



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 17th January 2024

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

OFSTED March 2023

Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

REALLY SETTLING INTO WINTER NOW

Some mornings we find ourselves at Haytor View wondering why it's so cold – and then we look at the calendar and are reminded we are in January so it really is to be expected!



Thanks to all of you for dressing your children warmly so that they can enjoy their outside time at break and dinner – we've had some lovely dry days recently and it's been great to watch children enjoying their times with friends.

Thanks as well for working so hard to keep your children healthy during the time of the year when this can seem most tricky. With your help and the examples being set by so many we can be pleased at the levels of attendance that we are seeing in school. Remember you can feel comfortable bringing your children to school if they are feeling a little under the weather – it's difficult to avoid some days like that each winter. Just let your child's teacher know if they need a special eye being kept on them during the day as we can always give you a call if they become uncomfortable. So often, being in the company of friends and classmates sees children leaving behind their symptoms and enjoying the day.

As things stand in school at the moment we are pleased to be able to say that we do not have recurring or circulating stomach bugs. **With this in mind we are not requesting that parents keep their children at home for 48 hours in the event of sickness.** If they are healthy and presenting well we'd be very happy to have them back in school. We will of course let you know if this picture changes.

SPACE DOME VISIT

Once again, we were delighted to welcome Simon from Space Odyssey back to the school to support us in delivering our curriculum. From years 1 - 6 children were immersed in a 360-degree surround sound experience that brought the ideas and concepts from various areas of the science curriculum to life.



Thank-you for the financial contributions made towards this experience – we are hopeful that based upon the monies received we will be able to invite the Space Dome to return in the future.

BLOSSOMS MUSIC LESSONS

Blossoms Music sessions, led by former teacher at Haytor View, Mr Blurton are now taking place in the school and are being incredibly well received by children who are already engaging.



Blossoms offer lessons in many musical instruments such as guitar, drums, violin, brass and woodwind instruments, to name but a few!

If you are interested in exploring the option of music lessons in school for your child/ren, please find more details on the letter sent to you via the Gateway App.

PURPLE MASH COMPETITION TIME

Purple Mash have announced their latest competition – to design a mascot for Purple Mash or 'Mashcot' as they are calling it! The grand winner from across the country will take home the ultimate prize – a Purple Mash Goody Bag and the opportunity to see their design transformed into the official Purple Mash Mascot (Mashcot)! The competition is open from now until Monday 4th March and can be entered by clicking on the featured item on your child's Purple Mash home screen.



DEVON'S 'AUTISM AND US' PARENT PROGRAMME



Devon are offering **FREE** support for parents/carers of Devon's primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism. The FREE Autism and Us programme provide parents an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

The courses are available to book online for the following dates and times:

Autism Overview: Tuesday 16th January 10 – 12 or Thursday 29th February 4:30 – 6:30.

Communication: Tuesday 23rd January 10 – 12 or Thursday 7th March 4:30 – 6:30

Understanding and supporting behaviour: Tuesday 30th January 10 – 12 or Thursday 14th March 4:30 – 6:30

Sensory needs: Tuesday 6th February 10 – 12 or Thursday 21st March 4:30 – 6:30

Places on the course can be booked directly with the Communication and Interaction team by sending an email to educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk. If you want to find out more about the sessions, please ask the reception team to request a call from **Miss Shopland** who will be able to share experiences of the course.

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:

Hope Ferris, Raya Small and Lia Shaho.

Congratulations to you all, and many thanks to our playleaders.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'GOING FOR GOALS'

This week we are encouraging children to celebrate the way in which they engage with the school's Core Offer, particularly how they are demonstrating mutual respect with those around them as part of our focus upon 'collaborating with others in all contexts'. Children are currently spending time thinking about Goal-setting, aspirations for both themselves and the world and working together.

This sits firmly within the British values of understanding of the value of respect, tolerance of others and an understanding of individual liberty - the right to believe, act and express oneself freely.

The following children will be **celebrated in assembly on Friday 19th January** with a focus upon:

'I recognise and value difference.'

- Mr Hampton has nominated Logan Brailey
- Miss Butler has nominated Imani Clifford
- Mrs Penn has nominated Leo Chapman
- Miss Jacob has nominated Sebastian Santos
- Mr Franklin has nominated Isla Bolt
- Miss Hall has nominated Archie Waddell
- Miss Cameron has nominated Seth Stonelake
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Lily-Anne Sandford
- Mrs Brown has nominated Alesha Adams
- Miss Shopland has nominated Alfie Steer
- Miss Manley has nominated Iris Ionescu
- Mr Hankin has nominated Kiara-May Escott and Nevaeh Teague
- Mrs Russell has nominated Bonnie Walters and Aaliyah Clifford



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: 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	90.1	93.1	92	96.3	91.5	92.6	95.4	95.9