



Head Teachers Newsletter: 10th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you all for continuing to support us with either your children in school or at home, what a team we are! We appreciate that you are all working so hard to juggle home and work life and we really do appreciate that home schooling is hard. This can feel like a difficult task and I urge you to use the class emails if you have any questions about any of the learning. Make sure that you take one day at a time and be kind to yourself we are here to support in whatever way we can.

The teachers have enjoyed the zoom calls with the children and have commented on how lovely it was to 'see' them all and have time to chat, listen to a story, bring something to talk about or dress up- whatever the theme it has been lovely to hear them giggling! If you have not yet joined, then please email the class teachers and they will be able to send you an invitation. Class zoom meetings will be organised for the first two weeks after half term. The teachers are currently organising the invitations so please look out for them in your emails!

Huge thank you to you all for uploading onto Tapestry. I have enjoyed looking at all the wonderful learning that has been taking place. I have listened to stories, been on adventures with pirates and mermaids, learning about the Great Fire of London and getting my maths brain working hard!

*You have all done an AMAZING job and I am sending a virtual **GOLD** card to everyone for their resilience and effort! With half term round the corner, we have decided that all the children deserved a treat. We have bought a show from The Magic Hatter called Seaside special. Please see the link below to access the show and enjoy the performance as a family any time during the break. We hope that you enjoy!*

I am sure you join me in feeling disappointed by the news that schools will not reopen immediately after half term. As I write to you, we await further updates on whether schools can reopen safely, and in what form, from 8th March. As soon as I receive further news from the government, I will of course let you know. In the interim could I please encourage you to follow the national guidance, stay at home, and help stop the spread of the virus.

*As was the case over the Christmas holiday period schools have been asked to support NHS Test and Trace over the half term break. If your child has been attending school this term and develops COVID-19 symptoms within **48hrs** of being in school, please email the key worker email on keyworker@heather-ridge.co.uk. A member of staff will then be in touch with you and, as appropriate, inform close contacts to isolate if needed. Please do not use the class email addresses as these will not be monitored over the half term break.*

*World Book Day is due to be on the Friday 5th March, but we would really like to celebrate this all together so plan to postpone this to **Friday 26th March** when we will hopefully have all the children back in school. Staff and children are all invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book and will have a fun filled time talking and sharing books! It has always been a wonderful day and I cannot wait to see all the different book characters!*

*I hope that you all have a wonderful half term
Take care and look after yourselves and your families.
Miss Elliott*

The Magic Hatter Seaside Fun Show

STREAM at <https://youtu.be/DBjfMXNHANA>

If you have a Smart TV, simply enter this private link (case sensitive) with your remote in the Internet Browser or YouTube app. If not, you can connect a laptop to a TV using a HDMI cable. If it doesn't work at first, try it without the https:// at the start.

For the best viewing experience, I highly recommend **changing quality settings to the highest (720P or 1080P if available)** If you aren't sure how, follow this handy guide <https://www.mobilescout.com/smartphone/news/n104534/change-youtube-video-quality-smart-tv.html>

AFTER THE SHOW

I'd love to hear your feedback, so if you get chance it would be *magic* if you can **leave a review** at <https://magichatter.freeindex.co.uk>

You can also **email any comments, photos, drawings** or contact me at www.facebook.com/magichatter. I'm on Instagram too at www.instagram.com/magichatterentertainments

Feel free to tag the [Magic Hatter page](#) when you are about to watch! Keep an eye on the page for details of **new shows, magic workshops** and more in the year ahead...

Yours magically,
The Magic Hatter

In other news...

We are delighted that our renovation of the school bungalow has finally finished! Haven house as it is now called has been a project that has been in the pipeline since 2016- so I am delighted that the space is finally completed. It is our plan to use the space in a variety of ways. Caterpillars breakfast and after school club shall be hiring part of the space and will continue to offer excellent wrap around care for our school families.

The rest of the space is going to be utilised for school-based interventions/meetings/ PPA space and generally used by all the school. This obviously will only happen once we can use shared spaces safely again. In the long term we are also looking at hiring of the space- so exciting times ahead! Please take a quick peak at the pictures.



We just cannot wait!

