



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 17th December 2024

'Pupils understand equality to be everyone getting what they need, rather than everyone getting the same.'

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Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

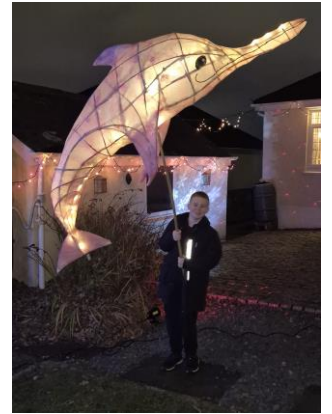
CHRISTMAS REALLY IS COMING NOW!

After a week full of Christmas events last week, the end of the Autumn Term and Christmas are now nearly upon us.

As we look back on the last week it's difficult to know where to begin – what is clear is that thanks are needed to everyone who has been involved with, organising or supporting, the programme of events that have brought us this far.

Our visit to St. Luke's Church, Milber last Tuesday felt extra special as we didn't make it last year due to the weather. Thanks to everyone who joined us – the church was packed! The children's reading, singing and performing was magnificent and opened what felt like a very special week of celebrations.

Wednesday saw a day packed with Christmas spirit – the fabulous Foundation Stage performance kicked the day off, followed by a wonderful Christmas dinner cooked by Fiona and her team. The food was great, and we even had a visit from Santa to serve the puddings – though there were some doubts as to whether it was really him! The evening saw Year 5 children, along with friends and families joining the Newton Abbot Lantern Parade. Haytor View were colourfully represented by their macaws – it was a splendid turnout so thanks to everyone who came along. See more about that below. Alfie Coster bagged himself one of the huge lanterns, a spectacular pink dolphin which will live proudly in his garden over Christmas.



Thursday and Friday saw the Christmas Craft Afternoon and Christmas disco – once again thanks go to all those behind the scenes that made these events successful as well as thanks to everyone who came along to spend time in school whether it be for making or for dancing!

As always special thanks must go to the Coffee and Cake team, and all of those who work alongside them at this time of year. Without their energy and commitment Christmas at Haytor View would certainly feel different, and a whole lot less fun. Their efforts in creating a grotto that tempts Santa to visit seem to work every year and we thank them for that and so much more.

With the final performance of Christmas, from Key Stage 1, taking place at 9.15am on Tuesday morning, it will leave us with only two final events on our Haytor View Christmas list:-

Wednesday 18th December 5.00pm- Singing Around the Tree

Thursday 19th December – End of Term Assembly – 9.00am

We hope that you are able to join us for one, or even both of these events. If not can we take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

School returns on Monday 6th January and we look forward to seeing you then.

YEAR 5 LANTERN PARADE

Following their wonderful experience of creating the lanterns, the children and families of Year 5 took part in Newton Abbot's lantern parade on Tuesday last week. This saw the children gathering at Bearnas Primary School then parading through the town before gathering at the clock tower for a story and a dance.



Thank you so much to the parents and carers who supported this event - it was an amazing community experience which really got us in the Christmas spirit.

RECEPTION PLACES FOR 2024-25 –15TH JANUARY DEADLINE

Are you planning for your child to join our Reception class in September 2025? If so, applications will close on the 15th January and the sooner you apply the better chance you have of receiving a place.

Copy the link below into your web browser and it will tell you all you need to know. Alternatively speak with Miss Jacob or Miss Butler in the Foundation Stage and they will be happy to help. If you are having any technical issues, please speak with a member of our admin team at the office for support.

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



MUSICIAN KIP PRATT WITH US THROUGH SPRING 2025

We are really pleased to be able to share that due to financial support from the Coffee & Cake Team, and your generosity at their fundraising events, Kip Pratt will be continuing to hold tuition sessions with whole classes at Haytor View during Spring 2025. Kip is such a talent to have contributing to our provision and he values his role at Haytor View enormously, as do the classes that he works with. We look forward to more brilliant 'in-house' musical experiences and engagement with the Torbay Music Festival in March 2025 with Kip's support.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS – GOVERNOR AWARDS

Throughout the school year, each class runs a personalised reward system which allows children's progress to be recognised. These could relate to academic or social and emotional achievements or even based on their class agreement. At the end of each Term, we then present children with a Governor Award to reflect the achievements earned in their classroom.

On **Thursday 19th December at 9.00am**, we will be presenting Governor Award certificates to children across the school. Please check in with your child's class teacher to find out if your child will be receiving an award. All parents are invited to join us in our end of term assembly at 9:00am on Thursday as highlighted above.

All parents, relatives and wider community members are encouraged to join us for this celebration – it's a great way to round off the week, whether you are connected to nominated children or not, and the end of term event is always a little bit special. We'd love to see you there.

FOODBANK SUPPORT

Please feel comfortable speaking with a member of our office team to request a referral to THAT Foodbank. Please don't wait until you are going short of food – having food provided can ease pressure in other areas of household costs too and the team at the foodbank are brilliant in making life a little easier! The only information we require is your address and the number of people living with you e.g. 2 adults and 3 children. T.H.A.T Foodbank accept all requests on a 'no questions asked' basis and generally ensure your request is prepared the day after, ready for you to collect from them between 10 am and 1pm Monday to Friday.



ADVICE & SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AT BUCKLAND HUB

The Community Centre are running an advice centre called The Hub at the Community Centre on Tuesdays 10 - 12am for anyone to call in and talk with Yvonne and the team about any issues where they need help such as: housing, debt, family issues etc. Yvonne is regularly joined by Teign Housing, Citizen's advice and the School Nursing Team.

Please pop along if there is anything you feel you need help with, they are a fantastic team with lots of experience and avenues to support.

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 SB	Year 3 MC	Year 4 JM	Year 5 IF	Year 6 GH
93	75.2	92.2	94.7	93.8	93.8	93.7	95	94.5