

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 3rd March 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

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU BACK!

We are hugely looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday, we look forward to lots of beaming faces while recognising that another change will be significant too. This week's update letter shared a few key reminders for keeping everyone safe and comfortable on site. If you missed this do take a look on School Gateway.



We are not planning any significant changes to our arrangements in school. As always we will update you via the gateway and newsletter should changes occur. Be assured that we continually monitor government guidance for direction and advice as well as taking into account what we see 'on the ground'.

As we look to return, what we know is that nationally the coronavirus is in decline but still requires attention and care to our behaviours if it is to remain this way. With this in mind could we remind you please to:-

- **Follow the 'in' and 'out' lanes on the Queensway drive – this really helps people to maintain distance**
- **Always keep all children close to you when on the school site**
- **Keep moving through the site and away from the school gates to prevent any 'pinch points' at busy times**

Whatever questions you have, whatever challenges you are experiencing, please remember we are here to support you – we are always keen to hear from you. You know how to get in touch:-

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!

DEVON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Fire Service have been in touch as they are currently unable to visit schools to talk to children. They want to remind us about the importance of having WORKING SMOKE ALARMS in our homes. If you do not have working smoke alarms in your home now, please phone 0800 05 02 999 to arrange a free HOME SAFETY CHECK (quote code 294).

What's more if you know a friend or relative over 65 who doesn't have a smoke alarm **on every floor of their home** ring the same number for support and a check.



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:

Play Dress-Up

You can let the kids use their own dress-up things, if they have them, but more fun is to let them loose in your closet! Ideally drag out some of your older clothes (not your favourites!) and some costume jewelry or accessories – your little one will love running around in them.



Have a drawing session

Google "How to draw...", selecting whatever your kid wants, such as dinosaur, racing car, fairies, princess, animals, etc or visit some [how-to-draw websites for kids](#). Get some blank sheets and let them loose to get creative.

DIARY DATES 2020 – 2021

Just in case you missed it last week, this term we end on:

Thursday 1st April (which is a Thursday).



WORLD BOOK DAY IS TOMORROW!

Our theme of 'bedtime stories' is a great excuse for a pyjama day! Refer to your class teacher via Google Classroom or get in touch by phone or email if you need to know more about what is going on for your child. And for more ideas go to: <https://www.worldbookday.com>



Your World Book Day book token was sent your way last week – check out School Gateway if you missed this.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'GOOD TO BE ME!'

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 show really good understanding of how to keep myself safe, including what to do if I feel unsafe'

- Mrs Galling has nominated: Harry Saunders and Rueben Baxter
- Mr Hampton has nominated: Freddie Walters
- Miss Butler has nominated: Samuel Geary
- Mrs Penn has nominated: Maisy Luxton
- Miss Hall has nominated: Lola Bush and Lucas Taylor
- Mr Franklin has nominated: Bella Brooks
- Mrs Brown has nominated: Kiara Escott
- Mrs Cousins has nominated: Maisie Anderson
- Miss Shopland has nominated: Lilly Geary
- Mr Hankin has nominated: Masti Shaho



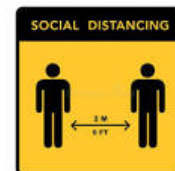
FOLLOWING OUR RETURN ON 8th MARCH PARENTS ARE ASKED TO:

- Keep a safe social distance;
- Keep children close;
- Be aware of your surroundings;
- Keep moving;



SUPPORTING SOCIAL DISTANCING: HELP US TO KEEP YOU SAFE

- Only one adult per child/family is allowed onto the school site at any time;
- Please don't come onto the school site before 8.35am;
- Please arrive on time to collect your child at 3.15pm;
- Please don't gather around classroom doors;



REMINDERS OF COVID-RELATED ARRANGEMENTS - Children:

- Children are not permitted to ride scooters or bikes to school at the moment;
- Children are to remove any face coverings prior to entering the school building, they need to put these into a bag and store them in their school bag;
- Children are not to bring hand sanitiser into school;
- Children are only to bring in items from home they need e.g. a water bottle, a snack, their lunch, a pencil case and their PE kit. Children are not to bring in toys from home;
- Children will be supported in ordering their lunch by classroom teachers;



GETTING IN TOUCH:

Wherever possible we are asking parents to refrain from accessing the school building without an appointment. If you do need to enter the building, you will need to buzz to be let in and then are required to wait at the space demarcated by a line on the floor and a member of the office team will assist you when they are free, please can you ensure you keep at a safe social distance and wear a mask. Parents are not to leave the waiting area in order to access the wider building, unless they are accompanied by a member of school staff.

- We are happy for parents to communicate to us in the following ways:
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