



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter –29th January 2025

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

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Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

TIME TO THINK & NATIONAL WEEKS - STORYTELLING & CHILDREN'S MENTAL

HEALTH

We are pleased to be one of few schools who invite parents to join their children each morning to support their transition at the start of each school day. This continues to be something we are keen to maintain as it provides an essential opportunity to parents, children and school to feel connected - something we value greatly.



We would like to ask for **your help during Time to Think by ensuring that you are in a position to leave your child to start their school day at 8.45am.** Whilst we appreciate that sometimes it's hard to drag yourself away it is critical to the plans that teachers have in place to support learning that they are able to do so promptly from 8.45am. We also recognise that you may want to talk to members of the class team beyond 8.45am, however in such circumstances we'd ask that you simply request that they get in touch with you over the phone or make arrangements to meet at another time. We know that you will appreciate that any delay to the school day starting sees compromises being made to children's learning experiences as the school day is effectively shortened when it begins late. Thank-you so much for considering this and enabling us to maintain this very special time.

Next week we are celebrating two 'special' weeks in school - National Storytelling Week and Children's Mental Health Week. You can read more about what is happening during and beyond Children's Mental Health Week in the article below.



National Storytelling Week will see us kicking off the week with a short assembly on Monday morning, following which children will visit different classes to hear a teacher tell (not read!) them a story! Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential oracy and listening skills - we're celebrating the power of storytelling and would invite you tell stories of your own to your children during the week. Perhaps you could tell them about your school life and the funny things that happened or just share some special moments that you can remember meaning so much during your lifetime. Have fun telling stories!

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is national Children's Mental Health Week. The focus this year is 'Know yourself, grow yourself.' To celebrate the event and raise awareness of Mental Health and Wellbeing, children across the school will take part in a live assembly in their classes on Tuesday morning. This will see presenters describe what Mental Health is and provide tips for children on how they can celebrate and be proud of who they are as individuals, recognising their strengths and celebrating their successes. In classes, teachers will also spend time completing short activities that support Wellbeing, such as revisiting the '10 a day' posters that can be found in each child's contact book.



In addition and preparation for this, children in Key Stage Two will meet with the **Mental Health Support Team** on Thursday this week to learn about Mental Health, take part in a fun activity and then complete some pupil surveys so we can best support their wellbeing in school. The following week, children in Year 5 will have a second session with the Mental Health Support Team to learn about skills and strategies they can use to support themselves if they are feeling overwhelmed. The Year 5 Playleaders will extend this learning to consider how they might support others during lunchtimes.



COFFEE AND CAKE TEAM BAKE SALE

This Friday, the Coffee and Cake team will be holding a homemade cake & bake sale to raise money for our school. They will sell a range of cakes and tasty treats for reasonable prices - please remember to bring some change for Friday treats. The team will be set up in the Courtyard from 3:00 when our gates open.

ELLIE'S AMAZING STOP FRAME ANIMATION

Ellie Pintus-May of year 4 began a new hobby over the Christmas holidays. She combined her computing knowledge with her art skills and her love of Wallace and Gromit to create her own stop frame animation. Ellie used air dried clay to create the models and characters and then spent many happy hours creating her story.



It was wonderful to see what Ellie had created at home over the Christmas Holidays. Fantastic work Ellie, you deserve to feel incredibly proud!

YEAR 2 PADDLEBOAT LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Year 2 are feeling very lucky to have a second term to spend with the Paddleboat Theatre Company, through The Helen Foundation Ella Philp Fund, exploring the estuary and River Teign through workshops in acting and storytelling. For the first week the children created the environment around the River Teign, the confidence the children gain through these sessions are fantastic.



CONGRATULATIONS HOPE – BLUE PETER BADGE WINNER!



Hope Ferris received a Blue Peter badge for a picture of Blue Peter dog Henry, which she drew at the end of last year. She is feeling very proud and excited to show off this amazing achievement. We are all incredibly proud of Hope (and a little envious!) as the Blue Peter Badge is a prestigious achievement that has been running since 1963 and is presented to the amazing people in recognition of their achievements. Well done Hope, what a fantastic drawing of Henry the dog!



BUSHELL YOUTH COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

The Bushell Youth Community Orchestra is a community orchestral experience for primary and secondary aged children in Teignbridge. Funding has been secured from the Devon Music Education Hub to develop and enrich local young orchestral musicians. The funding will be used to provide satellite training groups for any child who has started learning a musical instrument, but who is not yet ready to join the orchestra.

Children are invited to attend the training groups and work with local peripatetic musicians who will offer **free group development lessons** every Tuesday evening whilst the orchestra rehearses. Free instrumental tuition will be provided in brass, woodwind and strings (violin and cello). These sessions will take place at Coombeshead Academy every Tuesday from 4pm – 5pm during Term times and can be booked using the QR link.



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 31st January** with a focus upon:

'I have a developing sense of identity as a person.'

- Mr Hampton has nominated Audrey Rutherford
- Miss Butler has nominated Eldarion Martin
- Mrs Penn has nominated Gary Pilkington-Birnie and Freddie Ferguson
- Miss Jacob has nominated Edie Lebailly
- Miss Dennis has nominated Alfie Harry
- Mrs Harrison has nominated George Burns
- Miss Cameron has nominated Evelyn Keaveney and Sienna Ferris
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Rosie Wright
- Miss Manley has nominated Ruby Weston
- Miss Shopland has nominated Alfie Steer
- Mr Franklin has nominated Lewi Little
- Mr Hankin has nominated Lucy Hewitt and Dylan Anderson
- Mrs Russell has nominated Eddie Rogers and Millie West



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 CD	Year 2 SB	Year 3 MC	Year 4 JM	Year 5 IF	Year 6 GH
94.4	92.4	95.7	96	95.5	95.2	93.2	93	93.3