



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 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.

### Sports Day

Classes 1- 9 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

Classes 10-20 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

### 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.

Unfortunately, there are 43 children absent from school today, of which 10 children are siblings. I do question whether all of these absences are genuine illness?

A reminder, Parents/Carers please contact the school on the first day of absence by 9.30am by way of a telephone call to provide the reason for absence and where possible on each subsequent day of absence. Parents/Carers should provide a **written explanation on their child's return to school.**

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

We are sure you've already heard about the new EU data protection law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), that comes into effect on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2018. We wanted to let you know that we've updated our Privacy Policy in accordance with the new legislation. The policy is on our school website or click the link below.

<http://www.haydonleighschool.co.uk/parents-1/data-protection-privacy-notice>



Our lost property basket is overflowing with un-named school uniform, hats and even lunchboxes! Please come and take a look and claim what belongs to your child. What is not claimed will be sold by the PTA

### Join Your Child for Lunch

There are still a few spaces available for 'Join Your Child for lunch'. Please contact the school office to book.



There is now some useful information for parents about the popular game "Fornite: Battle Royal" on the E-Safety page of the school website, which can be found by following this link.

<http://www.haydonleighschool.co.uk/parents-1/e-safety>



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Mrs Rochester and Mr Swindall took the girls' cricket team to the Swindon Cricket Tournament. Despite a soggy start, all five matches were played. Haydonleigh won three out of their five matches and came third overall. There was amazing batting, bowling and fielding from all of the team. It was a fantastic day, if a bit cold! Many thanks to all the girls who took part for their brilliant attitude and super skills. A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers who offered lifts, it was really appreciated.



We hope the Year 1 children enjoyed improving the plant boxes in their playground with sensory plants.

Many thanks to AR & JR Perrin Nursery, Stone Lane, for the discounted plants. Some amazing scents and sights will hopefully develop!

If anyone is sorting their garden and has any spare native plants (bluebells, foxgloves, primroses etc) they could spare for our nature area around the pond, please could you bring them in after half term when we can plant them and develop this area. Many thanks.

Let's

talk

Half term is a great opportunity to make someone smile. Think of a random act of kindness you could do for friends or family.

What will yours be?

Easy – buy Mr Billinge an ice-cream at the beach!



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

### **Foundation Stage**

POW! It's been Super Hero week in Foundation Stage! Role play areas have become Super Hero Headquarters and the children have been creating their own amazing Super Heroes by adding collage features and outfits to potatoes and wooden spoons.

The children turned bin liners into amazing capes and wrote descriptions of their favourite hero. We had a wonderful time with our families who joined us for 'Crash in for a Comic', writing and illustrating our own comic books together. Thank you to those who joined us and for sharing such creative talents! I'm hoping someone's comic included Cat Woman!

### **Year 1**

This week the children are considering the rafts and the clay models they made last week and evaluating them. I always find it hard to evaluate because I'm so puurfect! In English they have been busy planning and writing their final hot task which is to get creative and write their very own story for the first time. I can't wait to read them! In Maths the children have been learning about positional language. Feel free to help them practise which is their left and right paw at home. In Science the children went to do a field observation (actually on the field!) and recorded which flowers they found.

### **Year 2**

Year 2 have had a paw-some week going back in time! They spent the week looking at many famous people of the past. They learnt about Louis Braille and even wrote their own names in braille. They later went on to discover why Florence Nightingale was famous and all the good she did in her nursing career. The children turned into reporters and wrote a newspaper report about the first moon landing. Finally they went to 1953 where they learnt about the Queen's coronation. Year 2 have been learning about a lot of life cycles but they haven't learnt about the life cycle of a cat yet! The children have been drawing the life cycles of a frog, butterfly, hen and a human. They have then written about each stage of the cycle adding in any extra, interesting information they learnt during the lessons.

### **Year 3**

As I prowled down the Year 3 corridor last week, it was getting very royal. I saw some "PURRRTY" great art work going on. The children were demonstrating our school value of "Unity" by creating some collaborative pieces, in the style of Andy Warhol. The challenge was to only use red, white and blue paint, to create a tint portrait of Harry or Meghan. They also seemed to be getting creative and mathematical at the same time, by designing a new wedding cake, using their fraction skills - I would have chosen  $\frac{1}{4}$  chicken and the remaining  $\frac{3}{4}$  tuna "PURRRRFECT!"

### **Year 4**

Down the Year 4 corridor the children were busy building some strange looking contraptions from junk. After prowling closer, I discovered that they were making dragon catching machines so I had to be careful not to get lured into the traps with their delicious smelling bait. They have now written some super explanations about how these magnificent machines work. In PE the children have been orienteering using maps of the school and were looking quite puffed out from running around the school. On Tuesday, they had a special visit from a parent to talk about Eid. They discovered how Muslims celebrate this festival and what it is like to fast. In Topic, the children have been researching Anglo-Saxon life and will be making information leaflets.

### **Year 5**

Oreo cookies! I definitely smelt Oreo cookies! Someone had the claw-some idea of using Oreo cookies to show the phases of the moon. There were some strange words being used – waxing gibbous, waning crescent, first quarter – but the Year 5 children seemed to know what they were doing. "That's acute!" no, they weren't talking about me but describing angles. More strange vocabulary (acute, obtuse and my favourite, relax, sorry reflex!) being used, they su-purr-ior knowledge of the children was great and know they are working out angles too. Stormbreaker is proving to be popular, discussions about whether Alex should become a spy and a biography of Herod Sayle are just some of the paw-some highlights.

### **Year 6**

The children in Year 6 still managed to find plenty of time for relaxation and cat-napping last week, despite the busyness of SATs week! I'm so proud of how hard all of our children worked in the build up to their tests - really focussing on their studies to ensure they took each and every challenge in their stride... what a purrfect bunch they are! On Friday, they strayed to the cinema and apparently, the film was the cat's whiskers! The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their treats and nibbles amongst friends, before we headed back to school for a special Year 6 picnic and extra playtime! We even found time to lay outdoors in the sunshine and read our beautiful library bus books. A big 'Thank You' to all the children (and their families) for their efforts in making this term such a paw-sitive experience!

I hope that the sun makes a return appearance and that everyone enjoys the holiday next week.

School opens on TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE as teachers have a training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge

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