



# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

## Weekly Newsletter – 22<sup>nd</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**

### **HELLO FROM HAYTOR VIEW**

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and well.

As we said last week, we are working hard to consider how to best support you and your children whilst the school remains closed. We have had messages and conversations with lots of you which is fantastic. We value the relationships that we have with all of you and are keen to keep in touch. With this in mind **members of the school team will be calling you from time-to-time just to say hello and see how people are getting on during this difficult time.**



We are really keen to reiterate the message on the front 'splash' page of our website and last week's newsletter, which focused on all of us looking after each other and doing what we feel is best in the moment.

The ethos of our school has relationships and wellbeing at the centre of all we do and we're delighted that lots of you are taking a flexible approach to the activities suggested on the website. Many of you have come up with your own activities which support your child's happiness and sense of wellbeing which is just great! It makes us smile when we see your pictures or read your emails at the thought of your children smiling and enjoying whatever they are doing at home. Shared experiences, whatever they are, are so important during these difficult times and is what we should all be prioritising in order to support our positive return to the wider community once the lockdown ceases.

As we said last week 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.**

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.

**DON'T FORGET – IF IN DOUBT JUST VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk](http://www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk) FOR ADVICE, GUIDANCE & SUPPORT OR CONTACT US:-**

School Gateway; Email [admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk); Tel. 01 626 203040

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

We hope that teething problems with the system for the nationwide issue of vouchers to families entitled to free school meals are now behind us – thanks for your patience!

We expect that families should now have received emails about first and second payments and be able to access vouchers for these. **Should you still be having problems please get in touch with us in the usual way.**



We have now placed orders up to the end of next week in the hope that you will receive emails about vouchers shortly which will bring payments up to date to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

We know that waiting for the system to work has been frustrating, time consuming and a worry among all that is going on. Again, thanks for your patience and do keep in touch with us if you have any further problems.

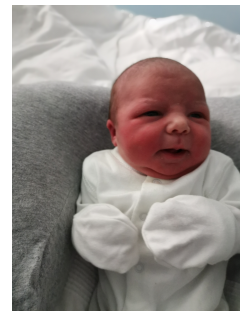
## **BABY NEWS**

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Mrs Cousins has given birth to a baby girl: Rosaleigh Jane Cousins arrived on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Mrs Cousins was so keen to share the news with the children in her class, that she was emailing school the following morning!

Rosaleigh will be a baby sister to Luca, who celebrated his birthday last week.

We are so pleased for Mrs Cousins, her husband and Luca. We wish all of the family the very best of wishes as they settle into being a family of four!



## **TAKING TIME TO LOOK AFTER OUR WELLBEING**

During these difficult times it's really important that we take care of our well-being, and that we keep a sense of our value and what makes us happy, as this will help us cope with the stresses that we will all be facing. Looking after ourselves will ensure that during 'lockdown' we can continue to be productive and make an important contribution to our families as well as the community more generally.

If you're having a difficult day, it's important to acknowledge this and do something which makes you feel better. There are lots of healthy and fun choices we can make, to support our wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around us. These include:

- Rest your legs up a wall;
- Make time to tell someone what they have done to make you feel happy;
- Do some colouring;
- Listen to music;
- Cuddle a soft toy or a cushion;
- Read or watch something funny.



Doing more of the things that make you feel good gives you more energy, if you notice the things which make you feel happier e.g. through enjoyment, achievement, being closer to others, ensure time is made for these activities during the week, as they have high value and high impact.

## **TALK ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS AND ASK FOR HELP**

It's important to talk about how you are feeling during this time, this could be family members, friends or support helplines. This is a difficult time and it is understandable and completely normal to feel that you need some extra support.

You can make contact with Denise Tancock – Support Worker or with your child's class teacher by emailing the school admin address [admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk) or leaving a message on the school answer phone 01626 203040, Denise will then make contact with you.



## **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 I really enjoyed this week and had fun!'**

## **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.