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# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

## Weekly Newsletter – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

*'Leaders ensure that all pupils receive the help they need to be ready to learn.'*

OFSTED March 2023

### Chair of Governors: Robert Doets



What a half term and build up to Christmas it has been! **Thank you all for your support** at the various community events over the past few weeks, with special thanks to all the **staff and volunteers** who have worked tirelessly to put together the carols, fayre, performances, festive lunch, craft afternoon, lantern parade to name but a few! We hope you have a wonderful Christmas holiday, spending time with loved ones.



Over the holidays a link to an online survey will be sent out on *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January* to find out how your holiday has gone and if there is anything you may need to enable your child to return positively when school starts back on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**.



It is really important in the New Year that we start strong, with a big push on welcoming your child all day, every day, and on time, so that they can be at school as much as possible to benefit from all the learning planned for them over the course of the year. Unlike other areas of life, attendance of 90% or below is a cause for concern and means your child may be missing out compared to their peers.

**Let's work together to help every child achieve their potential and get at least 96% attendance across the year!**

| School month | 96% attendance equates to | School month | 96% attendance equates to     |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| September    | 1 day off                 | March        | 5 days off                    |
| October      | 1.5 days off              | April        | 5.5 days off                  |
| November     | 2 days off                | May          | 6 days off                    |
| December     | 2.5 days off              | June         | 7 days off                    |
| January      | 3.5 days off              | July         | 7.5 days off in a school year |
| February     | 4 days off                |              |                               |

### LANTERN PARADE

Thank you so much for the fantastic support at the Lantern Parade this week!

We had a wonderful time leading the procession through town with Mrs P, and our Samba band did an amazing job representing HTV so beautifully. The atmosphere was brilliant, and it was clear how much effort everyone had put in to make the event such a success. A big thank you as well to those from other year groups who came along to cheer us on and support us along the route—it was truly lovely to see you all and feel such a strong sense of community. We're incredibly proud of everyone involved!



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH CELEBRATIONS

The children and staff had a wonderful time celebrating our Christmas lunch together. There was a lovely festive atmosphere as everyone enjoyed the delicious dinner, pulled crackers, and joined in with some fun dancing to get us well and truly into the Christmas spirit. It was a special opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate as a school community. A huge thank you goes to **Fiona, Andrea and Sophie** for all their hard work in making the day run so smoothly and for helping to create such a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.



## Foundation Stage – Request for Spare Clothes

We are currently in need of spare clothes for our Foundation Stage children. If you have any clean, good-quality items that your child has grown out of, we would be very grateful for donations of **trousers, socks, pants, tops and tights** in **ages 3, 4 and 5**.

These spare clothes are invaluable for us to have on hand during the school day and are always very much appreciated. If you are able to help, please drop any donations into the Foundation Stage— they will be very welcome indeed.



Thank you for your continued support.

## KEY DATES AT HAYTOR VIEW

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Craft Afternoon  
 Foundation Stage: 2:30pm – 3:00pm  
 Key Stage 1 and 2: 2:00pm – 3:00pm



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Celebration Assembly starting at 9.00 am

**Children return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS – ‘EVERY CHILD HAS COMFORT WITH WHO THEY ARE’

This week we are encouraging children to celebrate the way in which they engage with the school's Core Offer, particularly how they are connecting with those around them as part of our focus upon 'Children will collaborate with others in all contexts'. This week's class assembly focus was based around: Celebrating Differences. As always, the children shared fantastic thoughts and reflections about themselves which also included consideration about their interactions on line. These assemblies and discussions sit firmly within the **British values of Mutual Tolerance** - demonstrating and understanding of the importance of tolerance as well as an awareness of prejudice and prejudices-based bullying - I know how to be a good citizen in a culturally diverse community.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, teachers will be saying a few words about what they have enjoyed this term with their class and we will also focus on:

**Celebrating our core offer, governor and attendance.**



All parents, relatives and wider community members are encouraged to join us for this weekly celebration – it's a great way to round off the week, whether you are connected to nominated children or not. We look forward to seeing you.

## ATTENDANCE

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



| OVERALL | Nursery<br>FS 1 CD &<br>SJP | Reception<br>FS 2 LJ | Year 1<br>CD | Year 2<br>SB | Year 3<br>VC | Year 4<br>DR & MC | Year 5<br>JM | Year 6<br>GH |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 92.3    | 94                          | 96.1                 | 90.8         | 90.7         | 89           | 92.9              | 96.3         | 89.7         |