

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 6th May 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

BANK HOLIDAY

Friday 8th May 2020 is a Bank Holiday, therefore the school will not be operational during this day. This means:

- 1) The school will not be providing Child Care;
- The school office will not be staffed, therefore any telephone calls will be directed to answerphone and picked up on Monday 11th May;
- 3) Any emails sent to the Admin account will not be opened until Monday 11th May.

We wish you and your family a restful bank holiday.

WHAT A FANTASTIC WEEK IT HAS BEEN!

We hope that you and your family have had a good week, are well and safe.

It's been another busy week at Haytor View, lots of you have been telling us about what you've been doing at home during the school closure period, creativity is in abundance in the community, as it seems there is lots of painting and making going on!

We'd like to thank you for the great responses we have had to our telephone calls home to children and families, we have been overwhelmed with your reflective sharing of thoughts, questions and experiences, it has really enabled us to remind you of the most important 'ingredient' during this time that **just being there for your children and doing what feels right to you is the best support that anyone can bring**.

Don't forget 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 <u>www.haytorview.devon. sch.uk</u> FOR ADVICE, GUIDANCE & SUPPORT OR CONTACT US:-

School Gateway; Email admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk; Tel. 01626 203040

FREE SCHOOL MEALS PROVISION

In the challenging circumstances people are faced with currently, some families who haven't previously qualified for Free School Meals, maybe considering whether they need to review their entitlement.

It's quick, easy and we can help - just contact the school office and Mrs Irving will be happy to provide assistance.

NETFLIX – ADVICE ON KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

This week we have added a new link on the 'Keeping Children Safe Online' page of our website. Are you clear about what Netflix is and how it works? Did you know that they have recently rolled out several new features that help families and children have safer, more enjoyable streaming experiences?

Check out the school's website <u>www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk</u> – follow the 'Parents' link followed by 'Keeping Children Safe Online'. There has never been a more important time to keep your children safe online







LOOKING AFTER OUR WELL BEING - WHAT IS IN OUR KITCHEN CUPBOARDS?

There has been lots on the news regarding food shopping, the difficulty of buying ingredients. Over recent weeks there have been several food programs which have provided helpful advice on which ingredients work hard and serve us well.

With this in mind, we are going to put a section on our newsletter over the next few weeks, sharing some of these 'foodie tips' from the BBC Good Food website. If you press 'control and click' on the text in blue below this will take you to the BBC website which will have some tasty recipes using the ingredients.

DRIED GOODS - Having a long shelf life and usually inexpensive to buy, dried goods form the base of many meals so it's important to have them on hand:

- **Dried pasta** (such as spaghetti, macaroni, penne and lasagne) can be quickly transformed into a plateful of <u>easy pasta</u> or a satisfying <u>pasta</u> <u>bake</u> for the whole family.
- **Rice** (white or brown) is served alongside budget-friendly <u>curries</u> and <u>chillies</u>, or can be used as the main ingredient for <u>risotto</u>, <u>paella</u> and pilaf. Try our <u>rice recipes</u> for more ideas.
- **Couscous** is quick to prepare and pairs beautifully with <u>tagines</u> and <u>casseroles</u>, or can be enjoyed as a flavoursome <u>couscous salad</u>.
- Noodles (egg or rice) will keep for a long time when dried and are a must-have for comforting <u>noodle</u> soups and <u>stir-fries</u>. Find more <u>recipe ideas for noodles</u>.
- Porridge oats and cereals are handy not only as breakfast options but also as ingredients for other recipes such as <u>flapjacks</u>, <u>oat biscuits</u> and <u>granola</u>.

BASIC INGREDIENTS - we'll add to this list each week:

- Flour (plain and self-raising, white or wholemeal) is essential for thickening sauces, coating ingredients and all manner of baking. If you're a bread maker, keep dried yeast and strong white bread flour to hand.
- Sugar (white and brown) is another key ingredient.

IDEAS FOR ACTIVITIES YOUR CHILDREN CAN TRY AT HOME -

MAKING BUBBLES

It's easy to make your own bubbles from washing-up liquid and water, it makes 350ml and only takes 5 minutes.

You will need:

- 50ml washing-up liquid (one part)
- 300ml water (six parts)

How to make the bubble mixture:

- 1. Measure the washing-up liquid into a container, such as a jam jar or glass bottle
- 2. Slowly add in the water, being careful not to create too many bubbles at this stage. Gently stir the mixture together to combine a chopstick is perfect for this.
- 3. If you can, let the bubble mixture rest before using it, as it will make your bubbles even better.
- 4. When you're ready, dip your bubble wand into the mixture and start blowing bubbles!

Homemade bubble wands - You can also have plenty of fun finding different items around the house that could make bubbles e.g. straws; biscuit cutters, paperclips

Think big – if you want to scale up the recipe, you just need one part washing-up liquid to six parts water. Try making a big bubble mixture in a washing-up bowl – then you can use bigger items, like colanders and slotted spoons, to make bubbles in the garden.

MORE ACTIVITY IDEAS ON OUR WEBSITE

Take a look at the latest addition to our website. On the temporary front page where learning leaders are sharing activities with you there is a new link – '**Other Fun Activities**'. Click on this and you will find loads of suggestions for simple things for you to enjoy. Suggestions are coming in from people who work throughout school. This week there are some ideas from Mrs Boulton, Mrs Dore and Mr Hampton.

Keep checking in on this page as there will be plenty of ideas being added regularly.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS - 'GOOD TO BE ME!'

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!

'Something I did for someone else this week . . . '

