



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents

### **The Curious Cat's Adventures at Haydonleigh**

#### **What have the children been up to this week?**

##### **Foundation Stage**

We have had some more exciting visitors in Foundation Stage following Emma Harriman's visit with her police car. Mr Mulley arrived with his ambulance and the local firefighters with their fire engine. We have really enjoyed learning about the people who help us and would like to say a huge thank you to them all for giving up their time for us.

##### **Year 1**

I had to be careful as I crept into the Year 1 classrooms this week as I noticed the children have been making wanted posters for the Big Bad Wolf. With adjectives like big, furry and strong they may have thought I was the wolf! I felt a bit safer as the children were doing their maths, comparing groups of objects and numbers. I know I always want the greatest amount! I hear that next week the children will be getting creative by making their own little house to huff and puff. They will need some cardboard boxes (e.g. cereal, tea bag etc.), cartons (juice, milk); kitchen rolls, wrapping paper tubes, smarties tubes and even some small twigs! If you have any please hand them in to the class teacher.

##### **Year 2**

As I prowled down the Year 2 corridor I saw the children reading different school newspapers. Later in the week the children became journalists and were writing a news report about Mr Twit shrinking Mrs Twit. The children were able to tell me all the features that are needed in a newspaper report.

Year 2 have been telling me all about old trains, in particular a train called 'The Rocket'. The children were able to tell me who invented it, when it was invented and why it was invented. At the end of the day I curled up in their book corners and read their newspaper reports all about the 'Rainhill Trials'. What great journalists the children are becoming!

##### **Year 3**

Another "pawsome" week in year 3. We had a visit from Jonathan and his selection furry and not so furry creatures – I am not sure about Bourbon the snake – I am not sure cats and snakes make good friends. In maths, they have also been learning new methods for adding up and solving lots of problems – all very tricky when you have paws instead of fingers to count on but I won't get my whiskers in a twist.

They have also been working on our social skills and team work through P.E. and I have seen lots of positive praise and encouragement going on. It's been "Puurfect!"

##### **Year 4**

Well the visit of Jonathan's jungle was a hit with the children. However, I wasn't a big fan. The little creatures were fine but when I saw the spider and snake...gulp! They have been using the information from this visit to write non chronological reports on a choice of their own animal.

In topic, they have been looking at the weather and writing their own weather reports. From what I heard, we'll see a few of them on the TV in the next decade or two.

In PE, I did my best to keep up with the children but I can tell they've been practising running. Their stamina has improved greatly.

##### **Year 5**

In Year five we are continuing our Victorian topic by researching the workhouse. This paw-ful place was where Jim Jarvis (from Street Child) ended up when his mother died. We have discovered it was litter-ally the worst place you could end up in Victorian times, worse than prison! Paw Jim – will he ever escape and find a better home? We can't wait to find out! In science we have been investigating forces and how gravity, that claw-ver force, makes things fall and how air resistance and su-fur-ace area make things fall slower, unlike me, who doesn't need help as I always land on my feet!!

##### **Year 6**

The Year 6's are back prowling the upstairs corridors after their epic adventures at PGL! They managed to avoid any cat-astrophes and had a truly paw-some time. Disappointingly, they didn't bring me back any fishy souvenirs from their trip to the seaside, although they have shared a pawful of fabulous photos from their travels. Many of the children put their climbing talents to the test during the residential trip, scaling towers, leaping onto trapezes and exploring underground. Thankfully, they all came back with their nine lives intact!

Hope you all have a fantastic week.



## Let's Talk

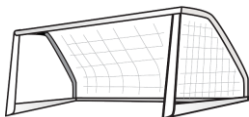


What is your favourite time of year?

This is an easy one to answer – I adore Autumn, with the changing colours, dark mornings, comfort food, bonfire night and of course there's Christmas to look forward to!



**RESPONSIBILITY!** Responsibility is making good decisions, always trying to do your best and taking care of yourself and others. We have been discussing our responsibilities in school through making good choices. What does responsibility mean to you?



Well done to the school football team who got off to a great start against Greenmeadow winning 3 – 0. Good luck in your next fixture against Gorse Hill next week.



### House Captains:

We have held house captain elections. The standard of speeches was incredibly high and pupils had clearly put a lot of thought into what skills were required for a successful house captain. There were some incredibly close voting rounds but our winners were selected and are now in post.



Unfortunately our hairy friends must wait at the gates of the school - no dogs (apart from support dogs) are allowed on any school premises. We also request dogs are not tied up and left unattended at the school gates, as this can distress both the dogs and some children.



Please could we remind all parents and carers that children are **NOT** permitted to play on the outdoor activity equipment before or after school.

This also applies to older and younger siblings who are waiting with you.

Could we also please remind you that our school is a non-smoking site and this includes the use of e-cigarettes.



Thank you to all the parents in Foundation Stage who attended our curriculum workshop on Wednesday. We hope you found the presentation informative and now have a better understanding of how we learn in Foundation stage. If you were unable to attend or would like to look back at the information, the presentation can be found on our website page.

Could we also ask all parents in Foundation Stage to look out for an emailed invitation to access our electronic learning diary '2simple-2buildaprofile'. A link has been sent to you via email and you will need to accept this in order to receive future reports – please also check in junk folders just in case it has been sent there! The first report will be coming home next Wednesday.



### 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.

Finally, please read the attached letter from Wiltshire Constabulary regarding parking.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge

Headteacher