

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Key Stage 1 Newsletter – Summer 2022



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

### **It's great to be able to be back together!**

The one thing we have been waiting for is for parents to be able to be welcomed back into classes. It has been a long time coming, but now it is here and we are so glad to be able to welcome you back into Time To Think and assemblies again.



It has been a funny few years and we know how uncertain and uncomfortable this period has been for us all. We will keep talking about our thoughts and feelings around being at home and being at school as we grow together to be able to do both brilliantly again. We have listened to your children as they talk to us about the thoughts and feelings they have. We all know Home is a wonderful place to be and we all know that school is a wonderful place to be but we all still feel it as a bit of a wrench coming in in the morning! (I know I don't like leaving my wife and son behind in the morning so fully understand how the children feel!) What makes it all OK is seeing the smiling faces of the children as they come in and settle into the day, at that moment, I recognise it is a real joy and privilege being able to be here with them!

Please keep talking to us if there is anything you think you want us to know, or if there is anything you think we could or should be doing.

Best Wishes  
Mr Franklin  
KS 1 Phase Leader

### **STAY AND PLAY**

It's back! We have had a few sessions now and I have to say it has been great to get to spend a bit of time with so many parents and children just having some fun! There have been the odd scary moment too though. Being taken to a draw by a five year old in a game of draughts was a real experience! I can't wait for the rematch!

Please feel free to hang around on Thursday after school to Stay and Play with your child. There is no obligation to stay for the full session, if a quick stop is all you have time for, but your child will appreciate it.



### **MOON ROVER DESIGN PROJECT**

This term has given us opportunities to bring year 1 and 2 together to learn alongside each other.



One of the biggest (and best) whole phase projects we have run was the Design and Technology project to design and create a model of rover to explore other planets or moons. The children developed their understanding of wheels and axles and also secured some great team working skills.



## READING PARTNERS

Reading is without doubt one of the most important, most enjoyable and most beneficial activities a human being can do on their own! It is brilliant to see how well all of the children in KS 1 have taken to their reading and how well they share their books together. The children really enjoy being readers and love to share their fluency and prosody once they have read their book once or twice.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

One of the highlights of each year is World Book Day, and this year, it was the best ever. The costumes were magnificent, many of them home made, which is always wonderful to see. Whilst there was dressing up, it was the books that were front and centre for the entire day, with costumes being really carefully thought about and really reflecting the characters or themes of the chosen book. Next year, we could run a whole school 'Where's Wally' game of hide and seek!



## TIME TO THINK

Time to Think is now open to parents again and it would be great if you chose to join your child for this time.



One of the things that is really useful is to be able to come in at least once in the week and help your child to choose and change the home reading book that they choose to take home to share with you. This is not a book for them to read, but one to share, so if you can get in on just one day to choose that with them, that would be about right.

## WEST END IN SCHOOLS

We have been fortunate to secure not one drama and dance workshop with West End in schools this year, but two! We used their inspiration to underpin our learning around Divali last term, and this term we celebrated a few of our favourite stories in drama and dance. Year One retold 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and Year Two relived 'Where The Wild Things Are.' All the children had a great time learning dance and drama skills from a professional.



## ASSEMBLIES



The children come together for Monday morning PSHE/SEAL assemblies every week as well as Friday whole school celebration assemblies. Our shared assemblies are a joy and now the Friday celebration assemblies are even better because we can now have parents back in to celebrate with us! Please

come to the Friday morning assemblies. They are a great snapshot into what your child's day at school is all about.



## MUSIC



The children are really enjoying the music learning they are doing. We made the decision to spend a year learning to play a single instrument and the children are now celebrating their growing skills. Year 1 have been mastering the Occarina and Year 2 are becoming recorder virtuosos! A lot of the children cannot wait to perform in front of an audience. What amazing performers they all are!

## PE KITS

Thank you to everyone who makes sure their child has their PE kit in school. The easiest way of doing it, and what I used to do when I my son was at Primary school, was to bring it in on Monday and leave it in school. Then, if there are any messes or accidents, there is a change of clothes ready and hanging on their peg.

