



Hatch Ride Matters

July 2022



Dear Hatch Ride Community

Another amazing year has rushed past. The year began slowly, reintroducing the 'normal' ways of doing things and catching up on things lost. I am extremely proud of all the school staff and children and what they have achieved in this tricky year. We leave the year with a fabulous Ofsted report, confirming what a special place Hatch Ride is.

There are also hidden achievements, going on behind the scenes from people who work extremely hard to give the children the best. This includes a fabulous grant of £25k from Wellington College following a joint effort on a successful bid application from my administration team. This has also been backed by the wonderful contribution from you following our PTO fundraising efforts. Plans are in motion to improve our playground!

Transition can be an anxious time for some children. We have done many things in school to support our children through this. Please find our 'transition booklets' on the school website to look at with your children throughout the summer. These are short booklets for each class with photos of the staff and classrooms and can be used by all children should they need them.

I wish you all a safe and fun summer and look forward to the new academic year 😊

Saying Goodbye

At the end of every year we sadly, often have to say goodbye to members of staff. This year we say farewell to Mrs Edge who has been working with the school for over 20 years in various roles. The staff team wish her all the best for the future.



We also say a fond farewell to Mrs Penstone. During her time here, she has taken on many roles (sometimes all at once!) to support our children in their learning. We thank her for all she has done and the positive impact she has had on so many of the children of Hatch Ride, past and present. She will be dearly missed.

Classroom News

Reception

We have had an amazing end to the children's first year in school. We all had a lovely time at Wellington Country Park, how wonderful to be able to go on school trips again! It was the first trip

for all the Infants and we had a beautiful day for it! The children loved being out and about with their friends, playing in the parks, hunting for bugs in the woods, going on the train, having a picnic, visiting the dinosaurs and – the best part of all – going on a coach! We had lots of water breaks under the trees and it was declared ‘the best day ever!’ by many. A special thank you to those who came and helped! We had a fantastic Superhero Day - we made our own Supertatoes and enjoyed superhero singing, dancing, yoga and activities. I wish them every success in the future and I know they will be a great support to each other as they move on through the school.



Year 1

We had a brilliant time of our first ever school trip to Wellington Country Park. It was great fun going on a coach, riding a train and hunting for minibeasts in the woods. We had to use brushes, buckets and magnifying glasses to help us identify the creatures that we found. We loved sitting with our friends for a picnic and we got to play in two different parks. We ended our trip by hunting for dinosaurs which was so fun! The coach on the way home was much quieter than on the way there. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers who came with us.

We also got to do our final assembly for the year. The children did an amazing job and everyone knew their roles and lines perfectly. Many of us were so nervous as we had a much bigger audience than we've ever had but the children were fantastic.

It has been a brilliant year and it has been lovely to have a special last few weeks together.



Year 2

What a wonderful end to a fantastic year! We had a great time on our first school trip, exploring Wellington Country Park. The children especially enjoyed the bug workshop and a ride on the little park train. The children of Hatch Ride behaved impeccably, making us all very proud. Thank you to Mrs H, Mrs R and Mrs M for coming along to help us.

Back in school we've been having lots of fun getting ready for Year 3. We enjoyed writing letters to our new teachers and had a great time visiting our new class on Monday. It has been such a pleasure spending time with the children this year, watching them flourish and grow in confidence ready to continue their school journey. I wish them all the best for Year 3.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy end of the year, finishing off our learning in all our subjects and continuing to work hard despite the heat! A highlight this month was our walk round Crowthorne where the children enjoyed looking at the age of buildings; following a map; and observing and photographing landmarks that would attract tourists to Crowthorne, and those which could be improved. Using the knowledge gained from this trip, the children then worked in groups to create a messy map of the route we travelled. We were so impressed with the children's finished maps – there was some very imaginative use of resources and some great methods used to attach parts to their maps.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support this year. We have loved teaching your children and watching them progress, both academically and personally. We wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday.



Year 4

We've enjoyed a very successful end of term, learning about symmetry and angles in maths. We have also been writing speeches in English about how to ban the dark. Our favourite activity this term was making pizza from scratch. We planned our designs and reviewed the recipe before weighing ingredients and mixing them together. We used chopped tomatoes and herbs to make the sauce and lots of flour for our dough! Once our bases were ready, we topped our pizzas with ham, chicken, pepper, jalapenos and more. We took them home to review them with our families – they were a great success!

We are so proud of ourselves and all of the work we have done this year and can't wait to start Year 5.



Year 5

We have been very busy this term and even made it through the heat wave. ☺

We have written brilliant openings to a suspense story and a poem in the style of Christina Rossetti; we have made a copy of our poems to share at home with our families. We have also been busy

designing and sewing a stuffed toy, it has taken a while but we are very pleased with our final results. It's hard to believe that we will be in Year 6 next year!

Phew, we survived the heatwave!



Year 6

After having enjoyed our transition days and meeting our tutors, we have been making the most of our last few weeks together. We harvested our potatoes and undertook a DT project alongside finishing off our topic work. Although the BBQ had to be cancelled due to the heat, we had a Year 6 breakfast with a water balloon fight after to keep cool! We have also taken part in a Selfie Scavenger Hunt and enjoyed a little more time in Reception.

Mrs Graham came in today (Tuesday 19th July) to present our parents' gift to the school which was received with delight by Ms Sparrowhawk.





Sports News

What a year this has been for sport! Firstly, we were finally able to start attending events in the local area and represent our school with pride. Year 5 attended a hockey event, we took some Year 6 pupils to a fun cricket festival and our football team entered the football league once again.

We have also introduced 'Get Set 4 PE' as our new PE scheme of work. The children have been loving learning about a variety of sports and it has been great to see pupils and teachers so enthusiastic about PE lessons.

It was wonderful to see so many of you on the school field cheering on our children on Sports Day. The children had a brilliant morning in the sunshine competing in various events.

This term, we also had a visit from Matt Divall, Sports Manager for Commonwealth Games England, who came in to speak to the school about the Commonwealth Games 2022. He spoke to us about Team England's "Pride" values of Performance (We give it our best everyday), Respect (We do it right and win well), Inspiration (For the nation and the Next Generation), Diversity (is our strength and we openly celebrate together) and Excellence (is our benchmark. We get better every day. He also talked about the history of the games and what events the athletes will be taking part in. The children played a game of guessing the sports from a picture, which the children loved and had lots of fun guessing. The children were inspired to be more active over the summer and all year long. Thank you to Matt Divall for a great assembly.

We look forward to another great year of PE and sport at Hatch Ride.



Choir News

The school choir participated in the Crowthorne Carnival Schools Music Festival last week at Wellington College, along with four other local schools. Each school sang songs from different decades of the Queen's reign and we sang songs from the 1950s, as well as joining in with all the other schools as a combined choir. The children looked so smart and sung with huge joy and enthusiasm – we were so proud of them all; they really represented the school brilliantly, especially considering how warm it was in the chapel. Huge congratulations to them all.





Clubs

Judo, Chess and Relax Kids clubs will all resume in September. Dance club is to be confirmed.

Diary Dates

20th July - End of summer term. School finishes at 2:45pm

5th September – Start of autumn term

School Uniform

It has become noticeable that some children are not wearing the correct uniform, especially in PE. The uniform colours are Navy and Red. The link below is to the website which outlines the uniform requirements:

<https://www.hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk/uniform/>

We have lots of lost property and second-hand uniform. Please ask if you are finding it difficult to buy or find the correct uniform. Tracksuits should be free of large Logos and branding except for the school logo.

Information on benefits and local summer activities

Are you worried about money?

You may be eligible for help through the Household Support Fund if you live in Wokingham Borough and have a child or children on benefits-related free school meals, you can apply for a £90 voucher for each child to cover the summer holidays. To apply, Contact Citizens Advice One Front Door (0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf), or First Days Children's Charity (0118 921 9338 or www.firstdays.net/hsf). Your child does not need to be attending school in the borough to get this support.

People aged 66+ can apply for a one-off food, fuel, or cash voucher through Citizens Advice One Front Door (0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf), or via AgeUK Berkshire (0118 959 4242 or info@ageukberkshire.org.uk).

Support for all residents during the cost-of-living crisis

Help is here if you are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other household essentials. Please get in touch with the friendly team at Citizens Advice One Front Door on 0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf.

Summer Reading Challenge for 2022 at all libraries in Wokingham.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge, 'Gadgeteers', is all about science and innovation. Developed in partnership with the Science Museum Group, the Challenge will inspire children to use their curiosity and creativity to discover the science behind the everyday, and celebrates the role of the imagination in both reading and the sciences.

Through the Challenge, children will meet our six fictional characters, the Gadgeteers, brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator, Julian Beresford.

The Gadgeteers are six young friends who love hanging out at their local community centre, and are planning a party. They all enjoy creating new inventions and working together to solve problems! Using their imagination and curiosity, the Gadgeteers will come up with innovative ways to get everything ready for the summer party. This setting will allow children to explore the science behind a range of interests, from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

Over the summer term, the Science Museum Group will be offering opportunities and resources for UK public libraries and primary schools to engage with the theme of this year's Summer Reading Challenge and to spark children's imaginations.

To join just pop into your local library and choose your books, then come back to collect stickers and a poster.

Once you have read all six library books you can collect your medal and a certificate when you complete the challenge.

Starts July 9th until August 27th 2022. - <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/reading-schemes-for-children-and-adults/reading-mini-challenge-for-children/>

A message from Funtastic Kids - School's out for the Summer!

If you are in need of dependable childcare this Summer, Funtastic Kids has got you covered! We're running a fun-packed Summer Holiday Camp at Hatch Ride from 25th July – 26th August.

Every week, we will provide an engaging creative-themed timetable, as well as a varied and energetic sports timetable. Both are designed to help children develop new skills, build upon

their learning and keep their brains and bodies active! Plus, children can choose their preferred activity each session, making every day at Funtastic Kids unique.

All camps are led by friendly, nurturing staff, who are committed to giving every child a fulfilling experience.

New sport for 2022: Archery! A fun, child friendly, 1 hour session of archery will be taking place at our Hatch Ride Holiday Camp on Tuesday 26th July.

Special Visitors:

Dance Coaches: Tuesday 2nd August, Friday 26th August.

Mini First Aid Oxfordshire: Thursday 25th August

Visit our website to learn more and book your child's place with us this summer. Hurry, spaces are filling up fast! <https://funtastickids.co.uk/holiday-camps/hatch-ride-primary-school-summer-camp-2022/>

Read our most recent Ofsted report too!: <https://funtastickids.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/EYR-Inspection-Report-Hatch-Ride.pdf>



Funtastic Kids

Summer Holiday Camps!

Dependable childcare in a safe environment

Open across Berkshire: 21st July - 2nd September

9:30am - 3:30pm: £21.50 Sibling: £17 8am - 6pm*: £30 Sibling: £23.50
(* Full day price includes a nutritional breakfast and afternoon tea)
Additional hour options £3 per child per hour:
8:30am - 9:30am and 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Ages 4-15 (from 3 at selected locations)

Sports and creative themed activities
New for 2022: Archery sessions!
(Check our website for dates & locations)

Special Guests:
Rocksteady Music School,
Berkshire Birds of Prey and more!

Funded HAF places available
Ofsted registered

funtastickids.co.uk bookings@funtastickids.co.uk 07715643412 / 01189799253

My Journey - Identify the Trees Competition

The My Journey team summer competition is starting just in time for the summer holidays!

Look at the pictures of ten trees and their leaves to see if you can identify the type of tree that we have growing in Wokingham Borough? We have lots of [green spaces and country parks](#) across Wokingham Borough which have some lovely trees in them, for you to spot.

Make sure you travel actively to find the trees by walking, cycling, scooting or using public transport. 🚲 🛴 🚶

Please click 📄 [tree pictures](#) and remember to put your answer and where you found them on the [tree answer sheet](#).

The competition will run from Monday, 25 July until Sunday, 4 September.

The winning entry will receive a £25 Decathlon voucher and runners-up will receive a My Journey goody bag.

How can trees reduce air pollution?

Trees planted in the right places can help improve air quality by forming a barrier between people and pollutants.

Trees absorb pollutant gases (nitrogen dioxide, ammonia, sulphur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

Further information:

Please send your completed entry form to us to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Make sure include your name, age and which school you attend on your entry.



Local Summer Sports Camps

In 2 Touch Thames Valley Touch Rugby Camps

IN 2 Touch, Thames Valley Vikings and Rivermead Primary School have joined forces to bring you all the thrills and skills of non-contact touch rugby. Camps are designed to equip your child with passing, catching, evasion and kicking skills in a fun and friendly setting! For children aged 6-7 (Years 1-2), 8-9 (Years 3-4), 10-11 (Years 5-6)

When? Tuesday 2nd August, Wednesday 3rd August and Thursday 4th August 2022 (3 days)

Where? Rivermead Primary School, Loddon Bridge Rd, RG5 4BS (bring water, snacks and packed lunch – non-metal moulded boots are recommended for touch rugby)

Cost & Timings: £75 (3 days) £55 (2 days) £30 (1 day) 10% sibling discount (09:30-15:00)

Contact: Sammie Phillips (sammie@in2touch.com / 07766 525 938) to book! Camps are led by

international and regional touch rugby club coaches and players! All coaches are first aid trained and DSB checked.



The ultimate day for netball lovers!



Ages: 9-11
Cost: £35 for England
Netball members and £40
for non-members

MOVEHQ

Thu 28th July, 2022
10:00am - 3:00pm
Move HQ, 680 Eksdale
Road, Winnersh, RG41
5TS

Contact for booking:
debbie.spindlow@englandnetball.co.uk
www.englandnetball.co.uk/play/netball-youth-camps