



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 13th May 2020

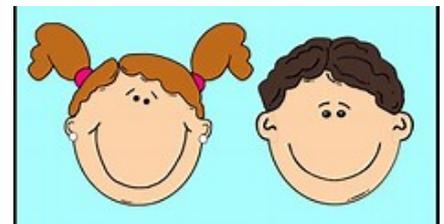
'.....commitment to ensuring that all pupils are afforded the best opportunity to achieve is at the centre of every decision.....' OFSTED July 2017

Chair of Governors: Niema Bohrayba

WELL DONE TO THE CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF HAYTOR VIEW!

We hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well and that you had an enjoyable bank holiday, the weather was great even if our ways of enjoying it were limited!

We continue to be delighted to hear from you, finding out about how you are spending your time and what you have chosen to 'get involved with' from the website, either from class pages or the 'Other Fun Activities' section. Do let us know if you want more, or different, from the suggestions that we have made.



This week has seen a statement from our Prime Minister and at the time of writing we are awaiting further details of hopes and expectations so that we can make some decisions about how we can make these safely fit at Haytor View. We hope that our letter to parents earlier in the week provided you with some comfort or reassurance. If you haven't seen it check it out via School Gateway or on the school website. In a nutshell the letter said that, in relation to school,:-

- **for the time being, for the next three weeks, nothing has changed**
- **we are keen to get more children back into school as soon as it is safe to do so**
- **we will not make decisions that may compromise the safety of children, staff, parents**
- **we will not be seeking to penalise parents who make personal decisions relating to children's safety**

It is a complicated and stressful time – be assured that we will be in touch when we have information to share concerning the school's opening. In the meantime feel free to contact us in the usual way. Our school team are enjoying phoning to say 'hello' to you and your children so thank you for giving us time to talk with you. We hope that this is another opportunity to catch up or share your thoughts.

Continue to be safe and we look forward to seeing everyone as soon as it's safe to do so.

DON'T FORGET – IF IN DOUBT JUST VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk

FOR ADVICE, GUIDANCE & SUPPORT OR CONTACT US:-

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

****STOP PRESS** – 'MOVING FORWARD – SHARING OUR THOUGHTS'**

A letter has been issued to all parents this morning bringing you up to date on the key considerations that will be on our minds as we move in the direction of the school being open to more children. As the letter says, **we are keen to hear any concerns or thoughts that you may have** – these may help to shape our provision, so get in touch through the usual means – School Gateway, email or telephone.

Be assured that we will be continuing to keep you in the picture over the coming days so **please watch out for letters and information being shared** – be assured too that our fundamental priority will be the safety and well-being of the children and adults within our school community.

TERM DATES 2020 – 21

We appreciate that at the moment there continues to be some uncertainty around when children will return to school. However the Governors have agreed term dates for next year, 2020-21, and we have had several requests for them already. All of the dates are detailed on the next page of the newsletter – have a look, it's great to think about the future and what we might be getting up to when this period has passed.

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEAL SUPPORT?

We are really pleased to be able to say that all of our families entitled to free school meals are now receiving shopping vouchers or lunches delivered daily to their door. We even have some families who have just discovered that they are entitled to this support.

Are you wondering whether recent changes mean that you may now be entitled to free school meals? If your child does qualify for this provision you are currently entitled to £15 in food vouchers each week, or freshly made packed lunches delivered to you.



Please contact us on 01626 203040 if you want to explore this.

ANIMAL CROSSING: NEW HORIZONS – PARENT GUIDE

Many children are diving into Nintendo's latest franchise, Animal Crossing. Available on Nintendo Switch and Switch Lite, it's a game that sees children bringing civilisation to a deserted island.

Take a look at the 'Keeping Children Safe Online' link on our website www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk and spend five minutes checking out the Animal Crossing: Parent Guide published by Parentzone. It will tell you all you need to know about the game, and how you can help your child to have safer, more enjoyable gaming experiences when playing.

It's never been more important to keep your children safe online.



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. You know how to get in touch!

'I felt good about myself when I . . . '

Autumn Term 2020

- 3rd September Non Pupil Day
- 4th September First day of Term for children
- 23rd October Non Pupil Day
- 26th to 30th October inclusive - Half Term
- 18th December Last day of Term



Spring Term 2021

- 4th January First day of Term for children
- 11th and 12th February Non Pupil day
- 15th to 19th February inclusive - Half Term
- 1st April Last day of Term

Summer Term 2021

- 19th April First day of Term for children
- 3rd May Bank Holiday
- 31st May to 4th June inclusive - Half Term
- 8th July Non Pupil day
- 23rd July Last day of Term

LOOKING AFTER OUR WELL BEING - 'LET'S GET CREATIVE'

HOW TO MAKE LADYBIRD ROCKS

A ladybird rock will brighten up the home or garden & children will love getting creative with their designs.

You will need:

- Smooth and fairly flat rock or stone
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Jar or mug of water, to clean the paintbrushes
- Newspaper, for the table

Method:

- Wash and dry the rock, then paint it white all over. Allow to dry.
- Paint the rocks in your chosen colour. Allow to dry completely before applying a second coat.
- Once dry, use black paint to paint one end of the rock for the head, then add a straight line down the centre for the wings and little circles on the body to create ladybird spots. Allow to dry.
- Finish by painting on a funny face, or you could add googly eyes.



Brighten up someone else's day with your ladybird! When you go for your daily exercise take a ladybird with you – hide it somewhere that someone might find so that they can take it home to decorate their garden or doorstep. If you remember where you put it, check to see if it has been taken when you next walk by – if it's gone it will have made someone very happy!