



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents

Congratulations to Mrs Small who has a baby girl called Ada. Both Mum and baby are well.



### **Reminder - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents and guardians of children in classes 4 to 21 are invited to attend a curriculum meeting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm-5pm, to give you an insight into the curriculum and how it is taught at Haydonleigh.

This will be a valuable opportunity for you to deepen your understanding of the expectations of your child's curriculum for the year ahead.

We will share resources, methods and strategies used in school to support your child's learning and progress. Our aim for the evening is to help you understand how to best support your child in their learning this academic year.

Class teachers will make a short presentation at 3.30pm which will be repeated at 4.15pm. These presentations will take place in a classroom in your child's year group.

Please note you do not need to attend the full duration of the evening, so are welcome to drop in any time between 3.30pm and 5pm. Children are also welcome to attend.



Anti-Bullying Week is from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November with the theme 'Choose Respect'. This fits in perfectly with our school values of respect, unity and responsibility.

We will raise awareness of Anti-bullying week through assemblies, lessons and activities, visits from our school PCSO (some year groups) and work with our anti-bullying ambassadors.

Using resources provided by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, the aims of the week are to support and help children to understand:

- The definition of respect

- That bullying is a behaviour choice

- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other

- That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online.

More information can be found here: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/anti-bullying-week-2018-choose-respect>



### **Year 5 parents**

All Year 5 pupils are invited to join the Year 6 PGL residential, taking place in September 2019. Just a reminder that the deposit of £40 is required by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November please, in order to secure your child's place on this exciting trip.

Further details of how to secure your booking, alongside spare copies of the letter sent home last term, can be collected from the school office. Should you have any queries regarding the details of the trip, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's current Year 5 teacher or a member of the Year 6 team.

**Let's**

**talk**

The 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 marks 100 years since the end of World War One, when an agreement was signed which silenced the guns after more than four years of fighting. How might you show our Haydonleigh value of 'respect' on this important date?



Can I PLEASE remind all parents, particularly those dropping children to school for Breakfast Club that no cars other than disabled badge holders should be entering the school gates.

Several members of staff have reported near misses as parents leave through the 'in' gate as staff are entering.

This includes all times during the morning drop off – a number of late parents are using the carpark between 8.45 and 9.00.

## Important information from Haydonleigh Primary School Governing Board.

The following have been nominated for election as Parent Governor(s) at Haydonleigh Primary School:-

Mr Darren Fusco

Mr Craig Duff

As the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies, I declare both candidates Mr Fusco and Mr Duff, duly appointed.

From Clerk to Governors



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 – please use it where you can (**please be mindful disabled spaces are for blue badge holders only**). The school 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.



### 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.

In order to try and reduce the number of families who take holiday in term time and being very aware of high costs, the Governors and I have decided to extend the holiday in academic year **October 2019 only**.

**School will be closed to children from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 for two weeks; children would return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

Three Teacher Training Days will be allocated, making the holiday period a full 2 weeks.

I hope that the advance notice will enable many of you to find a holiday at a reasonable price and keep your children in school throughout all term times.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge



Headteacher