



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents and Children

A few dates for your diary...

School will be closed for teacher training days on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

The school photographer is in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to photograph every class and Year 6 leavers.

### Sports Day

Classes 1- 9 Monday 18th June 9.15am

Classes 10- 20 Wednesday 20th June 9.15am

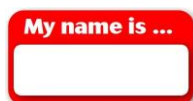
CALLING ALL RUNNERS!

The PTA have been lucky enough to secure another 5 FREE places for the Swindon Half Marathon this year, which will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. So if you have been inspired by the amazing London Marathon runners last week and fancy giving it a go, then why not challenge yourself and raise some money for the school at the same time!

We are looking to purchase some new IT equipment that the school desperately needs, it's likely to be laptops and we have enough money for 30 but ideally would like to raise an additional £4k which will allow us to buy another 15 so that one whole year group can access them all at the same time.

If you are interested in a FREE space please email [pta@haydonleighschool.co.uk](mailto:pta@haydonleighschool.co.uk)

We will also be looking for parents and children to come along on the day and create a 'Haydonleigh Noise Station' along the route to encourage and motivate the runners. If you have family and friends running or simply to support our Haydonleigh runners, please pop the date in the diary now and more details will follow closer to the time.



Can I please remind parents that all items of school uniform need to be clearly named. We have an ever increasing pile of lost property!

### 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.



Our current value is RESPECT! Children have been thinking about how we can show respect to our friends. We talked about what it takes to be a 'good friend' and how it is important to listen, take turns, and share with each other.



Did you know the Queen has two birthdays—one real and one 'official'?

If you had an extra birthday, how would you like to celebrate it?

With another party, of course!!



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, children are invited to wear non uniform in support of Macmillan. Donations should be handed to the class teacher in the morning please.



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

### **Foundation Stage**

Another purrfect week in Foundation Stage. We have been back in time to the land of castles. The children have been finding out about life long ago and how Kings and Queens spent their time, exploring artefacts and mystery objects. We have celebrated St George's Day, dressing as brave knights, handsome Kings and beautiful Queens. The children have written information books about castle life, writing facts about turrets, moats, dungeons and the Great Hall. A really exciting time.

### **Year 1**

In English the children have been finding out a bit more about two brothers called Croc and Bird who they met last week. So far they've done some lovely paintings of eggs (yum!), been trying to get into the characters of Croc and Bird and will be writing a recount of a typical day for them. In Maths the children have been thinking about groups of 2, 5 and 10 and creating arrays. In Topic they've continued with the water colour theme, mimicking the work of Beatrix Potter. I hear she wrote some stories about cats, so I did venture down to offer my services, however they were already painting plants and other natural things.

### **Year 2**

In English Year 2 have been learning about baboons, I did wonder why on earth they chose this animal when they could have chosen a cat. Cats are far more interesting! Then I realised their new story was 'Baboon on the Moon'. The children have been using all their new information to write a non-chronological report about baboons.

The Year 2's have been solving multiplication and division problems, ensuring that they use the right method to help them answer the question. The children have also been interpreting pictograms and creating their own block graphs about Roald Dahl books.

### **Year 3**

What a pawesome start to term 5 in year 3! Children have been getting all hot under their "collars" as they learn how to debate successfully in preparation for writing a balanced argument. As part of this, they have put on their thinking cats - I mean hats on, and produced some wonderful research around the fictional dragons in their class text "How to Train a Dragon." Although, I am not so sure about the look of those dragons, some really freaked "meowt!"

I also spotted the children really engaging in their drama this week and putting their team work and concentration skills to the test.

### **Year 4**

As I wonder along the corridor, past the Year 4 Classrooms all is quiet with not a child in sight. Where could they be?

### **Year 5**

What a purr-fect week in Year 5! The children have finished their Varmints art work and it looks paw-some! They used a variety of media (pastels, watercolours, charcoal and paint) to make their background, creature and plants. The assembling took some planning and they look su-purr-ior! There has been plenty of drama in the Year 5 corridor this week, nothing to be worried about though, just rehearsing for our Class Assemblies next week. We look forward to showing our families our tail-ented classes!

### **Year 6**

Aboard the Reading Bus this week, my fur stood on end, as the Year 6 children were transported into the world of spies and espionage in the pages of 'Storm' breaker. This 'paw-some' tale, by Anthony Horowitz, is an amazing story full of action, adrenaline and adventure. Within its pages, readers come face-to-face with Alex Rider, a regular teenager, whose world is turned upside down by the unexpected news of his Uncle's death. What becomes of Alex in the wake of this earth-shattering news? Who will his guardian be? How is he caught up in the world of MI6 on a mission to save London from notorious criminal, Hreod Sayle?

As the story unfolds, I know this fantastic page-turner will keep everyone entertained. . Reading for pleasure is the 'purrfect' escape from all the hard work everyone in Year 6 is doing to prepare for the upcoming SATS tests. I am proud of how hard they are working and urge them to draw on their learning powers (resilience, reciprocity, resourcefulness and reflectiveness) to help them to do their very best. Remember, when you believe in yourself, anything is possible.

Yours sincerely,

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