



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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

Weekly Newsletter – 8th September 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

WELCOME BACK EVERYBODY!

It was wonderful wishing everyone back to school on the first day of term yesterday. Smiling faces, shiny shoes and pristine uniforms were all worn with pride, and the sun shone down on everyone!



Thank you for supporting us in our arrangements as we begin the year where we left off in terms of keeping everyone safe. Our letter dated Monday 6th September provides all of the detail around this and is available on School Gateway and the school's website if you have not seen it yet.

All being well, we look forward to getting in touch towards the end of September to share next steps that we will take as we make progress towards a more typical, but safe, environment in school. This will include all of those areas of school life that we used to take for granted, from scooters through to school visitors.

We are so grateful for the care and patience that led to your arrival and departure being so smooth yesterday. Thank you for the fantastic help you provided us with on day one, including:

- Staggering your arrival into school between 8.35am and 9.00am;
- Keeping moving while on the school site and keeping your children close;
- Not crowding the doors to classrooms;
- Being prompt to arrive to collect your child at 3.15pm;
- Maintaining an appropriate social distance from those around you;

As always please be confident in sharing with us any questions you have and successes or challenges you are experiencing – we will always try to make any approach you make to us worth your while. You know how to get in touch:

- School Gateway;
- School email address admin@haytorview.devon.sch.uk;
- Speaking with school staff via telephone 01626 203040.

TERM DATES 2021 – 22

AUTUMN TERM

22nd October – Non-pupil day
25th – 29th October inclusive - Half Term
17th December - Last day of Autumn Term



SPRING TERM

4th January - First day of term for children
18th February – Non-Pupil Day
21st – 25th February inclusive - Half Term
8th April - Last day of Spring Term

SUMMER TERM

25th April - First day of term for children
2nd May - Bank Holiday
30th May – 3rd June inclusive - Half Term
6th June - Non-Pupil Day
22nd July - Last day of Summer Term

FOODBANK SUPPORT

If you need support feel free to contact the foodbank direct 01626 437310 – please don't wait until you are going short – having food provided can ease pressure in other areas of household costs too so don't wait until food is short, use the bank to make life more comfortable.



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!



ITEMS IN SCHOOL

Thank you to children and parents who have really taken time to think about what is leaving home each morning! Having as few items as possible travel between home and school really supports our risk assessment, which is focused on keeping our site a safe place to be. If you have a question over your child bringing something to school, please get in touch and we will be happy to talk through.



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.

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 Bubble Celebration Assemblies throughout Friday morning. Where weather conditions allow we have started to get together as a whole school, outside and sat in bubbles. We look forward to a time when parents can join us again for these get-togethers.

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'



SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

The cost of a school dinner is **£2.40 per day** (£12.00 per week).

Please may we remind parents that dinner money needs to be paid **on the morning your child requires a dinner, no later than 10am** – we are not able to supply a dinner to those who have not paid on time - thank you.



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.

NSPCC