



Hatch Ride Matters July 23



Dear Hatch Ride Community

I have been overwhelmed by the kind words and gifts received in the last few days, thank you. This year has seen schools navigating cost-of-living challenges, teacher recruitment and retention issues, industrial action and calls for deeper reforms to the Ofsted inspection system.



School staff continue to experience the deep, longer-term effects of the pandemic on children, and we've all been deeply affected by tragic events that have put individual schools and their communities in the headlines.

As a headteacher, I see first-hand the commitment from my teachers and support staff, who work tirelessly to give our children the education and care they deserve despite every new challenge. I am very proud of each and every one of them!



As another busy year draws to a close I can reflect on what a wonderful place Hatch Ride school is for the children, their families and the local community and I have many people to say thank you to in this edition of our newsletter.



Firstly, well done to all the children who completed a successful transition afternoon with their new teacher this week and to Year 6 for visiting their new schools recently.

Year 6 gave an amazing performance of their leavers production 'Do you remember the first time?' at the Christopher Lee Theatre at

Wellington College, there was hardly a dry eye left in the audience by the finale! Our thanks go to Wellington College who allowed us to use their facilities and to the PTO who paid for the Technician to work with us. It was a very memorable evening for everyone who attended.

We are very proud of our Year 6 class, I know the staff will miss you all and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your new schools. We are also bidding a fond farewell to some long-standing families, some of whom have been coming here for nearly 20 years!



Thank you to the staff who work so hard all year for the benefit of the children. We all appreciate the lovely gifts we have received at the end of term. We welcome our new Year 4 Teacher, Miss Costello who met her class this week and will be starting with us in September.

A special thank you to those children who have taken it upon themselves to fundraise for our school, well done to Sophia Riddett who completed an Aquathon, so far raising an amazing £405! Also to Remi and Elea Blair who sold their slide raising £7! The staff and myself are very touched by their generosity.

Much appreciation goes to our neighbours Louise and Peter who have spent many hours clearing the pathways around the back gate, a few of our children paid them a special visit to convey our thanks.

Thank you to Mr and Mrs Middlemist for not only cooking a tasty BBQ for Year 6 this week, but for also building our new chicken house and run. We look forward to welcoming some new feathered friends next year.

Thank you to the parents who presented us with the opportunity to apply for grants from their employers, we were lucky enough to be successful on 2 occasions!



Our courtyard garden looks very healthy with flowers and vegetables growing, this is thanks to the huge effort Mrs Wilson-Constance has made regularly this year. The Year 6 class have enjoyed spending time working out there with you.

Our gratitude goes to the PTO for organising some fantastic fundraising events, including the circus, Christmas fayre, discos and summer festival. I look forward to seeing the ideas that the children come up with for Grow A Pound during the summer break! Also thank you to everyone who attended or gave up their time to help at these events, we really appreciate it. PTO events are so important not just because of the much needed fundraising but also because they bring our community together.

Adam in Y2 was inspired to write independently at home about our summer festival and I would like to share this with you:

'I went to a summer fayre. We got to hear a band playing at the end of the summer fayre. I liked the cake stall. It was the best thing I had ever eaten. I played a ball game with my friends Leo and Harry. The Calipo was the best as well as the cake stall. They were both delicious! On golf I got it in the big light green bit, not the black bit. I saw that Scarlett got a voucher. I got to see a fire engine at the school, it said Crowthorne Hatch Ride School on it. I disliked the thunder before the school fayre. It was not nice walking in the rain.'

During the summer holiday we will be having our pathways and playground resurfaced, hopefully removing the uneven surfaces and trip hazards. We are able to do this work because we were successful in our bids for funding from the Trust's school allocation. This will be the first outside work to take place at our school in a very long time, we are excited to see the improvement in our environment.

Please look out for a parentmail at the start of term with details on class welcome letters and PE days.

I wish you all a safe summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Ms Sparrowhawk

School diary dates:

September	
Fri 1 st	INSET Day – No children in school
Mon 4 th	Start of Autumn Term
Thurs 7 th	Reception class start of term
Weds 13 th	Individual school photos
Tues 19 th	Open morning for prospective parents
October	
Mon 23 rd - Fri 27 th	Half term
Mon 30 th	Back to school
December	
Fri 15 th	End of term – school finishes at 1:15pm

Our Results

We have had an amazing year of academic success alongside the personal growth of all children under our nurturing, hard working teaching and support team.

The following attainment is a direct result of the dedication of our school team, who always strive for the best outcomes for all children. The children are expected to work hard on their learning and behaviours and the teachers support them through this each and every year to aspire to be the best they can be. I watch my staff team with admiration in the care they take to ensure the children give their best even when challenging.

First, I congratulate Mrs Firth and her team on an exceptional set of SATs results this year. This class had a great deal of disruption due to Covid closures in their formative LKS2 years and they have excelled in year 6. Results are always cohort dependent and reflect existing needs, however we never see this as a barrier.

Key Stage Two SATs results: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard or above

	Met the expected standard		Working at greater depth within the expected standard
	Hatch Ride	National	Hatch Ride
English: reading	93%	73%	31%
English: grammar, punctuation and spelling	93%	72%	59%
Maths	93%	71%	34%

Key Stage Two Teacher Assessment results	Met the expected standard		Working at greater depth within the expected standard
	Hatch Ride	National	Hatch Ride
English: writing	69%	71%	13%

Our final SATs results in year 6 do not just happen; the children make great progress and attainment throughout their Hatch Ride journey.

The Reception children and Mrs Green have aced their Good Level of Development and are ready for the next stage as they go into KS1 with strong characteristics for learning.

Early years Foundation Stage

Children attaining a good level of development (GLD)	
Number of children (cohort of 29)	Percentage
24	83%

Next, a huge well done to our year 1 children with Miss Gorrod for excelling in their phonics.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Attained expected standard or above		
Number of children (cohort of 30)	Percentage	Nationally (FFT Data lab predictions)
29	97%	81%

Year 2 and Mr Jones also have a lot to celebrate. The children are young but well prepared to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Key stage One teacher assessment results: percentage of pupils attaining expected standard or above

	Met the expected standard		Working at greater depth within the expected standard
	Hatch Ride	Nationally (FFT Data lab predictions)	Hatch Ride
English: reading	79%	68%	18%
English: writing	71%	62%	7%
Maths	86%	72%	25%

Community News

Churches Together Free Events

Once again, Churches Together in Crowthorne are putting on four fun-packed free Friday afternoons on the Morgan Rec in Crowthorne. The first event kicks off at 3pm on Friday 28th July and the kids can't wait!

Each week there will be the usual bouncy castle, climbing wall – but look out as we ring the changes with some new fun activities. We'll have a supervised craft tent, a quiet place for the tots (including story times) and chance to take some time out for reflection and prayer. The afternoon wraps up with yummy pizza from Villa Roma!

If you can pre-register your children in advance that helps us know who is coming and speeds up the time at the start of each Friday so the kids get to their activities faster! The link for pre-registration on Eventbrite is here <https://bit.ly/PreRegisterSummerActivities>

A big thank you to the local councils (Crowthorne Parish council, Wokingham Without Parish Council) other grant funders and local businesses that have generously helped us put this event on and keep it free for children to attend. If you are able to "Give a little" to help us reach more children then please donate here <https://bit.ly/CrowthorneSummerActivitiesDonate>

PS Don't forget to bring a reusable water bottle to minimise the impact on the environment.

Summer Bike Bonanza Free Event



Financial Support

Credit cards, loans or going into debt for essentials? Get help during summer holidays. The rising cost of living continues to impact people across the area, even in the summer months. Especially with the summer holidays almost here. To get by many are:

- Getting into credit card debt
- Using overdrafts
- Relying on friends and family
- Stopping eating or making other sacrifices

If you're doing this, you could access support here <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/household-support-fund>

It can be used to pay for food, bills, energy and other essentials.

Our partners can provide £100 per household with a food, fuel or cash voucher through the Household Support Fund.

It's open to anyone to apply. You don't need to receive benefits to be able to apply.

There's also specific support for families where children receive means-tested free school meals.

This is £15 per child, per week. So you could get £90 to help this summer, as well as help at Christmas, next Easter holidays and the half-terms between.

Apply for the Household Support Fund

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living/household-support-fund>

Other support options

- Cost of living help hub with council tax discounts and exemptions
<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/cost-of-living>
- Use the Citizens Advice calculator to see how to maximise your income
<https://citizensadvicewokingham.entitledto.co.uk/home/start>
- Use the Entitled to Budget tool to plan your spending
<https://budgetnew.entitledto.co.uk/citizensadvicewokingham>
- Contact Citizens Advice Wokingham for advice and support on what you're facing
<https://citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/onefrontdoor/>
- Government's Help for Households website
<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>