



Dear Parents & Carers,

After a number of delays our new building was opened 2 weeks ago. We have three new good sized classroom with access to an outside learning area, a large group room, an additional meeting room and a playground area.



It was lovely to welcome 18 new students before Christmas and they have already begun to settle well. Thank you for the patience of families and mainstream school who had to manage difficult situations whilst the building was being completed.

I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year. I hope that 2015 is year of health and happiness for you all! Sue Blows, Head teacher.



Early Years Events The Early years have enjoyed a busy term focusing on 'Ourselves' and 'Celebrations'.

The classes have had great fun getting messy through sensory play and art activities, as well as getting physical in Gymboree dancing and singing sessions and sound about activities. Our topics for the Spring Term will be "Animals" and "Spring".



We will also be starting our stay and play sessions which you will be invited to come along to and join our training and play sessions. We would also be grateful if you could take some photos over the holidays of your children doing lots of fun things and send them into us. You can send in photos and we can copy these or email them to us at earlyyears@hattonspecialschool.co.uk.

Key Stage 1 Update This last half term has been extremely busy for Key Stage 1. We have opened our doors to two additional Key Stage 1 classes.

Pupils in Key Stage 1 have been participating in a range of activities, which link to our topic for this half term 'Celebrations'. This was then rounded off at the end of term, with a lovely 'sing-song' with parents, spreading the Christmas cheer along with fun Christmas activities in class.

We wish you a happy holiday and look forward to having the pupils back in the Spring Term.

Communication and Learning Team

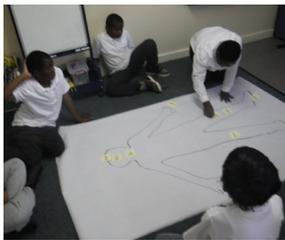
News....This term we welcome two Speech and Language Therapy Assistants. We also welcomed a new Parent Support Advisor, Amy Reddick who is supporting Karen Bedford in her role. The Communication and Learning Team have been involved in training days delivered by Richard Hirstwood, which focused on the use of multi-sensory resources and the use of iPads within the curriculum.

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR PUPILS

Monday, 5th January 2015



Upper Key stage 2 News



This term Upper Key Stage 2 have been working hard and learning about "Ourselves". Some

of us have been learning about ourselves through sensory activities, science activities and by sharing through discussions with our peers.

During Enrichment this term our classes have enjoyed making and decorating cookies, making peppermint creams, sensory sessions in the sensory garden, practising their ICT skills in the ICT suite and on iPads.

In Upper key stage 2 this term we have also enjoyed visits from Godly Play and have produced some fantastic art work from these sessions.

We have all enjoyed putting together our Christmas concert and performing it. We had a blast as we sung our Christmas songs from around the world.

Lower Key Stage 2 Highlights

This term LKS2 have enjoyed a variety of experiences. One of our classes attended the Presidents Sporting Lunch, along with classes from UKS2 and KS1, as well as numerous activities there was a visit from Santa.

Class 15 also enjoyed a visit to the Gruffalo Trail, which tied in with their topic book and allowed the class to consolidate their learning in a different environment.

With regular visits to ELHAP classes have had the opportunity to look at their topics of AUTUMN in fun ways. The children went on leaf hunts as well as a rock hunt for science. We have also been lucky enough to have had regular visits from Growing Kids, who have helped the children to enjoy the environmental garden, and make bird feeders as well as plant bulbs for the spring.

LKS2 have supported a number of charitable events this term, including the Big Dance, Children in Need, and Christmas Jumper Day. We also helped to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of UNICEF, where we all contributed to our "Hands Up for UNICEF" display.



Travel Plan



At Hatton School we are actively involved in promoting

safe travelling and related skills as part of our travel plan. Over the term children have been taking part in trips within the local community working on pedestrian skills and road safety, developing bike and scooter skills. After Christmas we will be having a range of competitions and initiatives to promote different ways we can travel and be safe.

The Outreach Team are supporting record numbers of children in schools across the borough, over 330 at the last count. They have been busy supporting schools in implementing the new Code of practice and SEN reforms. They have already been involved in a lot of meetings to convert statements to Education Health Care Plans for children in year 5.

The Outreach Team have continued to offer training and share ideas on Person Centred Planning which many mainstream schools are now developing. This means that meetings are much more child and family friendly and parents, staff and children are feeling more positive and included. The Outreach Team always value your feedback.