



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter –26th February 2025

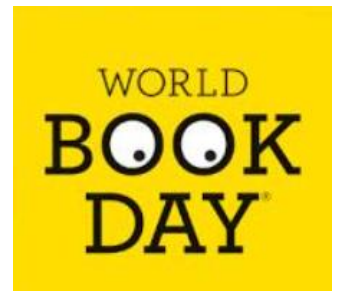
'Strong relationships feature throughout the school.'

OFSTED March 2023

Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

SPEAKING WITH STAFF, BAKE-OFF AND WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day 2025 is an opportunity for everyone to celebrate authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. This year's celebration takes place across the country on Thursday 6th March. To celebrate the event, at Haytor View we will be inviting children to bring a book they have enjoyed reading into school and to dress as a character from the book if they enjoy dressing up. This could be through a hand-designed T-Shirt or a fancy-dress costume. To help with this aspect of the day, the Coffee and Cake Team will soon be setting up a rail of spare costumes which you can borrow. This will be placed in the HUB in the coming days. On Thursday 6th March, to keep the focus firmly on books, we will start the day with a shared assembly in the hall from 9.00-9.20am. Bring yourselves and a favourite book, that's all. Please do come and join us, bringing a book along if you have one you are comfortable sharing with others. Following the assembly, all children will take part in a range of book sharing and reading related activities. At the end of the day, there will of course be the now traditional vouchers entitling you to a special World Book Day book or £1 off a book of your choice.



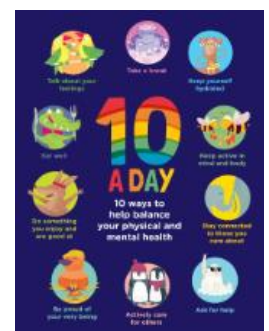
Following the success of our slightly earlier start time, we are keen to remind you that teachers are still available to talk to you during Time to Think between 8:35 and 8:45. We recognise this can be a busy time, so if you wish to discuss anything with your child's class teacher in greater depth, please ask your child's teacher to contact you and arrange a time to meet. Alternatively, you can make this request via the office team at the front desk. We aim to respond to requests in a timely manner, ensuring you will hear back from staff members during the following week via telephone call or a text message through the Gateway App. This enables our staff

team to process requests and plan time to speak or meet with you. We are grateful, as always, for your continued engagement with us.

Save the Date! Our now annual **Haytor View Bake-Off** returns to the school next month on Tuesday 1st April. This is an opportunity for you to have a go at baking or decorating treats with your child/ren and then bring them to school for the Bake-Off judging. As is now traditional, all cakes and bakes entered will be sold by the Coffee and Cake team after school on Tuesday 1st April in the Courtyard from 3:00 pm when the gates open.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PLAYLEADERS

In the week before Half Term, the year 5 Playleaders engaged in their final session with the Mental Health Support Team to become Mental Health Ambassadors for our school. These sessions have supported the playleaders to consider the 10 steps to wellbeing, how they interact with children using empathetic listening skills and how they might support children as individuals. The team are on hand every lunchtime to provide support to children from years 1 – 6 to have an enjoyable lunch time. You won't be surprised to hear that the Mental Health Support Team felt the group of Playleaders are carrying out their roles tremendously, sharing their experiences of supporting children with physical activities, friendship issues and time to enjoy their personal interests. Well done to our Year 5 Playleaders and Mental Health Ambassadors!



NEURODIVERSITY NAVIGATORS



The Neurodiversity Navigators team has been created to support children, young people, and families across Devon who are on the waiting list for a neurodiversity diagnosis such as ASD.

Within their roles, they aim to increase the support available to families throughout their journey, to help you navigate the pathway and provide support and wellbeing advice where needed. This offer extends to anyone between the ages of 0-18 years old, who have a Devon GP and are on the pathway for a neurodiverse diagnosis or have suspected neurodiverse needs.



This QR code is for their questionnaire form which allows young people, parents/carers and professionals to provide feedback on their experiences throughout the diagnostic process and will help to identify the specific needs of families in order to most effectively tailor support moving forwards.

The team can be contacted via email: livewell.devonndnavigators@nhs.net and work Monday – Friday between 9 am and 5pm.

QUIDS FOR KIDS

The benefits systems can be complicated and confusing, which can put families off claiming. Quids for Kids – Citizens Advice Devon is a free benefits information service offered to families with children or young people up to the age of 21 years old with additional needs, a long-term illness or disability. This service can help you find out whether you are able to claim benefits and also help to challenge benefits decisions if you think you have not been treated fairly. If you would like support claiming benefits, please visit the Quids for Kids website where you can access an online referral form to request support:

<https://www.cabdevon.org.uk/quids-for-kids/>

Alternatively, if you visit Buckland HUB on a Tuesday morning between 10:00 – 12:00, you will be able to speak with a member of the Citizen's Advice team in person.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'COLLABORATING WITH OTHERS'

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 '**Going for Goals**'. Children are currently spending time thinking about and developing an understanding of their aspirations for themselves and the world and working together.

This sits firmly within the **British Values** of understanding of the value of mutual respect as well as an understanding of responsibility.

The following children will be **celebrated in assembly on Friday 28th February** with a focus upon:

'I can collaborate with others and share tasks.'

- Miss Butler has nominated Eliza Lawfull
- Mrs Penn has nominated Martha Huddart-Wells
- Miss Jacob has nominated Sebastian Cartmill
- Miss Dennis has nominated Merida Sheffield-McHugh
- Year 2 Nomination Halia Macfarlane
- Miss Cameron has nominated Luna Foster-Turner
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Reuben Cooper
- Miss Manley has nominated Olga Parton
- Miss Shopland has nominated Charlie Buckmaster
- Mr Franklin has nominated Harry Saunders
- Mr Hankin has nominated Gracie Barlow and Kyron Donald
- Mrs Russell has nominated Finley Head



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 B2 SB & SJP	Reception B1 LJ	Year 1 CH	Year 2 SB	Year 3 MC	Year 4 JM	Year 5 IF	Year 6 GH
92.7	85.6	82.1	93.33	94.1	88.9	89.6	94	96.2