



# Hatch Ride Matters

Feb 2022



## Dear Hatch Ride Community

I hope everyone had a restful half term, it certainly was a windy one! Here we are already at the end of February and it has been busy as usual across the school. It is hard to believe that our Reception class have been with us for 100 days. We are all looking forwards to book day, look out on our website for lots of pictures of some spectacular costumes! It is good news that the school hall is back in full use for the children and hirers to use. We have enjoyed our Year 1 and Year 6 assemblies this month and are looking forward to upcoming assemblies.

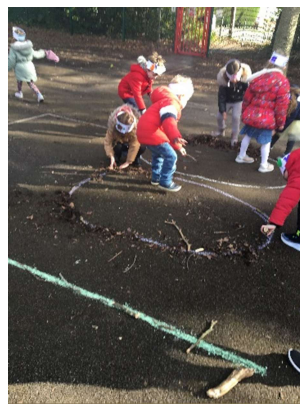
Mrs Herkes

## Classroom News

### Reception

We celebrated our first 100 days of school! We had a wonderful day full of activities -

- We enjoyed reading '100 Cats' and 'The One Hundred Decker Rocket'!
- We did dot-to-dot puzzles up to 100!
- We hunted for 100 dominoes and counted them out on a 100 square!
- We made crowns!
- We decorated biscuits with the number 100!
- We wrote about what things we would like '100 of' – and what we would not like '100 of'!
- We sang lots of songs counting to 100.
- We stood up and sat down as many times as we could in 100 seconds!
- We collected natural objects and made a giant 100 outside in the sunshine!
- We said, "Hello!" and shook hands with as many people as we could in 100 seconds!
- We challenged ourselves to build a tower of 100 cubes in 100 seconds.
- We had a disco and played some games!



## Year 1

In February, we had our first sharing assembly in front of our Mums and Dads. It was great to share our knowledge about Queen Elizabeth II from our learning this half term. The children did a brilliant job learning their lines and giving their best acting performances! Thank you to all of the parents for helping Year 1 to learn their lines and for being a lovely audience. We have been having fun playing our new glockenspiels, thank you PTO!



## Year 2

A short month but we managed to pack in lots of learning! Year 2 were feeling very enthusiastic about the Queen's Platinum jubilee this year and had lots of interesting questions which inspired us to write some wonderful letters and invite a visitor from the Coldstream Guards to answer them. We had a very interesting afternoon and all enjoyed trying on the uniforms and medals. In maths, the children made me so proud with their 'can do' attitude while we mastered learning addition and subtraction of two digit numbers using a range of strategies. We have also spent lots of time thinking about healthy living, keeping food diaries and analysing the data creating bar charts. We also used our data collection skills when we learnt about looking after pets and which pet was the most popular. The highlight for me though has to be the wonderful musical performance Mrs Herkes, Mrs Fleck and I were invited to. The children have been learning a song, 'I wanna be in a band', and it was joyful to see them enjoying singing and performing.



### Year 3

This month Year 3 have been enjoying their DT project of designing and making a pencil case. They had fun exploring different pencil cases before designing their own. They then practised three types of stitch and chose one to use for their work. They are all in progress – buttons and decorations will be added soon and they can't wait to show you the finished results! The children have also been enjoying their PE with Lee. After a great half term of learning netball, they have just moved on to hockey where they are showing some great control of the ball and starting to play mini games.



### Year 4

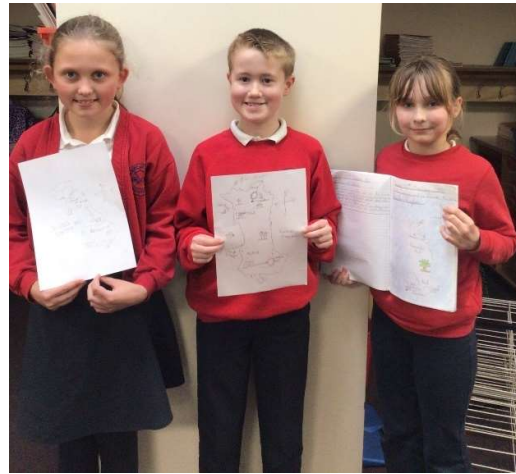
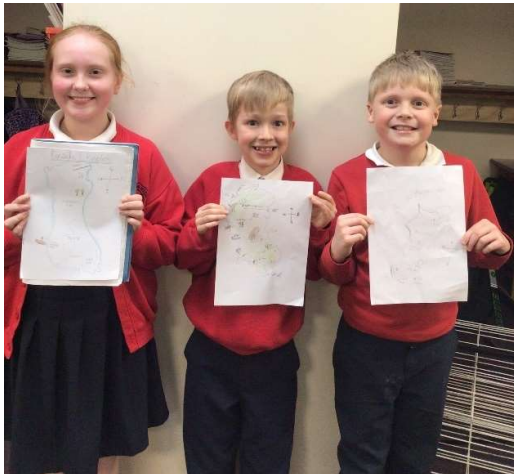
In Year 4, we have been writing our own Tudor stories following our trip to Upton Court. We have also learned to multiply and divide two and three digit numbers in maths! Our favourite lesson this term has been learning about states of matter – we have frozen different materials and discovered that liquids have different freezing points. We have also weighed gases by weighing bottles of fizzy drinks before and after letting all the bubbles out!



### Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy since coming back from half term. They were all very excited to be participating in a whole school write, creating their very own wish granter. It was wonderful to see their imagination come through in their writing. In English, we have based our learning on the book Kensuke's Kingdom which we have nearly finished reading. The children are really excited to find out how the book ends and to participate in more

activities linking to the book. We have also started a new topic in History and the children are looking forward to learning more about the industrial revolution.



### Year 6

Thank you to all the year 6 parents who managed to come into school last week to watch our assembly. The children were excited to share their learning with you after a long hiatus! We've been enjoying the finale of our shared reader *Friend or Foe* by the brilliant Michael Morpurgo which many of the children have enjoyed. We are looking forward to getting on our bikes for Bikeability. You need a steady hand to play these electrical games we made!



### Class assemblies

Class assemblies have resumed but only with the parents of the class performing in attendance until further notice. Dates as follows:

11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4	Assemblies begin at 2.45
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception class	

29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3	Please arrive no earlier than 2.40 and make your way to the hall doors  We ask that, until further notice, face coverings are worn by those attending and seating will be arranged to support social distancing
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5	
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4	
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 1	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception class	

### **PTO News**

We would like to invite you to our virtual AGM which will be held on **Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm online via Teams**. Please check the school Facebook page for the link to participate or email [pto-enquiries@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pto-enquiries@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk)

Everyone is welcome to join and find out more about what the PTO does to enrich school life for the children of Hatch Ride and their families. Every parent or carer with children at the school is automatically a member of the PTO. Some parents choose to be active members of the PTO by attending our meetings and participating in events organised by the PTO.

You don't have to come to every meeting and there are options to help for just one event as a member of a sub-committee that is formed for specific events such as the Christmas Fayre or the Crowthorne Carnival. The PTO committee is made up of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Marketing and a further 5 elected members who can be general Committee Members or Sub-Committee Leaders.

If you would like to know more about the PTO, these roles or to become an elected member of the PTO, please complete an application form available from [pto-enquiries@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pto-enquiries@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk) **by Monday 7th March**

We know we have a few committee members stepping down this year so we would love to see some new parents or carers join. Your children's school needs you, please get involved, even if you can only spare a few hours. We look forward to welcoming you at our AGM.

### **Hatch Ride Pizza and Cookie evening - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

We've teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order your pizza & cookie making kits and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan margherita pizzas (regular or vegan), and warm gooey cookies in your home oven and you'll even help to raise money for our school.

Kits can be ordered from the website below and will be delivered to school on Friday the 18th March and available at pick up.

If your child attends After School Club on a Friday and you would like to order a kit, please email PTO Enquiries and we will arrange for the kits to be delivered there.

Orders need to be placed by Sat 12th March 2022 using the website-  
<https://doughies.co.uk/products/hatch-ride-rg45>

### **Current Vacancies**

We have one vacancy for a Lunchtime Controller Maternity Cover (possibility of becoming permanent) Please go to the Current Vacancies page on the school website for more information.