



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 7th September 2022

‘.....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: Robert Doets

IT'S A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

It has been wonderful to see children and families returning or beginning new journeys with us following the long summer break. Thank-you for all of the effort that we know goes in to getting your children looking so good and be so prepared for the start of the school year. You'll be getting familiar again with routines both old and new – do speak to us if you have any questions or concerns about how these work for you and these begin to settle down.



Among the first things to look out for this term is the letter coming your way, via School Gateway as always, concerning **after school clubs**. We are really excited to be working closely with Premier Education in providing a range of after school clubs this year which will be led by the Premier team with Learning Partners alongside. We hope that this arrangement enables us to bring you more choice if your child wants to get involved in activities after the school day. Places for these clubs will be limited so please respond to the letter swiftly to avoid disappointment.

Over the coming year we will continue to use this newsletter, published each Wednesday, to keep you up to date with goings-on that may be of interest to you. Together with letters that will continued to be shared via the School Gateway, we hope that your able to keep in touch.

As always, should you have any questions, worries or concerns about events, daily routines or any aspects of your child's school day please speak to us. Feel free to make contact at pick-up, drop-off or through our admin team – we will always be happy to make bespoke arrangements to talk with you if needed, or pick up queries on the spot. What's more, if wider life is presenting challenges for your family we'd invite you to share these with us – we will be keen to help and may be able to support you in ways that could be helpful.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2022

5th September - Non Pupil Day
6th September - First day of term for children
20th and 21st October - Non Pupil Days
24th – 28th October inclusive - Half Term
16th December - Last day of Autumn Term



Spring Term 2023

3rd January - First day of term for children
10th February - Non Pupil Day
13th – 17th February inclusive - Half Term
31st March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term 2023

17th April - First day of term for children
1st May - Bank Holiday
29th May – 2nd June inclusive - Half Term
5th June - Non-Pupil Day
25th July - Last day of Summer Term

HEALTHY SNACK ARRANGEMENTS

As we head into new school year we are keen to make everyone aware of our provision and expectations in relation to eating in school. Children can have 1 piece of fruit or vegetables to be provided by home or purchased at school. Alternatively children can have: breadsticks; crackers; toast; crumpets; malt loaf, to be provided by home or purchased at school. In order to support healthy and balanced approach to daily nutrition, children are not permitted to take alternative items from their packed lunch box for break time.



CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Getting hold of parents quickly is really important, please can you make sure that the school have your most recent contact numbers in the event of an emergency. Please contact the school office if you would like to check whether we have your up to date numbers, or if you wish to change your contact details. Thank you!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you for the real commitment everyone has given in bringing your children to school so well presented – at the start of the school year - thank you!

As you know, we see uniform (clothes and shoes) as providing children with a positive sense of themselves in school, of 'fitting in' and of 'being a part' of the class and school team. Standing apart, even if wearing favourite clothes or trainers, can lead to an underlying sense of discomfort that while not recognised by children, may unsettle them.



Should you have any concerns or difficulties in getting hold of uniform or black shoes please let your child's teacher, or any adult in school know as we have items of, often new, spare clothing which we can pass onto parents.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW CLASS

It was wonderful welcoming everyone into their new class on Tuesday, all of the children bounced in with excitement and enthusiasm on display!

As your children settle in their new class including becoming familiar with the expectations and routines, please do not hesitate in speaking with their class teacher or phase leader if you have any questions as we're keen to ensure that every child has a positive start to a successful year.



DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL POLICY ON 'LEAVE OF ABSENCE'

All leave of absences from school can only be agreed by the school in advance, so it is therefore very important that you apply to the school by completing an S2 form as far in advance of any absence as is reasonably possible. Please be aware that a school can only grant leave in 'exceptional circumstances'.



The S2 form can be requested from the school office.

FOODBANK SUPPORT

Feel free to contact them direct on 01626 437310 or speak to 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.



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 on 'good to be me'. We will be celebrating achievements in Celebration Assembly each Friday morning. This week teachers will be sharing with the school community their thoughts around

'What I have enjoyed about the first week with my new class'



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 and Mr Hampton.



SCHOOL DINNER MONEY TO BE PAID BY 10AM PLEASE

Please can we remind all parents that pay for their child/ren to have a school dinner, that payment is made via the School Gateway by 10am latest on the day your child requires a dinner, or £12.25 on a Monday morning by 10am for the whole week – many thanks.

