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Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 3rd January 2024

'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

HAPPY NEW YEAR – WELCOME 2024!

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you had an enjoyable Xmas break and were able to find some time to relax among all of the hectic and busy days that the period always brings us.

It was great to see the children return yesterday, on what felt like a very dark and rainy morning! It's not often that we return to school so quickly after the new year and while there were some weary faces as we returned to more normal routines, the children showed themselves ready to learn, as well as being keen to catch up with each other around what the Christmas period had meant to them (and the presents that they had received!).

Children from Years 2-6 gathered together at 9.00am for an assembly on Monday as we started the new year as we mean to carry on - listening to each other and sharing good times that we had experienced while apart. As a means of managing the transition back to school life, we supported ourselves in recognising that we can all bring so much to each other at school each day. We used the key themes of our **Whole School Agreement**, which are displayed in the hall, to help with this:

Try our Best
Be Respectful
Think of Others
Be Kind
Follow rules
Think for Yourself

We look forward to spending time with you and your children during the coming year. You know where we are if there is any support that you feel that you might need. Wishing you a happy and comfortable 2024.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM –YEAR 5 & 6 VISITS

On **Thursday this week**, the Mental Health Support Team will be coming into school and working with the children in Years 5 and 6 to provide the chance to learn about mental health, understand how to balance it and consider the support that is currently on offer in our school, as well as considering what other developments could be made. This will be the first session of two, with

the children learning:

- More about who the Mental Health Support Team is.
- What mental health is, that it is as important as physical health and is something everyone has.
- How to use empathetic listening skills to support others.
- The importance of connecting with others and looking after our own wellbeing.
- How to balance and manage our mental health.

On **Friday 12th January**, the team will come into school for a second visit. They will work with the children in Years 5 and 6 again to build on their knowledge of Mental Health and gather ideas on how we can develop our support in school.

At **3:15pm on Friday 12th January**, the Mental Health Support Team will be available in the Hall to share information about their services with parents and carers. **All parents and Carers are welcome to pop in and find out more about the team – that's in the Hall on Friday 12th January at 3:15pm.**



DEVON'S 'AUTISM AND US' PARENT PROGRAMME



Devon are offering **FREE** support for parents/carers of Devon's primary and secondary children who are either on the autism waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism. The FREE Autism and Us programme provide parents an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs.

The courses are available to book online for the following dates and times:

Autism Overview: Tuesday 16th January 10 – 12 or Thursday 29th February 4:30 – 6:30.

Communication: Tuesday 23rd January 10 – 12 or Thursday 7th March 4:30 – 6:30

Understanding and supporting behaviour: Tuesday 30th January 10 – 12 or Thursday 14th March 4:30 – 6:30

Sensory needs: Tuesday 6th February 10 – 12 or Thursday 21st March 4:30 – 6:30

Places on the course can be booked directly with the Communication and Interaction team by sending an email to educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk. If you want to find out more about the sessions, please ask the reception team to arrange a call to you from **Miss Shopland** who will be able to share experiences of the courses.

CAR PARK – KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE



Thank-you to everyone for all of your help in keeping the school site safe during pick-up and drop-off times. We are really grateful to everyone for not using the car park during this time - even when parking on Queensway and Sandringham Road, or the weather, makes this a particular challenge.

We of course continue to provide access to those with specific needs - please speak to someone on Reception to explore this if mobility/access presents particular difficulties.

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 how they are demonstrating mutual respect with those around them as part of our focus upon 'collaborating with others in all contexts'. Children are currently spending time thinking about goal-setting, aspirations for both themselves and the world and working together.

This sits firmly within the British values of understanding of the value of respect, tolerance of others and an understanding of individual liberty - the right to believe, act and express oneself freely.

The following children will be **celebrated in assembly at 9.00am on Friday 5th January** with a focus upon:

'I recognise and value difference.'

Everyone is welcome to these assemblies – do feel free to join us whether your child has received a nomination or not. It's always great to have parents and friends of the school present at these celebrations.

- Mr Hampton has nominated Harriet Edmonds
- Miss Butler has nominated Harper Pickford
- Mrs Penn has nominated Forest Nobbs
- Miss Jacob has nominated Jack Lewis
- Mr Franklin has nominated Eliza Moorhouse
- Miss Hall has nominated Noah Grant
- Miss Cameron has nominated Rosie Burns
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Olga Parton
- Mrs Brown has nominated Thomas Vaughan
- Miss Shopland has nominated Cyrus McCarthy
- Miss Manley has nominated Dylan Anderson
- Mr Hankin has nominated Esme Kiddle and Phoebe Pike
- Mrs Russell has nominated Harry Saunders and Tianna Green



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: Mr Hampton, Miss Shopland and Miss Butler.



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 RH | Year 2 IF | Year 3 MC | Year 4 SB | Year 5 JM | Year 6 GH |
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| 92.5 | 88.2 | 89.7 | 91.2 | 90 | 97.8 | 95.6 | 94.6 | 91 |