

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 16th February 2022

*'.....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: Robert Doets

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS - THANK-YOU....EVERYONE!

It's been an unusual half term at Haytor View – for the first time during the past two years we have seen significant impact from cases of COVID-19 in the school community. While we are fortunate to hear of few significant health problems, the need to self-isolate has caused challenge, concern and uncertainty. Our experience has shown that without doubt the current variant of the virus is more contagious, though seemingly less dangerous, than earlier viruses.

Thank-you to everyone who has supported us during this difficult period, by looking after yourselves, your families and others. We are grateful for the thought and care you have shown as well as all of the testing that you have done (!) to ensure that our school and local community is as safe as it can be.

You will have noticed that this wave of the virus has also impacted upon adults in school. We are grateful for the flexibility shown by families and children as we have responded to high levels of staff absence over recent weeks. These have often seen changes to normal arrangements and children have managed this really positively. We are pleased to say that we have been able to make things work using adults that children will have some familiarity with, even if this means only having seen them elsewhere in school. It seems an appropriate time to thank the staff team at the school – they have shown such commitment and flexibility in their care for every child as well as each other during this time.

With school closing to children for half term at the end of Thursday, on behalf of the whole school team we wish you a healthy and comfortable half term break. Our best hopes are that this current period of high levels of infection locally is coming to a close. We have learned over the last few weeks that, if this isn't the case, we have a school community of children, parents, staff and friends of the school who will work together in moving everyone close to more healthy and comfortable times.

We look forward to seeing everyone back together on Monday 28th February.

Robert Doets – Chair of Governors

FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Soundart Radio Spring Spectacular are offering drop in family workshops during February half term, children of all ages are welcome, accompanied by an adult.

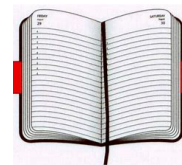
Enjoy circus skills, radio production, sewing, planting ,
cooking on the following dates:

- Monday 21st Feb 11.00am – 3.00pm Buckland Centre
- Wednesday 23rd Feb 12.00am – 3.00pm Courtenay Centre



DIARY DATES

- Non Pupil day Friday 18th February – School Closed
- Half Term Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February
- Children return to School – Monday 28th February
- World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March – Bring favourite book - dress up as character if you wish. See recent letter.
- Red Nose Day – Friday 18th March – Dress red – details in next newsletter



SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday this week, across Years 1 to 6, assemblies were held and learning took place around our recognition of Safer Internet Day. An important day in our school calendar every year, this time around the focus fell upon relationships that we have with others online; what online respect looks like; supporting children's understanding around the need to be respectful online in the same way as we are face-to-face. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher, and of course your child, about what they have experienced.

Linked to internet safety, we have this week added information for parents on the 'Keeping Your Children Safe Online' page on the school website. The information focusses upon 'Reddit'.

If you have seen your children using or heard them talking about Reddit, this information will be invaluable. Just click on the 'Safeguarding' link on the school's home page.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'EVERY CHILD HAS COMFORT WITH WHO THEY ARE'

This week there won't be a Friday celebration assembly due to Friday 18th February being a Non Pupil training day. Therefore the Learning Leaders have been thinking about what they would wish to celebrate about the Core Offer in their class this half term, as all children have been thinking about 'good to be me' and exploring **Respectful Attitudes**.



'Let's Celebrate our Core Offer' – A few words from teachers.

- **Foundation Stage** - We know creativity takes courage. This term the children have demonstrated their amazing creative ideas and thinking through a wealth of mediums. Idea sparking quickly from what they have seen and experiences as a cohort, it's amazing to observe this collective thinking every day.
- This half term has been like no other for year 1! The **Year 1** children have shown themselves to be flexible (not just in their gymnastics!), resilient in the face unexpected change, and above all of that, kind. I am immensely proud of our class team who have put a huge smile on my face that I will carry through to next half term.
- In **Year 1** I have been wowed by the eagerness to listen to and learn to play an ocarina. We have a class full of budding musicians in the making. It's been a pleasure introducing every child to this instrument. Thank you so much - Miss Cameron.
- In **Year 2** The welcome I received from each and every one of my class on my return to them last week reaffirmed to me why I choose to get out of my bed, leave my wife behind and drive to be with you every day! Thank you, you fantastic bunch of amazing human beings! Year 2 have embraced prosody and it is a delight to hear them reading fluently, with emphasis, rhythm and tone.
- Every child in **Year 2** is a musician and a composer and should be extremely proud of themselves. I am so impressed with every child's recorder playing and composing of their own music. Thank you so much - Miss Cameron.
- **Year 3** have burst into the Spring Term full of amazing ideas, ready to tackle new challenges and welcoming their two new class members, I feel lucky to have such an amazing class. I can't wait to see them again later this week.
- **Year 4** In the face of recent challenges over the past few weeks, the children have demonstrated how welcoming they are as a class, shown support for one another, overcome their own personal challenges and always with a smile on their faces. I feel very privileged to call myself the Year 4 learning leader and I hope they are as proud of themselves as I am of them!
- **Year 5** It has been a real honour and delight continuing Year 5's learning journey with them this term. I am constantly impressed with their determination and resilience in all areas of the curriculum.
- **Year 6** have really pulled together in the face of various challenges recently, to make fantastic steps in the right direction both with continued learning and friendships. Our classroom environment is a lovely place to be and clearly demonstrates the relationships we value both with each other and the learning that we enjoy.

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. 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: Mrs Galling and Mr Hampton.