



# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

## Weekly Newsletter – 26<sup>th</sup> May 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**

### **SO WHERE DID THE HALF TERM GO?**

#### **AND WHY DOES IT ALWAYS RAIN AT 3.15PM?!**

Well we are nearly at half term already, and what a swift and busy one it has been!

What we do know is that we were not blessed with the best of weather, although we've gone with a sun picture as we're told things are going to improve! There was one memorable morning where it had been raining for 4 days solid and Mr Hampton headed out to buy waterproof trousers for the children so they could see some daylight and experience fresh air! However, as we head into June let's hope that we have turned the corner on that particular wet weather patch.



As you know children have been busy getting on with the business of 'being part of Haytor View,' with a few false starts following the end of the last lockdown including Easter and a bank holiday thrown in, we have enjoyed a few solid weeks of 'getting on with it'.

We look forward to returning in June which will see seven straight and uninterrupted weeks of building on this half term, with an eye to September and preparation for a successful transition. As we said last week, we will keep you updated of plans as we head through the next half term, including the opportunity to attend a meeting with your child's class teacher during the non pupil day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

School reports have been heading your way this week. We truly hope you get real joy from reading about your children's successes. Both Mrs Galling and Mr Hampton would like to thank the school team for the considerable effort and care they have put into writing each report, which greatly reflects the individuality of each child in our school. Everyone always 'gives their all' at report writing time, however you will appreciate the additional demands this has placed on teachers this year.

As always please be confident in sharing with us any questions you have, successes or challenges you are experiencing – we will always try to make any approach you make to us worth your while. You know how to get in touch:

- School Gateway;
- School email address [admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk);
- Speaking with school staff via telephone 01626 203040.

### **ATTENDANCE UPDATE**

It has been great to see so many children's attendance either maintaining its strong position pre-lockdown, as well as some steady improvements for other children.

As we monitor children's attendance in line with the DfE and Local Authority requirements, we are taking into account COVID measures parents are taking to support the school in being a safe place. This has seen us lower certain monitoring thresholds.



Therefore please be assured that if your child's teacher is asking to speak with you about your child's attendance, it is as a result of a comparable analysis to overall attendance in the school.

Congratulations to a number of children, who will be receiving certificates noting the effort we have seen them place on their attendance this year.

## OFF TO NEW HORIZONS

There can't be many of you who haven't come across Denise Tancock, our family worker. Denise has been working with the community for over 10 years, giving support in a whole host of ways. Most notably was the support she provided to children and families over the last 12 months during the challenging times we have been living in. Denise is such a valued member of the Haytor View team.

Denise has been talking for years about her plans to travel the country and beyond, with her husband in a caravan – we just never saw her leaving Haytor View as she is part of the fixture and fittings! However, Denise has had a big birthday and has decided now is the time to explore the world!

Many of you will know that Denise has grandchildren and we understand that she intends to spend her time lunching out, enjoying family, having the odd tipples and further down the line travelling to places which she has not previously visited.

Therefore, the end of term in July will be Denise's last half term with us. Whilst we will all miss her enormously, we all also wish her well for what is sure to be an exciting time ahead. Of course the burning question is: 'Is the country ready for Denise on Tour?!'

In the meantime, we will be looking at how we move forward in the absence of Denise, as we recognise hers are pretty unique and big boots to fill. However, we are confident that we have learned lots from her!



## DIARY DATE

**HALF TERM – MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY TO FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

## THANK YOU!

We were delighted to receive a donation of plants last week from Scarlett and Ruby's mum. She arrived with an armful of plants asking if we could give them a home as they were surplus to what her family needed.

Of course we jumped at the chance, as we are keen to be developing our growing areas with the children.

We greatly appreciate the gesture – thank you.



## 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 on 'relationships'. We will be celebrating achievements in Bubble Celebration Assemblies throughout Friday morning. We look forward to a time when parents can join us again for these get-togethers.

### **'I demonstrate self awareness when acting as part of a group'**

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Nellie Morris
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Bailey Mortimore
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Roary Tranckle and Logan West
- Miss Hall has nominated: Freya Glanfield
- Mr Franklin has nominated: Lucy Hewitt
- Miss Cameron has nominated: Tamera McPeake
- Mrs Brown has nominated: Maizey Woodmore
- Mrs Cousins has nominated: Elijah Sims
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Ruby Smith
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Kelsey Anderson and Gracie Coombes



## ATTENDANCE

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



OVERALL	Found B1 SB	Found B2 SJP	Year 1 RH	Year 2 IF	Year 3 JW / SB	Year 4 DR/MC	Year 5 AS	Year 6 GH
92.5%	91.4%	88.4%	96.7%	98.1%	91.7%	96.7%	87.6%	86.7%