



# Hatch Ride

## Matters

# Nov 2022



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We have enjoyed a productive return to school since half term; the children have been working hard and enjoying all the activities in class. We held a whole school moment of Remembrance with all the children observing the 2-minute silence. You can hear more about this special occasion from our Year 2 children in their class update below. The last few weeks of school before the Christmas holidays are always full of fun but very busy so please check the diary below and make sure you have important dates noted.

We have many thank you's to say in this newsletter -

You may have seen our large play area has a brand-new soft surface and the small play area is being replaced this week. We are able to do this thanks to a grant of £25,000 from Wellington College.



# Thank you!

Thank you to the Crowthorne Trails team who raised a total of £1400 and donated £300 of this to First Days children's charity. This was a lovely activity enjoyed by many over half term.

Thank you to everyone who visited our Book Fair, over £900 was spent which means the school has £470 to buy new books!

Another thank you to the weekend working party for the courtyard transformation. It was a rainy day but this meant that a lot of work was also accomplished around the inside of school.

The staffroom now has a working dishwasher thanks to the Blair family!

The PTO have been busy arranging the amazing school fayre, it was wonderful to see the school buzzing with festive excitement. An amazing £4,059 was raised for our school! A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organisation and running of the fayre. Please have a look at the PTO section of the newsletter for more updates.

### **School diary dates:**

<b>December</b>	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Start time: 2pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day – a small donation to Save the Children
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Start time: 9:45am	Reception class Christmas play
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Start time: 6pm	KS2 Christingle – school uniform required, tie if possible. Hair must be tied back
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch – see menu below Last day of term, finish at 2:45pm

### **Assemblies**

Gates for sharing assemblies do not open until 2.35, a member of staff will walk up to open. Please do not keep pressing the buzzer, thank you.

### **Play equipment**

A reminder that the play equipment on the field or playground must not be used before and after school by anyone.

### **Staff news**

We warmly welcome our new HLTA Mrs Pratt who started with us after half term. We sadly said goodbye to Mrs Webster (one of our Lunchtime Supervisors) this month, we would like to wish her well in her new role.

We are seeking to appoint a new lunchtime supervisor – please see our website for the advertisement

### **What to do if you are going to be late at pick up**

Firstly, please call the office to let us know. We understand that for reasons beyond our control that we may be late collecting our children, however beyond 3.25pm we have no safe way to ensure the children are supervised due to other staff commitments. It can also be distressing for the child as they will sit alone. So, at this time children will be entered into ASC (Beehive), they will be given a snack and join their activity programme until you arrive. Parents will be invoiced at an ad-hoc rate of £12.50.

### **Classroom News**

#### **Reception**

Reception have been very busy delving into the world of fairy tales this term culminating in our wonderful 'Once upon a time day' when Mr Mendoza's leaf blower dressed up as the big bad wolf! We are loving our new drawing club which uses special, secret passcodes which make magic happen and unlock new vocabulary linked to what we have drawn. The children are growing in confidence as we practice our Christmas Nativity and we can't wait to share it with you on the morning of Friday 9 December, many thanks for your support in helping the children to learn their lines and songs.



## Year 1

Thank you to Elea's grannies for coming to visit us to share some of their toys. They shared a lovely doll with eyes that can open and close and a cat's cradle game. Granny Colette also read a special book that had French and English sentences.

We are getting very Christmassy in our class as we are rehearsing our production of 'Ned's Christmas Discovery' and we are looking forward to performing it for our families.

We have been enjoying using the big playground equipment at last. Now we are in Year 1, we can play on there and we use it at every opportunity possible. We are keeping our fingers crossed for more dry days!



## Year 2

Year 2 have been busy and look forward to sharing our Christmas production. The singing is coming along nicely and we are practising our acting skills on the stage. All children should have come home with 3 tickets for the performance. Please do contact us if you have any problems or queries.

We have been getting our teeth stuck into our adding and subtracting – our tens and ones have been very important! In science, the children have been exploring materials and enjoyed observing changes to food that got heated in the microwave. It has also been exciting to learn tag rugby skills with Lee and the EPC team – thank you!

Remembrance Day was a powerful event for the children to share their experience and write about.

An account of Remembrance Day by Daisy, Y2

*Have you ever heard of Remembrance Day? It is a day when we remember people who have sacrificed their lives to save us.*

*First, we went to the hall and Mr Haley told us about when he was in the Navy. He told us when missiles hit the ship and it sank and 20 people died and 40 people got very injured! Then we went to the playground and Elizabeth's Daddy told us about Remembrance Day.*



### **Year 3**

Year 3 have been enjoying this term's Science topic of Rocks and Soils including investigating their different properties. They have worked hard on recording their results and using scientific language. In English, they have designed their own mythical creatures and are in the process of writing reports about them. There is some great writing being produced! Year 3 are enjoying their recorder lessons and especially playing some festive tunes. In our new unit of PE – Outdoor Adventurous Activities - the children have been developing their trust, teamwork and communication skills.

We are all looking forward to our first Christmas Service in KS2 and are busy practicing. Song words will be coming home and it would be great if the children could practice these ready for our Christingle on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to sharing this special celebration with you.



### **Year 4**

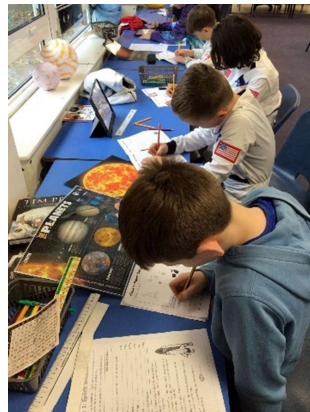
In maths, we have been exploring our times tables and finding patterns. In English, we have been embracing our Ancient Egyptian topic by writing newspaper articles about the mysterious death of Lord Carnarvon! We are looking forward to Egyptian Day on 02.12. We've also enjoyed Anti-Bullying week, in which we made kindness fortune tellers. We are now very excited for Christmas and look forward to performing at our Christingle!





## Year 5

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their Space Day a few weeks ago, training to become astronauts and taking part in space-related investigations. This led into our new Science topic of Forces, as we investigate gravity, friction and more to come. The children have enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece and Greek Mythology in History and English, ready to write our own myths soon. We were very lucky to have a parent visitor to talk to the children about Greece, which really helped to bring our topic to life. We are sending home song lyrics for the class to practise for our KS2 Christingle and we look forward to welcoming you to the celebration on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.



## Year 6

Year 6 have all been great ambassadors for our school during our school tours for prospective parents. So many compliments were received! Ms Sparrowhawk wanted to say a special thank you and treated us all to a hot chocolate and marshmallow surprise. The children are also taking on increased responsibilities around the school, working lunchtime in the school office and supporting the younger year groups as they line up after lunch.



## **Sports News**

### **Leadership Academy**

We took eight Year 3's to St Crispins school hall for an exciting selection of activities made by other sports leaders and ourselves. We had other year 3's from different schools to complete our practised activity. We all enjoyed showing and helping them and we look forward to supporting other children in our school.

### **Football team**

The football season is well under way and our team have made us so proud already. We have played two matches, the last match is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We hope to see you all on the school field!



Please have a look at our sports page on the website for pictures and information on our sporting events <https://www.hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk/sports-at-hatch-ride/>

### **PTO News:**

We have recently spent some PTO funds on new nativity costumes and advent activities across all classes. We are still investigating a new sound system and working on our ICT network support rather than the actual system at the moment.

The PTO have arranged for the school to have a textile bin on site so you can bring all your unwanted textiles to be recycled and raise money for the school. Our Eco Committee are very happy this service is available for everyone to use.

They will take:

Clothes, paired shoes, bed linen, accessories (such as belts, hats, gloves, scarves, handbags) as well as soft toys.

They can't take:

Duvets or cushions, off cuts, used underwear or socks, carpet or curtains.

When the recycling bin is emptied we get money paid to the school, and the best bit is that your unwanted textiles are sent to good use. Good quality textiles and garments will be sent to countries in Eastern Europe, and those not fit to be re-worn are shared on the global market to be recycled into many everyday products like pillow stuffing and even paper money!

The textile bin will be emptied fortnightly but if the bin is full prior to our allotted collection please email: [PTO-enquiries@hatchride.Wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:PTO-enquiries@hatchride.Wokingham.sch.uk) and we can arrange an additional collection. Start recycling today and raise valuable funds for your school.

### **Cold Weather Uniform**

Now the weather is colder please can you make sure all your child's additional winter clothing (hats, gloves, scarfs etc) are clearly labelled.

Our winter uniform is:

- Navy blue trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Red cardigan/jumper
- Plain navy tracksuit trousers and plain navy hoodie/sweatshirt for PE

### **Christmas Lunch Menu**

Culinera present the following menu

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR!  
**Happy Christmas!**

We cant wait to host you for Christmas dinner!

We will be serving our Christmas dinner on 16th December 2022.

Please order online through parentpay to reserve your menu now.

**THE MENU!**

Turkey Roast  
with all the trimmings

Vegetable Wellington  
with all the trimmings

**PUDDING**

Yule log  
Fruit

**£2.30 PER PERSON**

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This is a valuable resource for parents. It holds a wealth on advice about ways to help with those tricky moments!





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