



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

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celebrating difference – enriching community*

Year 4 Transition Newsletter Summer 2023

Moving On . . .

Transition is the experience children have when they move to a new setting, this might be a new school or a new class. Transition is an important learning experience as it's the ongoing process of change, therefore we recognise the importance of careful planning for children's transition experience.

We know the experiences children have at key transition points can offer an opportunity for each child to develop positive learning dispositions regarding 'change'. These can support the development of children's emotional and social well-being, and sense of identity. Children who develop positive attributes such as strength, resilience, independence and self-confidence will be able to call on these attributes to support transitions throughout their lives.

Transition at Haytor View is focussed upon building strong and trusting relationships between children, adults and parents/carers, through effective communication, as well as supporting the consistent transfer of existing relationships and relevant information.

At Haytor View we support transition through a range of opportunities both across the year and as the children get closer to 'moving on'.

Some of these were shared with you by letter earlier this term:

- Spending time in different spaces around the school;
- Meeting a range of school adults in day to day opportunities such as assembly;
- Having conversations and interactions with different children and adults;
- Having regular discussions throughout the year focused on children's well-being, learning and development;
- Informal opportunities to meet different people;
- Teachers share each child's unique motivations, strengths, attitudes, skills, knowledge, understanding and learning dispositions, as children move classes;
- We think about the support each child requires in new situations;
- Individual pupil planning for children with SEND;
- An opportunity for parents/carers to 'drop in' and have a chat with your child's Learning Leader for next year (Weds 19th July 3.30pm – 5pm).

***“Strong relationships
feature throughout
the school.”***

***“Pupils personal
development is at the
heart of Leaders’
work.”***

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In the transition process we ensure children have a voice, providing them with the opportunity to ask questions, seek explanations and express their views. Children who will be in Years 1 to 6 had a whole class 'familiarisation' session on 6th July. Where children will benefit from multiple 'taster' opportunities, these will be provided on an individual basis. Arrangements for Foundation Stage children will be facilitated by Miss Butler through individual arrangements.

The 'familiarisation' session/s facilitated by your child's Learning Leader will provide a valuable opportunity to develop their relationships with new children and adults.

Our aim is to ensure that your child has a smooth transition which will enable your child to continue their learning and development in a supported and uninterrupted way. We will keep you in the picture about transition plans by letter and via the newsletter, but should you have any queries regarding transition please feel free to discuss them with your child's current or future teacher, their phase leader or Mr Hampton.

Best wishes for a successful transition.

Staffing Changes for 2022 – 23...

When we return to school after the Summer half term break, we always have transition firmly in our minds. The arrangements for Summer 2023 will see children leaving us, others arriving, as well as children moving year groups.

We are pleased and proud that we continue to see our school grow, which is seeing us retain our 8 classes at a time when many schools are having to restrict numbers of classes, but increase numbers of children within them. There are however a number of staff changes to share with you, all of which will take place over the summer break.

We say 'farewell' to Mrs Breakwell in the Foundation Stage, as she prepares for a new role supporting children and families in the community with the NHS. We thank Mrs Breakwell for the enthusiasm and connection that she has brought to the Foundation Stage and wish her well for the future.

New to the Foundation Stage team will be Miss Jacob who is joining us as a full time teacher in Reception. Mrs Penn and Miss Butler will be leading provision in the nursery – we will be looking to further extend the connection between the Foundation Stage and Year 1 as we seek to provide children at Haytor View to the very best start to their learning journey with us.

We are really pleased to share that we will be welcoming three new members of support staff to the Foundation Stage and Year 1 team in September as well as maintaining Mrs Butterworth and Miss Poucher in the team for the Autumn Term. We welcome Miss Dennis, Miss Evans and Mrs Greca and know that you will join us in positively and quickly making them feel a part of the Haytor View team.

“Parents consider the school to be a nurturing and caring environment.”

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This Transition Newsletter...

The arrangements put in place to support the transition are as a result of leaders and teachers thinking about each of the children in each of our classes, to ensure they receive opportunities which will support them in effectively 'transitioning' from their current class into their new class.

This transition newsletter provides specific details about the transition arrangements for your child, as well as information about the adults your child will be spending time with so you know the main points of contact.

Children spent time in their new classes for the first learning session of the day on Wednesday 6th July. You will know from previous letters that we are also hosting an after-school opportunity for you to catch up with your child's current teacher, visit your child's new class and where possible meet their new teacher - this will take place on **Wednesday 19th July 3.30 – 5pm**

Information About Your Child's New Teacher in Year 4 – Mrs Brown

My name is Sue Brown and I am the Year 4 Learning Leader, I am married to Rich and we live with our adult son, Dan, and two Jack Russell Terriers (Sparky and Loki). I live in Torbay and spend much of my time with my granddaughters and dogs having walks and fun. I enjoy spending time walking and on our boat in the Bay.

I joined the school in November 2020 and am excited to be welcoming the year 3 children into year 4. I feel this year will be an exciting time for the children as we explore the new topics year 4 has to offer. Year 4 is an amazing time for the children as they develop their independence. I know we will have a fantastic and fun year together.



Mrs Russell will also be supporting your child's learning during the week

Information About Mrs Russell who works across Key Stage 2 Hello!. I am the luckiest teacher in the school because I get to spend time with every child in KS2 each week. I am excited to continue this role in September. As a former pupil of Milber Primary who grew up on Buckland Estate, teaching at Haytor View always makes me very proud. I live in Torquay with my husband Simon and our cat Benny. Between us, we have four grown up children; Tasha, April, Lee and Emily and two brilliant grandson's: Toby (3) and Henry (1). When I'm not in school, I teach exercise to music classes for the over 60's and attend fun exercise classes. I love exploring the Devon coastal walks and am persevering with learning to play the ukulele.



The Opportunities Your Child will Receive During the Year

“Pupils, staff, parents and carers agree that Haytor View is a happy place to learn.”

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Throughout the year your child will be exposed to a classroom ethos focused around relationship building, working collaboratively and striving for confidence as a learner. Children will be given ownership over their learning with opportunities for them to make choices over what they learn being provided. Children will experience cross-curricular opportunities. Experiences to enhance their learning (including visits beyond the school gates) will offer children more opportunities to explore, discover for themselves and inquire. What is key for me this year is for children to develop an appreciation of themselves as a learner.

- A walk around our local area looking at historical features.
- A Space Dome visit.
- M&M productions Pantomime
- Healthy cooking sessions.
- Sport impact days with Newton Abbot College.
- Learning circus skills with Lucas Jet.
- A high focus is placed on the children developing their listening and communication skills. This is to support them in developing their confidence with talk as they begin to build their independence.

Organisation for 2023 - 24

Foundation Stage

- Miss Butler – Foundation Stage Leader (Nursery)
- Mrs Penn – Foundation Stage Learning Leader (Nursery)
- Miss Jacob – Foundation Stage Learning Leader (Reception)
- Miss Dennis – Foundation Stage Practitioner (Nursery)
- Miss Evans – Early Years Worker (Nursery)
- Miss Wopling – Early Years Worker (Reception)
- Mrs Butterworth – Foundation Stage Practitioner (Reception)
- Miss Poucher – Foundation Stage Practitioner (Reception)

Key Stage 1

- Mr Franklin – Key Stage 1 Leader & Year 2 Learning Leader
- Miss Hall – Year 1 Learning Leader
- Miss Cameron – Learning Leader KS1 and FS (non-class based)
- Mrs Bunce – Learning Partner
- Mrs Pavledis – Learning Partner
- Mrs Coleman – Learning Partner
- Mrs Greca – Learning Partner

Key Stage 2 – Years 3 and 4

- Mrs Cousins – Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader and Year 3 Learning Leader
- Mrs Brown – Year 4 Learning Leader
- Mrs Russell – Learning Leader – cross Key Stage 2 support
- Miss Wicks – Year 3 and 4 Learning Partner
- Miss Minney – Year 3 and 4 Learning Partner

“Pupils behave well. They feel safe, valued and able to voice their opinions. They say that staff listen to them.”

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Key Stage 2 – Years 5 and 6

- Mr Hankin – Years 5 & Year 6 Phase Leader and Year 6 Learning Leader
- Miss Manley – Year 5 Learning Leader
- Mrs Russell – Learning Leader – cross Key Stage 2 support
- Mr Whitty - Years 5 and 6 Learning Partner

Administrative Support

- Mrs Brown – Business Manager and Lead for Administrative Team & Attendance
- Mrs Hodgson – Administrative Support
- Mrs Webb – Administrative Support

Key Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term 2023

- 4th September - Non Pupil Day
- 5th September - First day of term for children
- 19th and 20th October - Non Pupil Days
- 23rd – 27th October inclusive - Half Term
- 15th December - Last day of Autumn Term

Spring Term 2024

- 2nd January - First day of term for children
- 9th February - Non Pupil Day
- 12th – 16th February inclusive - Half Term
- 28th March - Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term 2024

- 15th April - First day of term for children
- 6th May - Bank Holiday
- 27th May – 31st May inclusive - Half Term
- 3rd June - Non-Pupil Day
- 24th July - Last day of Summer Term