5

Maggie's, The
Lodge, College
Baths Road,
GL53 7QB



To register scan the QR code or visit
maggieselfwalk.eventbrite.co.uk



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MAGGIE'S

Open Days in November

MORNINGS on Friday 17th & Tuesday 21st

AFTERNOONS on Thursday 9th, Monday 13th and
Friday 24th



Parent Tours for Reception 2024

If you have a child who is getting ready to start school in September 2024, you should receive a letter during November from the council advising you how to apply for a school place. We would love to invite your family to visit Hatherley Infant School so that we can show you around. Come and view our facilities, meet our friendly staff and see our super pupils as they learn.

The school attendance percentage is 90.8%, which is sadly well below the national expectation of 97%. We know that there are many nasty bugs going round at this time of year, but 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](tel:01452522027) or email admin@hatherley-inf.gloucs.sch.uk