



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 24th February 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

GOOD NEWS!

PRIME MINISTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

This week has brought the announcement about 'when will children be returning to school' that we have all been waiting for! Now, much as we have enjoyed the time we have spent both with your children via our remote learning arrangements and our in-school provision since 5th January, we are REALLY looking forward to the next step – getting everyone back together!



You will have received our letter this week, which referred to the planned return to school date for all children: **Monday 8th March**. We know that this date is eagerly anticipated by us all in the Haytor View community – we hope that it will be a positive day for everyone. If you didn't get to see our letter, please check it out on the School Gateway.

As we begin to look forward we are not anticipating any operational changes to how we were working prior to the most recent lockdown, as these have seen the school remain a safe place to be. This should see things restart in a familiar and comfortable manner. We will write to you more next week with some helpful reminders of how we are all working together to keep the school 'COVID secure'.

In the meantime we have two further weeks of the school being closed to most pupils – we'd invite you to continue to get involved with us in a way that suits you and your child. Remember, whatever questions you have, whatever challenges you are experiencing, know that we are here to support you – we are always pleased to hear from you. You can of course 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 class mobiles!

DIARY DATES 2021 – 2022

Spring Term 2021

- 1st April - Last day of Term

Summer Term 2021

- 19th April - First day of Term for children
- 3rd May - Bank Holiday
- 31st May to 4th June inclusive - Half Term
- 8th July – Non-Pupil day
- 23rd July - Last day of Term



Autumn Term 2021

- 7th September – First day of term for children
- 21st and 22nd October – Non-Pupil days
- 25th – 29th October inclusive - Half Term
- 17th December - Last day of Term
- 18th December to 3rd January - Christmas Holiday

Spring Term 2022

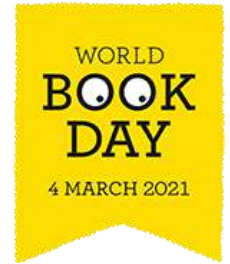
- 4th January - First day of term for children
- 18th February – Non-Pupil day
- 21st – 25th February inclusive - Half Term
- 8th April - Last day of spring term
- 9th April to 24th April - Easter Holiday

Summer Term 2022

- 25th April - First day of term for children
- 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- 30th May – 3rd June inclusive - Half Term
- 6th June – Non-Pupil day
- 26th July - Last day of term

WORLD BOOK DAY

Lots of parents and children have been sharing books and story time together during Lockdown. The website for World Book Day offers lots of activities including 'World Book Day Club' as well as free books and videos to watch online, just go to:
<https://www.worldbookday.com>



Our World Book Day celebration plans were shared in our letter to you on Monday, together with your £1 Book Token. You can use your token to get one of the special £1 range of books featured on the website or £1 OFF a book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more, at your nearest bookseller.

We're really looking forward to having some fun with our 'bedtime stories' theme – your children's class teacher will be sharing their plans with you over the coming days!

RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Rainy day activities don't need to involve time, equipment or 'new' things – sometimes something simple is just what the children need.

These are a few ideas we grabbed from the internet:

Make special cards or write a letter

Everyone loves to receive a personal letter/card in the post these days, as it is such a rarity! This would be a special treat for Grandparents, friends or cousins.

Use stamps, glitter, paints and create a card to send or give – it's a great opportunity for older children to practice their handwriting too!

Make a Collage

All you need to make **paper airplanes** is paper – and pens if you want to decorate it. Do you have a stack of old magazines? Get them out, along with some paper, glue and other art supplies and have a **collage-making session**.



Make Sock Puppets

Gather up some of your old socks (you know those ones whose pair has gone missing from laundry day...?), and then find some household items that can be used for eyes, mouth, and nose. You could use buttons for eyes, pieces of fabric for noses, and things like string, wool, ribbon, or even cotton wool for hair.

If your children can sew, they can add the decorations with needle and thread, but for younger children use glue.

Once the puppets have been made, leave them to dry. At this point, if the children are still engaged, you could create a puppet theatre with a cardboard box and let the children put on a puppet show for you.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'GOOD TO BE ME!'

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 recognise and value difference'

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Louie Satterley-Bowden and Thomas Tate
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Bella Brooks
- Miss Butler has nominated: Georgiana Aonofriesei
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Scarlett Grant
- Mr Franklin has nominated: Ruby Luxton
- Mrs Brown has nominated: Tianna Green
- Mrs Cousins has nominated: Samir Hussain
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Bradley Luxton
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Layla Owen and Alyssia Wilkinson



THAT FOODBANK SUPPORT

Feel free to contact them direct (01626 437310) or contact the school if you would like an introduction to the service – please don't wait until you are going short – having food provided can ease pressure in other areas of household costs too.

