



# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

## Weekly Newsletter – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*'Pupils, staff, parents and carers agree that Haytor View School is a happy place to learn'*  
OFSTED March 2023

### Chair of Governors: Robert Doets

#### WHERE DID THAT HALF TERM GO?

Half term seems to have sprung out of nowhere! There has been lots going on around school over the past 6 weeks or so – this week brought us **Safer Internet Day**, a timely reminder of how important it is for us to work with our children to stay safe online. You will see an article about this further on in this newsletter.

We hope you have a happy and healthy half term break – it has certainly been an unusual half term for illness among both staff and children so we look forward starting afresh and beginning to look forward to warmer and longer spring days. A final reminder then that school closes for children at the end of the day on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**.



#### A QUICK HEADS UP!

When the summer term arrives in April, we will be subtly changing the start times of the school day for all children from Reception to Year 6. In order to meet government guidance that becomes law in September we need to increase the length of our school day by 5 minutes.

So advance warning, in case you want to get into practice next half term....

From Summer Term 2024, Time to Think across the school will begin with classroom doors opening as they do now at 8.35am. However **gates will be closed and registers will be taken at 8.45am** instead of at 8.50 as they do now. That means children will need to be in school each day by 8.45am, not 8.50am. We will share more about this with you next half term, but we know there will be those very prepared among you who may want to be setting your alarms 5 minutes early and practicing new routines ahead of the change coming into place in the summer.

Again, have a great half term break and thank-you for all you have brought to the school lives of your children and the staff team here over recent weeks.

#### WORLD BOOK DAY – T SHIRT SALE

World Book Day is on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, have you seen the letter sent to parents? Check out School Gateway if not!

To support you in forming a book themed costume for the day, the Coffee and Cake team are running their 'Decorate and wear your own book related t-shirt' offer again this year. You can order a plain white t-shirt via the Gateway for £2 each which you can then decorate with your child for World Book Day. To secure a T-Shirt at a sensible price, please place your order via the Gateway App by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February.



T-Shirts will be delivered to your child after the half term break.

## **SAFER INTERNET DAY 2024**

This year's Safer Internet Day assembly took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Children from across the country focussed on the changing nature of the internet, how to use it safely, and how we can be influenced and the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI). All children engaged brilliantly in the assembly showing their insight into the world of AI – they really are growing up in a different world to the one that we did as adults!



Subsequent lessons in their classes have been enjoyed with children demonstrating how skilled young people are at using the internet and considering their safety when doing so.

The children have been given the opportunity to take part in a poster competition which will be judged by a Governor and prizes will be awarded after the half term. If you want to read more about this year's Safer Internet Day focus, links to resources for parents can be found here:

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/resources>

Further useful information about keeping your children safe online can be found on the school's website –

<https://haytorview.devon.sch.uk/safeguarding/parenting-digital-age/>

## **PSHE FAMILY LEARNING**

As a school, we use a learning scheme called Jigsaw Education to support us in delivering the PSHE curriculum. This half term, each class has focussed on Going for Goals in line with our assembly focus.



To support your child to reflect on the learning that has taken place over this half term, try asking them some questions about the learning that they have considered in class and during assemblies:

- What do you do that makes your home a good place to be?
  - What do you do that makes school a good place to be?
    - How would you describe yourself?
  - What would you like to do more of, or get better at?
    - What do you dream of doing in the future?

## **PLAYLEADER NOMINATIONS FOR POSITIVE PLAY**

We are really pleased that our Year 6 Playleaders, who meet after school each Monday, 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: **Jayden Farrell, Alfie Steer** and **Mark Veinberger**.

Congratulations and many thanks to our playleaders. Certificates will be awarded on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## **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 B2 SB & SJP	Reception B1 LJ	Year 1 RH	Year 2 IF	Year 3 MC	Year 4 SB	Year 5 JM	Year 6 GH
90.2	84.1	92.4	84.4	84.8	94.4	88.6	91.4	97.2