



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 2nd December 2020

'.....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

PLEASE MAINTAIN YOUR DISTANCE AT DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES

Social distancing is **essential to stop the spread of the virus**, as it is more **likely to spread when people are close together.**



When on site we expect that parents manage themselves in accordance with the above Government guidance. Thank you

WE NEED TO REMIND OF THE FOLLOWING SAFETY MEASURES:

- Arrive not too early, for drop-off and pick up – as close to 8.30am and 3.15pm as possible please.
- Follow the 'in' and 'out' lanes on the Queensway drive.
- Keep all children close to you when on the school site.
- Keep moving away from the school gates to prevent any 'pinch points' at busy times.



CHRISTMAS TREE THANKS

We're sure that you'll join us in thanking Vicki from Chesters for her generous donation of our courtyard Christmas tree again this year. Of course many thanks also go to the team of parents and friends of the school who took time out of their day to decorate the tree on Thursday evening ahead of our 'Pantomime Day' last Friday.

The tree looks spectacular and is such a vivid reminder that Christmas is on its way - it's particularly powerful given the challenging year that everyone is having, and the fact that our internal calendars don't necessarily know whether we're at Christmas or Easter!



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

While there will be a lot that we are sadly missing out on Christmas-wise at Haytor View - Performances; Xmas Fayre; Church visits; Discos; Singing around the tree - be assured that we will be seeking to bring Christmas gently to your children as we head into December.

The 'big crescendo' will be on **Wednesday 16th December** when we will be wearing Christmas jumpers, having Christmas lunch, having a 'within-bubble' Christmas Craft Afternoon, and hopefully receiving a visit from Santa, who given his important jobs around 24/25th December will be taking no risks around his social distancing from the children!



We hope that as we enter the Christmas season you can take some time to relax and enjoy your families - and don't forget, if there's any way in which this might be proving difficult due to changes in circumstances or simply the tough times generally, please get in touch as we may be able to help.

WEARING OF 'HOODIES'

Last week we had an article on the newsletter relating to the importance of School Uniform.

We are seeing an increased number of children wearing 'hoodies' in school, this is not part of the school's uniform. Children are not permitted to wear hoodies in school, as it can make it difficult for staff to identify children, also they can be a hazard if pulled when children are playing due to being attached to the garment.



We are also aware that some children can find hoodies intimidating, due to the connotations associated more widely with hoodie wearing.

Therefore we politely remind parents that our school is the child's place of learning, dress and appearance reflect this attitude as recognised by both the Department for Education and Ofsted.

If you are struggling with providing school uniform, please speak with a member of school staff in order that we can seek a solution.

CHRISTMAS CARD REMINDER

Sadly, this year we will not be able to offer children the opportunity to exchange Christmas cards in school. Whilst we know that this will be disappointing we are keen to not undermine the great work everyone has done this term in keeping our school as safe and virus free as possible.



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL NURSERY PARENTS WANTING A RECEPTION PLACE SEPTEMBER 2021

We have been notified that the application process for requesting school places in Reception 2021 will **OPEN on Sunday 15th November and will CLOSE on Friday 15th January 2021**. You **MUST** complete the process to request your child's

RECEPTION 2021 place as soon as possible, to ensure that it is recorded by the local authority.

Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any queries.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th December
Last day of Term



Spring Term 2021

- 4th January - First day of Term for children
- 11th and 12th February - Non Pupil days
- 15th to 19th February inclusive - Half Term
- 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

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'GETTING ON AND FALLING OUT'

This week we are encouraging classes to celebrate the way in which they collaborate with others.

'I demonstrate confidence as a learner'

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Sophia Cole
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Tyler Pike
- Miss Butler has nominated: Lilly-Jane Escott
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Roary Tranckle
- Miss Hall has nominated: Benjamin Chapman
- Miss Cameron has nominated: Harry Saunders
- Mrs Russell has nominated: Josh Harry
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Leo Bush
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Jack Carly & Amelia Saunders



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	Year 4 DR/MC	Year 5 AS	Year 6 GH
96.7%	95.6%	86.1%	97.2%	97.5%	100%	97.1%	97.2%	98.2%