



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 3rd 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We're firmly into Week 5 now, and hopefully past the halfway stage of school being closed to most children. Let's hope that conditions allow us to open from 8th March – the date that the government announced as the earliest return date last week. We're very much looking forwards to being with you all again in more normal circumstances – a sentiment that I expect we all share.

Of course as each week goes by the challenges don't get any easier – these lockdowns really aren't anything that anyone gets used to. Have you noticed though that the evenings and mornings are getting lighter though? Bring on Springtime!

Without exception you are doing a fantastic job of keeping your children connected with us and with each other during this period. This really bridges the gap between us not being able to see every child and parent, and supports your child in spending a little time with friends that they might not see otherwise. Well done and thank-you for that – these connections are something which we hugely miss and look forward to getting back.



We really appreciate the great job you are doing in really being considered about you, your child and what they need, as this supports us in being able to provide school based provision for specific children and remote provision for children and families. Currently you really are doing an excellent job in allowing the balance to be met in a way which is manageable and sustainable for everyone.

A huge 'Thank You' from everyone at Haytor View.

Whatever questions you have, whatever challenges you are experiencing, please remember we are here to support you – we are always pleased to hear from you, and aim to make getting in touch worth your while. As always you can 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 new mobiles – see the next page!

USING TECHNOLOGY AT HOME

If using electronic devices during periods of self isolation, we encourage children to take a five-minute screen break a minimum of every two hours, for younger children a screen break every hour for 5 minutes will support them well. Parents know their children, we encourage you to consider the frequency of screen breaks which will best support your child.



MIGHT YOU BE ENTITLED TO MEAL VOUCHERS

If you want to check whether you might be entitled to meal vouchers, **up to £15 per pupil per week**, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to work with you to check whether you are eligible.



DIARY REMINDER

Thursday 11th and Friday 12th February are staff training days, therefore the **school will be closed to all pupils, including children of Key Workers, Critical Workers and all other children** currently attending in-school provision. Also there will be no remote learning provision taking place on these 2 days. Half term is Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February.



**School will be CLOSED Thursday 11th February to Friday 19th February.
Children will return Monday 22nd February.**

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:

Create a Town in a Cardboard Box

If you have a cardboard box, why not draw a town on the bottom of the box, with roads, tracks, bridges, parks, car-parks, etc. Add some wooden building blocks, cars, trains and some wooden/plastic animals. Then let your child's imagination run wild. Older children could help with decorating/creating the scene.

Build a Fort with Blankets and Pillows

Build a den out of the sofa cushions, chairs, with a blanket draped over or create a fort out of a big cardboard box with packing tape to hold the sides together

Make Shadow Shapes

Turn off the lights, close the curtains, and with the help of a torch, take turns making shadow shapes on the walls, with your hands. See who can make the best shape.

1st FEB CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week is coming up on 1st February, and the theme this year is 'express yourself'. By talking openly about mental health from a young age, children can learn to better understand their emotions, break down stigma, and feel safe enough to reach out for help when it's needed.



Talking about mental health and expressing our feelings can be difficult, no matter our age. As we work our way through another lockdown, it's more important than ever to share how we're feeling with others.

Please speak with your child's class teacher if you want to discuss what you can be doing to support your child during this difficult time.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'GOING FOR GOALS'

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 have a developing sense of identity as a person'

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Roary Tranckle and Patience Newton
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Josh Dartnall
- Miss Butler has nominated: Alexa Kelly and Remy-Louise Chilcott
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Reuben Grant
- Miss Hall has nominated: Guy Pascoe
- Mr Franklin has nominated: Alfred Gidley
- Miss Cameron has nominated: Rueben Baxter
- Mrs Brown has nominated: Phoebe Pike
- Mrs Cousins has nominated: Tyler Brend
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Daisy Hadley
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Mason Ross



THAT FOODBANK SUPPORT

Feel free to contact them direct (01626 437310) or speak 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.



SAFEGUARDING – EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

If you are concerned about a child or if you need help parenting your child you can call 0345 155 1071 or email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk. Out of hours please call 0845 6000 388. If it is an emergency dial 999.



Should you have any safeguarding concerns the Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school are: Mrs Galling, Mr Hampton and Mrs Tancock