



# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

## Weekly Newsletter – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023

*'Pupils, staff, parents and carers agree that Haytor View School is a happy place to learn'*  
OFSTED March 2023

### Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

#### **HAYTOR VIEW CHRISTMAS THANKS AND PLENTY MORE!**

As this newsletter is sent to you, so many of our Christmas celebrations will have taken place, but still there is plenty to look forward to before we end the term!

We have hugely enjoyed seeing so many families and friends throughout the Christmas period. Haven't the children shone in all that they have brought you? Whether it be through performances, enjoying the pantomime or disco, or during our 'church visit' which took place in the hall during which the Christmas story itself was shared, they have been the stars - your stars! We hope that events have made your Christmas in the same way as it made ours. We know that you will share us in thanking all involved, whether school staff, parents or wider friends of the school - without them Xmas just wouldn't feel like Xmas!



And still there is more happening! Today your children will have enjoyed **Xmas lunch** and perhaps you will have been able to join us for our **Christmas Craft Afternoon**, 2.00pm for Key Stages 1 and 2, with fun happening in the Foundation Stage from 2.30pm. Wednesday evening sees Year 5 taking part in the **Lantern Parade** in Newton Abbot - this is always a really fun evening out. The procession starts at 6.30pm from Bearnas School - if you're not involved maybe you could pop down and give us a wave as we pass - it would be great to see you!



Thursday evening see us **Singing Around our Tree** in the courtyard with the help of your children and the choir. Words will be provided for all to join in (bring your singing voices) and there will be hot food and drinks available. This is always a fun get-together and the weather forecast is dry so do join us.



Our final gathering of the term sees everyone invited to join us for **assembly at 9.00am on Friday morning**. We will be presenting governor awards, celebrating children with outstanding attendance (98%+) as well as hearing from teachers about what has made their class a special place to be this term.

Thanks once again for the part that you have played in making this Xmas period feel so special - we look forward to seeing you in the new year, if not over the next couple of days.

#### **WISHING YOU FESTIVE GREETINGS**

Everyone at Haytor View wishes you and your family a merry Christmas and happy new year, we hope that you enjoy the festive period with your families and friends

We look forward to seeing you back at school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.**

## PURPLE MASH PROJECTS

Looking for some family fun during the wintery Christmas Holidays? Purple Mash has some ideas for you! Families can have some 'Escape Room' fun using Purple Mash. There are different Escape Rooms for maths, for KS1 and KS2, and Historic topics including Victorians and World War 2. If you're feeling brave you can even create your by coding a quiz. Are your family able to escape?



## NO SMOKING OR VAPING ON SITE PLEASE

Can we politely request that at pick-up and drop-off, and at all other times that visits are made to the school site, that parents, relatives, friends and visitors **do not smoke or vape please**. It is important that we keep our school site smoke and vape free and we thank-you for your support with this.



## RECEPTION PLACES FOR 2024-25

Are you planning for your child to join our Reception class in September 2024? If so applications need to be **submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January at the latest**.

Copy the link below and it will tell you all you need to know. Alternatively speak with Miss Jacob, Miss Butler or a member of the office team who will be happy to help.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>



## P.E. KIT REMINDER

Next Term we continue to ask that all children wear their P.E. kit to school on their allocated P.E. days. Your child's P.E. day will remain the same next Term. P.E. Kit should include: **black or navy shorts or jogging bottoms, suitable trainers a white T-Shirt and their school jumper**.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is wearing appropriate P.E. Kit on these days, wearing their school jumper supports children to feel connected and safe in school as well as ensuring they feel ready to learn.



## MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

We are pleased to share with you that when we return to school in January, the Mental Health Support Team will be delivering two sessions to our children in Years 5 and 6. The sessions will support the children to:

- Know more about who the Mental Health Support Team is.
- Understand what mental health is, that it is as important as physical health and is something everyone has.
- Learn how to use empathetic listening skills to support others.
- Understand the importance of connecting with others and looking after our own wellbeing.
- Explore how to balance and manage our mental health.

If you feel you or your child would benefit from support in understanding and managing anxiety, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to ask for more details about the Mental Health Support Team and the services on offer at Haytor View.



## PLAYLEADER NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIVE PLAY

We are really pleased that our Year 6 Playleaders, who meet after school each Monday, and have been supporting play at dinnertimes, have been keen to nominate children that they see demonstrating positive play behaviours.

The children that they have noticed this week who will be receiving certificates in assembly on Friday are:

**Lily Young, Samuel Geary and Sienna Harry**

Congratulations and many thanks to our playleaders.



## SAFEGUARDING – EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

If you are concerned about a child 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. Should you have any safeguarding concerns the Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school are: Mr Hampton, Miss Shopland and Miss Butler.



## ATTENDANCE

Please find below the attendance information for each class last week, great effort. Well done!



OVERALL	Nursery B2 SB & SJP	Reception B1 LJ	Year 1 RH	Year 2 IF	Year 3 MC	Year 4 SB	Year 5 JM	Year 6 GH
93.7	82.7	97.3	90.4	92.1	65.6	94.1	93.2	97.2