



# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

## Weekly Newsletter – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

*'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

#### **ATTENDANCE AND SICKNESS – WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

As a school community we should rightly feel proud of our commitment to work together to support children's attendance in school. This supports children in having strong attendance levels and as such avoiding missing out on learning opportunities. You, our families, are brilliant at this, and it's worth clarifying how we work together around stomach bugs as we enter the colder months where less time is spent outside and illness can spread more easily.



We manage very carefully our response to outbreaks of viruses and sickness bugs depending upon patterns that we see across the school. **Typically we do not expect parents to keep children off school for 48 hours following a short period of sickness or diarrhoea** as this is more often than not an isolated situation with many potential causes. In these circumstances we are happy to welcome children into school as soon as parents feel that they are fit and ready to learn and play. If parents have any concerns or wish to talk through their circumstances relating to their child's sickness **we would invite you to call us so that we can help you make the decision that best fits.**

**From time to time we will enforce a '48 hours clear' policy for children returning to school after sickness or diarrhoea.** This is when we see patterns of illness that suggest to us that a bug is being passed on in school. Analysing our attendance daily allows us to see very quickly when this is happening, and **we will be in touch by text to advise parents when we are enforcing the '48 hours clear' expectation** across the school.

As a rule of thumb, if you are in any doubt as to whether your child should be in school, please get in touch with us to talk things through. This is never a waste of our time as the health and well-being of your children and wider families is always a priority.

#### **HALLOWEEN ART COMPETITION**

The Coffee and Cake team is running an exciting Halloween Art Competition for all to get involved with. This is a competition you can get creative with. Any type of art can be entered, from collage to colouring, masks to monster hats. With judging taking place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October and prizes awarded in Assembly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, we look forward to seeing your wonderful creating in the HUB over the coming weeks.



We are happy to take delivery of entries whenever they are ready – just bring them in and pass them to your class teacher or member of the admin team.

#### **HARVEST LIVE**



On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October, Key Stage 1 learners will be taking part in this Year's Harvest Live Event, hosted by Livestream.co.uk and NFU Education. The children will be invited to help make a delicious Palak Paneer dish before watching the live lesson. Then they will be learning how to grow onions, spinach and coriander; understanding which part of a plant they come from and learning how to safely prepare them. After this, they will be going on a virtual quest to discover where the milk we need to make our paneer cheese has come from, meeting the robots who do the milking and feeding the calves on Farmer Elaine's dairy farm.

**CREATE – CREATIVE ARTS DROP IN SESSION**

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Coombeshead Academy are hosting a taster workshop of a variety of creative activities for children in Years 5 and 6. This could be a fantastic opportunity to meet



some of the Coombeshead art team, explore the new CREATE space and meet other children who enjoy being creative. Booking is required – scan the barcode to book your place.

**KS2 LIVE REMEMBRANCE POETRY SESSIONS**

This week, the children in KS2 will be taking part in a week of live poetry sessions. These are held by professional poet Laura Mucha culminating in a celebration of children's poetry on National Poetry Day. The children will be engaging in drafting, editing and performing their own Remembrance Poems.



**OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL IS COMPLETE!**

We are really pleased to be able to announce that there will be three school councillors representing Year 2 this year, all of whom will be awarded their badges in assembly this Friday. Congratulations go to Rowan Cole, Lola Pickford and Faith Heavens who have shown not only the skills required to be a school councillor but also patience and understanding in waiting for their badges to be awarded.

Our Voice counts....



**CELEBRATING SUCCESS – 'EVERY CHILD HAS COMFORT WITH WHO THEY ARE'**

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 'New Beginnings'. Children are currently spending time thinking about and developing an understanding of their place within their class, their school and the global community.

This sits firmly within the British values of understanding of the value of rules, principles and laws as well as an understanding of responsibility.

The following children will be **celebrated in assembly on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** with a focus upon:

**'I set a good example to others.'**

- Mr Hampton has nominated Teddy Moore
- Miss Butler has nominated Ruby Brown and Hunter Brown
- Mrs Penn has nominated Sebastian Cartmill
- Miss Jacob has nominated Tommy Darke
- Mr Franklin has nominated Lola Pickford
- Miss Hall has nominated Henry Wells
- Miss Cameron has nominated Noah Huddart-Wells and Ruben Cooper
- Mrs Cousins has nominated Samuel Geary
- Mrs Brown has nominated Summer Tate
- Miss Shopland has nominated Maizey Woodmore
- Miss Manley has nominated Jasmine Brooks
- Mr Hankin has nominated Anna Collins and Zach Matheson
- Mrs Russell has nominated Kyla Mealand and Lana Burns



**LUNCHTIME FRIENDS NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIVE PLAY**

We are really pleased that our Lunchtime Friends, who supported children in the Foundation Stage last year, and have been supporting play at dinnertimes have been keen to nominate children that they see demonstrating positive play behaviours.

The children that they have noticed this week who will be receiving certificates in assembly on Friday are: **Henry Wells and Eddie Rogers**. Congratulations to you all, and many thanks to our playleaders.



**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](mailto: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 B1 SB & SJP	Reception B2 LJ	Year 1 RH	Year 2 IF	Year 3 MC	Year 4 SB	Year 5 JM	Year 6 GH
92.8	66.9	94	95.8	95.9	93.7	95.7	91.4	94