

# HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

24th February 2017



### ROTARY CLUB QUIZ

Congratulations to our Year 6 team of Emily, William S, Tyler and Anna who made it through to the finals at the Octagon Theatre this week. Due to Anna being ill Kaitlyn stepped in at the last minute. Mr Clarke and I were very proud of the team. Well done!

### WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 2ND MARCH

Children can come to school dressed as a book character. Staff have been sharing their favourite book in assemblies this week. Please make the most of the fantastic opportunity to spend an afternoon with your child having fun with books.

### WORKER BEE DAY

Please come and help us spruce up the school on Thursday 9th March 3.30pm to 5pm (film will be put on for the children) Names to the office asap please.

### ROAD SAFETY

Yet another reminder that we request that you do NOT drop your children off where it is illegal or dangerous to do so, some parents are putting their own and other children at risk by obstructing the road and others' views.

### PANTOMIME

Congratulations to all our Hatherleigh children who took part in the pantomime. You were amazing!

### FILM CLUB

Reminder that there is **no Film Club on Monday 27th February** due to staff training. The Film Club review of the week for 'The secret of Moonacre' goes to Jessica Murrin, well done Jessica!

### GREEN TEAM—BOOK FOR CREATIVE WEDNESDAY

A reminder to all green team members in years 1,2 and 3—please bring an old paperback book with at least 100-200 pages to the Creative Wednesday session on 1st March. If you have any problems organising this please speak to Mrs Bragg.

### CHESTNUTS CLASS

Next week Chestnuts are learning about where fruit and vegetables come from. We would be very grateful for any packaging, labels etc.

### SWIMMING

If anyone has any outgrown swimming costumes ages 5-11 years we would be very grateful to have as spares for swimming lessons

### THE INCREDIBLE YEARS PROGRAMME

The Incredible Years programme is a 14 week course which will explore the rewards and challenges of being a parent with children aged 3-5 years old and will cover topics such as:

- ◆ Play
- ◆ Praise and Rewards
- ◆ Setting Effective Limits
- ◆ Ways to manage behaviour

Contact the Office or Okehampton & Hatherleigh Children Centre for more information about this course which will be held at Hatherleigh Children's Centre.



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### WORLD BOOK DAY

Come along and do something booky!

- Free workshop for parents and children with lots of top tips to make reading fun!
- Come along with your child to take part in a range of activities to link with World Book Day 2017

Everyone welcome and refreshments provided too!

Thursday 2nd March 1.00—3.00pm

Please let the school office know if you would like to come along  
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£ FREE

Learn Devon is funded by the Skills Funding Agency and the European Social Fund. Free courses may be subject to terms and conditions.



### This Week's Learners of the Week

Daniel Laye-Sion  
Aliyah Brooks  
Matilda Woodhouse  
Maisy Woodhouse  
Austin Woodhouse  
Oliver Woodhouse  
Allanah Pease  
Wilfey Snellgrove  
Elodie Taylor

### What's on next week?

**Monday**  
Year 3 & 4 Swimming  
**Thursday**  
World Book Day  
**Friday**  
Hawthorns visit to RHS  
Rosemoor

Designated Safeguarding Officer Caroline Boother

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE OKEHAMPTON MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

As the formation of the Okehampton Multi Academy Trust has been prominent in the local paper recently, the governors thought it might be timely to re-circulate the findings of the working party, which were sent out at the end of the Autumn Term, who carried out an indepth study of the impact joining this Trust would have on Hatherleigh School.

Members of that working party attended training events, referenced a number of sources and under took research (including looking at the findings of the Education Select Committee).

The findings were:

There is no current, overwhelming evidence that academisation is driving improved learning outcomes for pupils over and above maintained schools; for good schools with a strong leadership it is not clear why academising is beneficial at this point.

An experienced management and leadership structure is required to run such a large business but it is not clear how such a costly layer will deliver improvements at classroom level where resources are already scarce. It is also believed that large scale efficiencies often cited as a benefit are unlikely to deliver real improvements again at school level, where the MAT is large and therefore requires more administrative roles.

The leadership selection or succession within MAT's currently does not appear to be as transparent and open to competition as other sectors, including the maintained school system.

There is a concern that middle leadership layers (Headteacher) are likely to be spread across a number of schools, to drive efficiencies and reduce cost; but also reducing the effectiveness of their role, and making the system more faceless.

Academisation as a process is long and takes great commitment from senior staff and Governors, as well as providing a source of stress and destabilisation for those on the periphery, which distracts from school life and the provision of great education to our pupils.

Financial viability is expected to be only attainable at a MAT size of 10,000 pupils, this requires a large number of secondary and feeder primaries to make the numbers work. As such, a school of 200 cannot and should not expect preferential treatment in decisions or outcomes.

On balance, the Governing body determined that there is not sufficient, overwhelming evidence that academisation will deliver a step change in the outcome of our pupils at present, but that it would constitute a large distraction to staff and governors, as well as creating a level of instability which would be detrimental to the education of our children. Therefore, we decided that we will remain a maintained school, and that we will review the situation in 3 years time.

We will, of course, continue to work with other schools and the Governing Body will be actively looking to increase its collaboration both educationally and from a business point of view.

Well Done to the Year 6 Green Team who raised £52.95 from the cake sale last Friday.

### EVENTS AT OKEHAMPTON LIBRARY

#### Fairtrade Fortnight – 27<sup>th</sup> February -12<sup>th</sup> March

Fairtrade Picture Hunt for children. Find all the pictures of Fairtrade products hidden around the library for the chance to win some Fairtrade Chocolate.

#### It's World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

10:30-11:30 'Supertato' Story & Craft Activity - for children under 5 and their carers

One lucky attendee will win a £15 book token

**Name the Book Character Quiz: 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March** Pick up a copy of our free fun quiz for children. One correct entry drawn on 31<sup>st</sup> March will win a £15 book token

**Writes of Passage** - A display of 50 books that will change your life and keep you reading, chosen by young people and adults. Anyone aged 13-21 years old who borrows a book from our display in March has a chance to win a £25 book token

#### Easter Chocolate Draw

Friends of Okehampton Library draw tickets go on sale from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Lots of yummy chocolate prizes to win – draw to take place 15<sup>th</sup> April

Okehampton Library 01837 52805

### Shrove Tuesday PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Old Schools

5.30 pm - 7.30 pm

Hatherleigh Parish Church  
invites you

to come and indulge in  
a pancake or two

Any donations will go towards church funds

**EVERYBODY WELCOME!**

### ICKLETOTS BABY & CHILDREN'S MARKET

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 11am till 1.30pm

Hatherleigh Community Centre

£1.00 entry, goody bags for first 50 customers. Refreshments available.

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