



# Hatch Ride Matters September 23



Dear Hatch Ride Community

We have had a busy start to the new school year and it has been brilliant to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes. I would especially like to welcome all the new families who have joined our school community this year, it has been lovely to meet you all.

We have a new staff member joining us as well, Miss Costello is our new Year 4 teacher. Thank you to everyone for making her feel so welcome.

I am looking forward to seeing the children perform at the first event of the year, our Harvest assembly celebration.

Please take a moment to look at our diary dates below, this is a very busy term ahead!

#### **Reminders:**

Please remember there should be no wheels ridden onsite at any time including before and after school clubs. Please note this includes siblings on balance bikes and scooters.

Children are not to use the play equipment on the playground or field before or after school.

Thank you,

Ms Sparrowhawk

#### **School diary dates:**

<b>October</b>	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Assembly – Whole School Please see parentmail for the Crowthorne Foodbank collection information
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Flu immunisations
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Assembly Just One Tree Day (non-uniform) Please see parentmail for information
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Assembly
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Half term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
<b>November</b>	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Assembly
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Prospective parents open morning
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Assembly Children in Need – details to be confirmed
<b>December</b>	
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – school finishes at 1:15pm

## Reception

We are very proud of our new Reception children! They have settled in so well and have embraced life at Hatch Ride with enthusiasm. We have enjoyed exploring the school building and the outside space, especially riding trikes and bikes on the playground. The children have been playing team building games and learning to work together. We have started to work on phonics and the children are now bringing reading books home. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for the support they have given the children during their settling in. We are looking forward to seeing all their achievements this year.



## Year 1

The children have all settled in so well and are adapting to a new Key Stage 1 school life. They are working hard on learning new rules and routines, completing given tasks and having lots of fun too! Thank you to you all for your support with the summer task – filling your ‘bag about me’. The children loved sharing these with the class and we all enjoyed learning lots about each other from this activity.

They have been getting to know our guided reading Vipers and developing their speaking and listening skills too. Some secure counting has happened in maths and we are also working on writing all our numbers correctly. We now know lots about old toys thanks to our History topic and are discovering which materials they are made from in Science. We are enjoying getting to know our new friend Jigsaw Jack in PSHE and sharing our thoughts on feeling safe in school.

We are looking forward to the rest of this half term and hope to go on an Autumnal woodland walk very soon in our beautiful grounds. Our class assembly is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – we can't wait to perform to you then.



## Year 2

Year 2 children have settled well into the life and routines. They have been eager to learn about the Great Fire of London, finding out what happened and why it happened. We have applied this to writing historical stories set during the Great Fire of London. In maths, we have been building our understanding of numbers to 100, using the vocabulary of digits, tens and ones with care. Our science has featured everyday materials, grouping objects and identifying properties. (Do ask, "What object / material is transparent / opaque?") The children have also enjoyed having PSHE, RE and music with Mrs Field (where using the glockenspiels is a favourite moment!). Shortly we will be starting clay work in art, so we'll all be taking care to make sure after each lesson the classroom is neat and tidy. 😊



## Year 3

We have got off to an excellent start at juniors! We have got stuck into our topics already and we have started new subjects. We have loved our recorder lessons with Mr Woods on Wednesdays and we have learnt to play A and B so far. We have started French and we are already able to start a basic conversation by asking 'ça va?' and 'comment tu t'appelles?'. We have also recently completed an experiment in Science on our topic of 'Light'. We tested how reflective a variety of materials are. We had to make sure it was a fair test by keeping the distance between the torch and material the same length for each test. We have also been creating metaphors and similes in English. Year 3 are as good as gold! Year 3 are dynamite!



## Year 4

In Year 4, we have had great fun over the last few weeks using the story of 'How to train your dragon' as a basis for our character descriptions and persuasive leaflets. The children have particularly enjoyed the arrival of Denver (our own class dragon) and look forward to his friend's arrival. In Science, the children have explored the topic of Sound and have found out how sound travels, explored the patterns of soundwaves and enjoyed applying our sound knowledge to two scientific experiments. The children have loved learning about the Amazon River and have worked hard to explore the features of a river, the human uses of rivers and shared their water cycle knowledge through acting. We have been singing and exploring different 70's music as well as starting to learn our new songs in preparation for the Harvest Festival.



I wanted to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for the warm welcome to Hatch Ride. I have enjoyed spending the last few weeks meeting everyone and getting to know the children. We have lots to look forward to and I am excited to continue exploring our exciting year 4 topics!

## Year 5

We've made a cracking start to life in Year 5 and can't believe we've been in for almost a month already! The children returned to school eager to start our highly anticipated space topic, bringing with them a whole host of incredible projects produced over the summer. Thank you to parents for supporting the children with these. Aside from space, we've also made a thorough start in exploring Europe and its current challenges in Geography as well as Buddhism in RE! We've also recently enjoyed writing biographies about famous astronaut, Helen Sharman, and getting to grips with 6-digit numbers (wow!) in maths. We've also enjoyed getting back into the library again and are training several members of the class to become class librarians to support the wonderful Mrs O'Connell.



## Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to the term. On returning from the summer, the courtyard garden was full of runner beans, pumpkins and other plants that had gone wild over the summer. We have been helped by Mrs Wilson to get on top of the wildflowers and thistles (without deterring the number of beautiful

butterflies in the courtyard) and to keep on top of some of the harvest. In addition, we have been busy taking on more responsibilities around the school including being trained to cover the office at lunchtimes taking messages from parents. We are mindful that we set the standard for the rest of the school including our learning behaviours and resilience when learning.

