



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 20th January 2021

'.....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

LET'S WORK THROUGH LOCKDOWN TOGETHER – KEEP TALKING TO US

There has been lots of communication from school in the last week, whether this has been by letter, text, telephone calls, Google Classrooms, School Gateway or email. We hope that the focus we have placed on 'keeping talking' will be supporting everyone in 'ignoring the noise' surrounding remote learning.

The only 'noise' we are concerned about and are focusing hard on is the 'noise' made by your child and family! With this in mind we are keen to keep in touch and hear from you about how we can best support your child and you during this time.

We have been so grateful that you have picked up our calls, called us back or got in touch with your questions. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to speak with your class teacher, we'd be really keen to say hello and have a chat, so please get in touch.



As well as members of the teaching team, you may have had a phone call from Denise Tancock, our family worker, providing you with opportunity to chat through any questions you may have.

Whilst we are not be physically present alongside you at this time, we are nevertheless 'remotely' present and hold your child's learning and well-being close to us. Do let us know if or how we can help.

As always you can get in touch using the following means:

1. School Gateway;
2. School email address admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk;
3. Speaking with school staff via telephone 01626 203040 – or on our new mobiles – see the next page!

HOME LEARNING UPDATE

Wow!!! We have been so impressed to hear from you and your children, as well as seeing some of you engaging in learning at home. Whether this has been learning which your child's teachers has provided or experiences you have been providing your child, what we are valuing is the richness of experience and support our children are receiving during this time.



As one parent commented 'Learning happens all of the time . . . everywhere!' It does indeed and we can confidently say that any and every experience your child has with you, will be enriching their lives. Get in touch if you have any questions or think we can help in any way with your children's learning at home.

MR WHITTY UPDATE

Thank you for your kind messages regarding Mr Whitty. We can confirm that Mr Whitty is 'on the mend', however as with many people who have experienced COVID his road to recovery is one which is needing to be carefully managed. Mr Whitty is in regular contact with school as he continues his recovery, rest assured we will let you know when he is fit to return to his class. In the meantime, Mr Whitty is meeting with Mrs Cousins and Mrs Brown regularly to both keep in touch and support considerations of arrangements our Year 3 children.



MOBILE PHONES – THEY'RE MULTIPLYING!

Since the school closed for most children we are aware that our phone network has struggled to cope with the demands of school team members who want to get in touch with parents and children to say hello and catch up. In an effort to make this critical part of our communication with you more straightforward, **every class, as well as Denise Tancock our parent worker, now has their own dedicated mobile phone that will be used by staff members throughout this period.**

This means that you will be, or may have already, received a school-call from a mobile number that you don't recognise - thanks for answering if you have been called! Not only should this allow contact from school to be more straightforward, you will also be able to log the mobile number of your child's class and use it to contact your child's class team to discuss your child's learning or well-being.



While we may not always be able to answer immediately due to in-school commitments please feel free to leave a message as these will be picked up regularly during the day. We'd ask that you continue to use the school landline 01626 203040 for all calls regarding wider school life. As always, we will look forward to speaking to you!

LEARNING PARTNER UPDATE

Ahead of the Xmas break we had plans to move Miss Wicks and Mrs Louise's location in Years 3 and 4, following the support that Miss Wicks has given to Year 3 children making the transition from Year 2. Even with the current situation that we face we are keen that the school's development needs continue to be considered and as result the move has taken place this week. So, a big welcome goes to Mrs Louise in Year 3 and Miss Wicks in Year 4!



For those of you familiar with the provision you'll recognise that the children and adults in each class will continue to bump into each other as the two classes spend time so closely together both while learning and playing. Of course feel to get in touch with class teachers if you feel that you need any further clarity around the move.

WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS

Thank you for your consideration of wearing face coverings during drop off and collection times, this really supports our school in being a safe environment for our children, parents and staff.



SCHOOL MEAL UPDATE

No doubt you will have heard in the news the concerns raised last week about the quality of meal provision providing for children during Lockdown, Chartwells was one of the providers where concern was expressed. We are of course pleased that there will be a review of what families are being provided during this time.



What we wished to assure parents of is the quality of the meals provided for your child during the school day. We work very closely with Chartwells to ensure that the meals are of a consistently good standard for our children. We are also fortunate to have Fiona as our Chef and Kitchen Manager, who is committed in a quality meal provision and experience for each of our children. Of course, do get in touch with us should you ever have any concerns about meals in school.

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 independence with their learning. Whilst we are not together to share in the celebration, we hope you might be able to take some time at home to reflect on your child's efforts.

'I can share my opinions and listen to those of others respectfully, even when they are different to my own'

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Alfred Gidley and Masty Shaho
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Jack Carley
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Alfie Steer
- Miss Hall has nominated: Ella Davis
- Mr Franklin has nominated: Rueben Baxter
- Miss Cameron has nominated: Guy Pascoe
- Mrs Brown has nominated: Mary Styles
- Mrs Cousins has nominated: Harry Manley
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Aaron Donald
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Maxx Quinn