



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents and Children

Letters are coming home with children today with their annual school report. Please sign and return the slip to acknowledge receipt and we welcome your comments.

Teachers will be in their classrooms until 4.30 on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July where children's books will be available for you to look at should you wish to come in and ask any questions about your child's report.

If you know that your child will not be attending Haydonleigh School in September can you please make sure that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Mrs Walters in Foundation Stage who now has baby Rosie to look after. Rosie was born a few days early but is home safe and sound enjoying watching Wimbledon with Mummy!

After more than 20 years at the school, we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Chambers in Foundation Stage, who is retiring at the end of term.

### **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.

### **Breakfast Club and School Meals**

Breakfast Club sessions and school meals need to be booked directly on the scopay system. This enables parents to manage their accounts more effectively, **All payment to be made at the point of booking.** If payment is not received bookings may be cancelled by the school. Breakfast Club and school meals must be booked a minimum of two days in advance.

For example, a Monday booking for Breakfast Club or a school meal order needs to be booked by the previous Saturday.

Please could you check all of your child's accounts to ensure that there are no outstanding debts. Thank you



I am delighted to announce that Haydonleigh School has been awarded the Mental Health In Schools Award.

This award recognises schools that embed a culture which values the happiness and emotional welfare of all its pupils.

Both the Department for Education and Ofsted have supported this approach, stressing that promoting good mental health is the responsibility of all members of a school community: its staff and governors, parents and pupils, and partner organisations beyond the school gates.

The Wellbeing Award supports schools to create a culture in which mental health can thrive, helping them to:

Show the school's commitment to promoting wellbeing as part of day-to-day school life

Develop a whole school strategy for improving the wellbeing of pupils

Attract and retain high-quality staff.



### **\*\*SCHOOL LIBRARY BUS\*\***

Please can ALL children return any borrowed books from our Library Bus by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July so that we can have our lovely bus all ready for our new academic year in September. It is really important that all books are accounted for as the PTA have generously supported this fabulous addition for our school. We do have a record of every book that has been borrowed so please see your child's class teacher if you are unsure of what book your child has borrowed.



### **Summer Reading Challenge!**

"The Summer Reading Challenge is about reading for the pleasure of reading."

Lauren Child, Waterstones Children's Laureate

Swindon Libraries every summer run a very popular reading challenge for all primary school pupils. Each year, many of our pupils take part and help keep a passion for reading alive over the summer holidays. For every child who brings their completed challenge back to school in September they will be rewarded with TEN house points for their house team.

For 2018 the theme is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano.

Mischief Makers will celebrate adventure, friendship, reading and fun and is a must for all children who want to live in the moment and be themselves.

Please read the poster below and the attached leaflet. We're looking forward to hearing about all the super reading that our children have done over the holidays. If you have any questions, please see Mrs Graham (Year 2) or Mrs Peapell.



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Mark for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

A big well done to the cricket and orienteering teams who recently represented the school at the regional finals. Although both teams were unsuccessful in placing in the top 3, we had a great day!

**Let's**

**talk**

Russia's World Cup mascot is a wolf called 'Zabivaka', meaning the 'one who scores'. What would your motto be?



The Curious Cat's Adventures at Haydonleigh

Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have been saving the planet this week! We have started our 'Perfect Planet' topic and the children have been investigating how we can help the planet through recycling. I have seen some fantastic posters showing us how to manage our waste materials and the children have created some amazing models and sculptures from junk. We have also been learning all about endangered animals and have written information books to share with others. Another exciting week for all!

Year 1

This week the children have been remembering some of the basics, working on sounding out some longer words and thinking about the kinds of words that need capital letters. In Maths they've been learning to double and halve numbers to 20. The children also went hunting for mini beasts. I like catching spiders the best! In their topic work the children have been thinking about healthy eating and designing some delicious looking smoothies. The children will get to make some smoothies next Tuesday! Please could they bring in a piece of fruit they'd like to use? I think I'll bring in some fish for my smoothie...

Year 2

There were lots of Year Two children visiting the Year Three classrooms this week. It appears the Year Twos have been doing an English writing project with the Year Threes. They watched a clip from the film 'The Early Man' which revolved around two tribes having a football match. The children then became reporters and wrote a newspaper report about the match. The Year Two children enjoyed working with a Year Three buddy.

In Maths the children have been exploring symmetry of shapes and patterns. The children began the week by practically making symmetrical patterns with a range of resources. The children all enjoyed this activity and it provided them with a greater knowledge of what symmetry is. Later in the week they completed a range of symmetrical challenges.

### Year 3

Down in the Year 3 classrooms this week, there was lots of FUR-y busy children "rocking" out in Science - no, not to my favourite "Atomic Kitten" or "The Pussy-Cat Dolls" but with their Geology heads on! Children were getting their whiskers stuck in (literally, in some cases) as they created PAW-some fossil models. Children learned how they are actually created over billions of years when organic matter gets turned into stone.

Children were also getting "heavy" in Maths - learning all about mass and how to measure in grams and kilograms - Who would have thought it could be so important, now I know all about how to weigh my tuna to check Mog down the road hasn't been at it again!

### Year 4

This week, the busy Year 4s have been practising their golf skills in PE. They practised their positioning and worked hard to improve their swing. During Art week they did some pawsome drawings of cereal boxes and beans tins. I just wish there were some sardine tins. In their Viking topic the children had been finding out about longboats and designing their own purrfect boats. This week they will be imagining they are a Viking and setting off on a journey to invade another land.

### Year 5

What light through yonder window breaks? 'Tis the east and Juliet is the sun!' Sorry came over all Shakespearean after watching Year 5 perform 'Romeo and Juliet', "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou, Romeo?" they really did some amazing acting and added super expression to the lines. Last Monday (2nd July) we were lucky enough to go to Bradon Forest School to see some paw-some Science. There was a bed of nails, flame tornadoes, air-zuka and balloon rockets. It was fabulous, who knew Science could be so much fun?

### Year 6

As I prowled past the Year 6 classrooms this week, I was surprised to see that they were empty. Turning away, the sound of distant music filled my ears and I was drawn down the stairs and towards the theatre. On arrival, the hairs on the back of my neck stood on end as I was greeted by a rapturous performance of 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman'.

It was performed with such an infectious enthusiasm that I was left with no choice - I had to stay a while and join in. I'm not sure the teachers appreciated my paw-tapping or the fact that I kept on coming in at the wrong time but I loved purring along with pleasure, as the lyrics of 'Obviously', 'When I was four years old' and 'Everybody's changing' filled the air.

This marvellous medley of songs was accompanied by the story of the children's lives so far. Their nostalgic journey begins in 2007, and ends by looking forward to the opportunities that the next exciting stage of their lives will bring. I know that the parents will love the performance and I'm sure there won't be a dry eye in the house as they perform. This is a performance polished to purr-fection, where every child is given the chance to shine. A talented bunch who work together to create something truly amazing! Well done Year 6!

And finally, Mrs Lacey, teaching assistant in year 1 is in training for the Swindon half marathon which takes place in September. She along with others is running on behalf of the PTA.

You can sponsor her via the following link, all funds raised will come direct to Haydonleigh School PTA.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sarahlacey3>

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge



Headteacher



THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



# MISCHIEF MAKERS

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2018

4 years old or over? Can you complete the Challenge?!

3 visits to the Library!

Take out at least 2 books each visit!

So, you're ready for the Challenge?! Here's how to take part...

**Joining** Fill out the form to join the Challenge and receive your collector's folder.

Take out at least 2 books.

**Visit 1** Tell us about 2 of the books you have read.

Collect your first set of stickers and your fantastic wristband!

Take out at least 2 more books.

**Visit 2** Tell us about 2 of the books you have read

Collect your second set of stickers and your amazing colour-in glasses

Take out at least 2 more books

**Final Visit** Tell us about 2 of the books you have read

Collect your final set of stickers.

Receive your Certificate and Medal for completing the Summer Reading Challenge – Yay!

Starts Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018. Ends on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Want to do the Summer Reading Challenge but have overdue books on your library card?

Children registering for the Summer Reading Challenge between the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2018 to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2018 will not have to pay fines on returned overdue books that were issued on their Children's Library Card.



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