



Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents



Welcome back to school everyone!

We welcome Miss Kershaw back to school as Mrs Small – congratulations on your wedding! We also congratulate Mrs Treviss and her husband on the birth of their daughter Ava Rose.

A warm, Haydonleigh welcome to our new teachers:

Miss Bloomfield year 1

Mrs Edds year 4

Miss Walters year 5

Well done Foundation Stage children who have joined us, you have been so good at coming in to school with your happy smiles.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the children who are doing such a good job at lining up in a new place in the mornings, especially KS1.

We are aware of a few 'hiccups' and we are finding solutions!

However, it is important that parents remember:-

The morning routine... Children are welcome on site from 8.30am but should be supervised by parents until staff arrive on the playgrounds at 8.40am. Children should line up quickly when the whistle blows at 8.45am. All cycles and scooters must be dismounted at the gate. No cycling or scooting should take place in the grounds at any time please. Parents should leave the KS2 playground after the first whistle. They should not still be on the playground during Wake and Shake.

The fitness and trim trails are for use of supervised pupils during school time only. They are not for use before and after school hours. Foundation Stage parents- we ask that during induction session you please vacate the school premises after collecting your child. Use of the school equipment after the morning session can often disturb learning inside nearby classes.



Playtime... If your child wishes to bring a snack from home, please be reminded that we are a healthy school and only fruit or vegetables are allowed.

Children in KS2 can buy a piece of fruit each day for 20p and of course foundation stage and KS1 are given a snack.



Equipment... Between you, you and your child need to ensure that they have all that they need for the day ahead. Coats, bananas, homework, PE kits etc cannot be delivered to class by the office staff once lessons have started. Late items must not be delivered to the office. The only exception is a packed lunch which can then be collected by your child at lunchtime.



In order to keep your child safe while in Haydonleigh, there are a number of safety issues we would like to bring to your attention.

Please do not enter the school building by any other door than the main entrance unless requested by a member of staff.

We understand that parents may wish to speak with teachers in the morning; please wait until the class teacher arrives on the playground rather than enter the school.

Teachers are also happy for parents to catch them at the end of the school day.

If you are unable to catch your child's teacher, members of the Leadership team are always available on gate duty.

Alternatively, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Thank you for your cooperation in safeguarding all our children.



Can I **PLEASE** remind parents to respect our neighbours and park and drop off sensibly? We are very lucky to have Morrisons car park at our disposal albeit that building work is currently causing some disruption – please use it where you can. The visitor's car park is not for general use. The few blue badge holders who have already spoken to the school are the only cars that should be entering school grounds at the start and end of the school day. This includes Breakfast Club and after school clubs.

Please make sure that your childminder or whoever collects your child from school is aware of this.



The walking bus will start next Wednesday – a separate letter will be sent with details.



Uniform... At Haydonleigh, we believe in having a school uniform as it can support positive behaviour and discipline; it can encourage identity with, and support the ethos of the school; and helps nurture cohesion between different groups of pupils.

Our school uniform is an established feature of our culture which supports our ethos and ensures that our students are dressed for success.

Please ensure all clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name. This is especially important, as uniform items look similar and can easily be confused for another child's. The school cannot accept responsibility for any lost items.

Girls

Black or Grey skirt, pinafore dresses or tailored trousers or culottes of an appropriate length

White blouse or polo shirt

Red sweater or cardigan or school sweatshirt or cardigan (black for year 6 children)

Sensible shoes Black (NO trainers or boots e.g. Dr Martins type)

Red checked/striped dress for summer

Socks:- White, grey or black

Tights:- Grey, red or black

Hair: an appropriate style; hair accessories red, black, grey, white or silver without large embellishments

Head scarves and other requested items may only be worn for religious reasons and with consent from the Head teacher

No make-up or fashion jewellery is to be worn.

Boys

Black or grey trousers or shorts

White shirt or polo shirt

Red sweater or school sweatshirt (black

for year 6 children)

Sensible shoes Black (NO trainers or boots e.g. Dr Martins type)

Hair: an appropriate style without shaved patterns or an extreme style

PE Kit – all children

It is important that your child changes for PE

Black shorts

House T-shirt (House Colour)

Plimsolls needed for the summer term only (pull on style if possible)

Trainers may only be worn for outside activities

Jewellery will need to be removed and earrings removed or covered.



Lost property will be a small box located near the main office. Each Friday any named items will be returned to their owner and at the end of every month any unnamed items will be disposed of. **PLEASE** name your child's clothing and encourage them to look for lost items quickly.



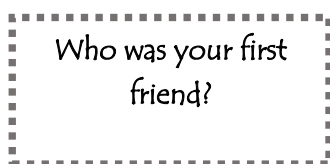
We welcome and value the help that parents and grandparents give to our school. If you would like to help out in class please see your teacher who will advise you on the procedure. There are often jobs in the office or around other parts of the school that parents can help us with. Please see the school office if you are interested in being a general helper.



Each term we will be learning more about and becoming familiar with each of our school values. Haydonleigh's core values are Respect, Responsibility, Enthusiasm, Unity and Creativity. The children will come to understand that values are important if people are to live and learn happily together. Our first value that we are going to explore is RESPECT.

Let's Talk

Providing your child with ample opportunities to speak to you develops good communication skills. This may sound obvious, but in an increasingly hectic digital world, opportunities do not always present themselves! Please take time to discuss with your child our fortnightly feature, 'Let's Talk'. A new question will be posed in each newsletter encouraging your child to discuss a topic which has been launched at school. Pupils will be invited to share their thoughts with their teachers and peers.



Teacher training days for this year, when school will be closed to children are:

1st September 2017

2nd October 2017

2nd January 2018

25th June 2018

We have yet to decide the final date and will communicate this as soon as we can. It will be during term 5 or 6, not before.

Term 1 ends on Wednesday 18th October.

Term 2 starts on Monday 30th October and ends on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm



On Saturday 16th September between 10-1pm, school will be open for parents wishing their child to start in September 2018 to have a look around. Please tell any friends and neighbours that may have prospective pupils to come along.

Existing parents are also welcome to come and see the new facilities- please do join us!

On the open morning our gardeners will be busy at work and would be delighted if you could stop by and lend a hand. A variety of tasks need doing!



Family Holidays in term time.

A reminder that the Headteacher may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any request for leave must be made in writing. A response will be returned indicating whether leave is authorised. Any absence not authorised may be liable to a local authority penalty notice.



We aim to send newsletters every other Thursday. We no longer send a paper copy preferring to use email. New parents are invited to sign up via our website where there is a simple link. We do need your child's name and class when you email please.

A paper copy is always available from the school office should you require.



Black Cat News Special Edition

My travels over the Summer holidays ended on a high- watching the Swindon Half Marathon on Sunday 3rd September. I was lucky enough to spot several of my Haydonleigh buddies, Martin Weaving and Stuart Cole, purr-ticipating in the race. I held out my paws to hi-5 them as they sped past me. It was all for a good cause, these miaow-vellous runners were raising funds for our Haydonleigh PTA.

I also spotted the brilliant Mr Brock, the wonderful Mrs Wojewodka and the marvellous Mrs Mace hot-footing it towards the finish line. What a purr-fectly pawesome event..... even the grey skies didn't dampen my spirits. A special thank you to

the Britannia Majorettes who cheered everyone on. It really was the cat's whiskers!



The Haydonleigh Mighty Hikers also completed their 26mile journey and raised a whopping £3200. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated. There were a few sore toes and blisters and despite the rain – we had fun!

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge

Headteacher