



# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference – enriching community*

## Weekly Newsletter – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

*'.....commitment to ensuring that all pupils are afforded the best opportunity to achieve is at the centre of every decision.....' OFSTED July 2017*

### Chair of Governors: Niema Bohrayba

#### **WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM AT HAYTOR VIEW**

We hope this email finds you and your family safe and well. In these unprecedented times, it's an unusual start to the Summer term as we are welcoming children back to school whilst they are largely at home.

However, we remain resolute in our commitment to children and families, your children's School Leaders, Teachers, Learning Partners, Lunch Time Partners and Admin Team have all been working hard in considering how best we can all support you and your children whilst the school remains closed to the majority of children.



We appreciate the tensions which sit around home learning and therefore do not underestimate the challenges this may present at the moment. Therefore the activities being placed on the website can be viewed simply as 'suggestions' (not expectations!) for your child to select from according to what they enjoy and how they feel.

This will see the activities on the website reflecting the school's ethos and vision as stated at the top of the newsletter. We are keen that children are having the opportunity to smile and enjoy any activities they are engaging with whilst at home and share these experiences with their family. This will help their sense of self and long term well-being, as it is this which will underpin their successful return to school in the future.

The well-being of children, and everyone in our homes must be our first priority – with this in mind, feel comfortable avoiding battles getting children to do 'things' suggested on the school website. These are only a guide and if your child isn't ready to do them, it can wait – for as long as it takes! Our children are experiencing so much change and challenge – **just being there for them, and doing what feels right to you is the best support that anyone can bring.** Our website Coronavirus page will shortly be updated to reflect this approach, hopefully enabling you to feel comfortable managing your child's time at home in a way that suits them and you.

**If you are having any of those 'this isn't going right' or 'I need to do more' feelings please contact us and we will be really pleased to remind you that what you are doing will be supportive of your child, celebrate this with you and put your mind at rest.** Just telephone and leave a message on 01626 203040, email on [admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk) or send us a message via School Gateway.

#### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We are keen that we maintain contact with our children and families, it is important for all of us that we maintain a positive relationship as we seek to support the well-being of all of our children and families.

With this in mind, teachers will be contacting families over forthcoming weeks to say 'hello' to both you and your child. This will provide you and your child to ask any questions you or they may have in relation to the activities on the website, as well as share their experiences. Denise Tancock, our Family Support Worker, will also be making contact with families in a pastoral capacity, to see if there is any support we can offer during this difficult time.

If you are wishing to speak with your child's Class Teacher or Denise Tancock, please contact the school by the means mentioned above.



## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Thanks to everyone who has been in touch sharing preferences around free school meals. If you are one of those who chose to receive eGift Card payments, you will know that there have been delays in these being received due to the extent of the demand for vouchers nationally.

We have heard this morning that initial £15 vouchers are being received by many parents this morning. Others will follow very shortly. In order to help the process along we will be applying for larger payments today – this means that the next payment received will bring things up to date to the end of this week. Watch out for these over the coming days as it seems that the IT processes are now up and running again.



Of course, if you ever wish to change the way in which you are being supported in providing meals for your children, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

## **MAKING CONTACT WITH SCHOOL**

In the event that you wish to use email to make contact with the school in the event of a query, please can you do so either using the website splash page, school gateway or sending an email to [admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk). Due to GDPR, any messages sent to individual teacher email accounts will be automatically deleted and are therefore unread.



The telephones aren't staffed full time at this moment, however if you contact the school by telephone and leave a message 01626 203040, a member of school staff will return your call.

## **ONLINE SAFETY**

There is support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers (press Ctrl and Click to access the link):

- [Thinkyouknow](#) (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- [Internet matters](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Parent info](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [LGfL](#) (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- [Net-aware](#) (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC)
- [Let's Talk About It](#) (support for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) (tips, advice, guides)



## **GOVERNMENT HANDWASHING ADVICE**

The most important thing individuals can do to protect themselves is to wash their hands more often. Soap and water and regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds is the best way of staying safe.

Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus.

Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside), but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.



## **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

As part of our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning the whole school are thinking about 'SEAL – Good to Be Me'. We would usually have our community celebration in assembly on Friday, this week we are encouraging families to spend a moment to share the success of the children who are doing things that make them happy at home.

We'd love to hear your comments about what you and your child have got up to this week that has made you feel happy and comfortable. You know how to get in touch!

**'I did something which put a big smile on my face  
and the faces of the people I live with this week!'**



## **THAT FOODBANK**

The school has strong links with the foodbank in more difficult times they are there for everyone, both online at [www.thatfoodbank.com](http://www.thatfoodbank.com), and are located at the end of Queensway - 8 Queensway House, Queensway, Buckland, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4BA Tel: 01626 437310.

Feel free to contact them direct or speak contact the school if you would like an introduction to the service – please don't wait until you are going short – having food provided can ease pressure in other areas of household costs too.



## **SAFEGUARDING – EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Concerned about a child? If you have serious concerns about a child or young person, or if you need help parenting your child you can call 0345 155 1071 or email [mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk). Out of hours please call 0845 6000 388. If it is an emergency dial 999.