



Friday 12th July 2019

Dear Parents and Children



All children will bring home their annual school report today. Teachers will be in their classes on Tuesday 16th July for you to come in and look at your child's work and ask any questions until 5pm.



This week we welcome Mrs Small and Mrs Walters back from maternity leave!



At Haydonleigh, we have a strong ethos of supporting others and we have had a really successful year raising money for various local and national charities.

We enjoyed Mrs McFadyen's muffins for Macmillan; we were spotacular for Children in Need; we wore Christmas outfits for Swindon's Big Breakfast Plus, and danced away at the NSPCC discos.

Our grand total for the year was £5,194.33

A huge thank you for all of your kind donations and support.



Please can you check at home if you have any outstanding library books from our Library Bus and return them to your child's class teacher. It is imperative that we keep stocks high so the children can continue to enjoy a wide range of books

Let's

talk

We celebrated the wonderful, and sometimes wacky, world of vocabulary this week with our 'Word Parade'.
What's your favourite word?

Discombobulated!!!



Can I please remind all parents that the carpark should only be used by those with a blue badge or written permission from the school. This includes parents dropping children at Breakfast Club. Please ensure you share this message with family and friends who may do the school run for you.



Family Holidays in Term Time.

Schools have a very full curriculum to follow within the term time given and any absence has a negative effect on a child's learning. Whilst we acknowledge that illness cannot be helped, holidays should be taken during school closure periods. Following Government expectations on attendance, no leave of absence/holiday will be authorised for any child, irrespective of their attendance, except for exceptional circumstances. Any request for leave must be made in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. 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 **October 2019 only.**

School will be closed to children from Monday 21st October 2019 for two weeks; children will return to school on Monday 4th November 2019.

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

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



Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have been protecting our planet this week, looking at ways we can all help to keep our beautiful earth safe. We discovered all about endangered animals and the things we can do to preserve them and found out how we can make changes to stop wasting water and electricity. Our classrooms became rubbish tips for a day while the children sorted the items into different recycling bins and we produced posters to teach others about these important messages. It's certainly been a thought provoking week!

Year 1

What an exciting week it's been down in Year 1. On Monday the children all looked nice?...lovely?...no, splendid, in their word-based outfits. They were fantastic at spotting minibeasts on a hunt around school and used this as their inspiration for some What Am I? riddles. Over the following days, I was lucky enough to get to see how grown up the Year 1's have become when I strolled by Class 6 and Class 5's class assemblies. The children did so well and have shown how far they've come— they're not little kittens anymore! As well as all their practising, I spotted some very descriptive wanted posters looking for the Tiger Who Came to Tea, as he left in such a hurry and hasn't been seen since. The children have also been showing how deep their understanding of higher numbers is by splitting them into tens and ones and, comparing two numbers and also ordering sets of numbers in a variety of ways.

Year 2

There has been such a lot going on in Year 2 this week; you wouldn't think it was nearly the holidays! Last Thursday I wandered through the corridor looking for mice to chase and noticed that the classrooms were empty. Turns out they had gone to Sandbanks to learn about the differences between a coastal town and Swindon. I hope they brought me back some yummy fish from seaside! When I came in on Monday the children weren't in their school uniforms. They were having a Word Purrade and were dressed up as some brilliant words. I even saw children and teachers dressed up as big cats with words like 'endangered' and 'dangerous'. To confuse me even more, on Tuesday I went into the Year 2 classes and saw lots of Year 3s! The children were working together to learn about the new Times Tables Rockstars which they are starting when they move to Year 3. I was really impressed with how quickly they did their times tables; they're definitely ready for Year 3!

Year 3

Year 3 were practically "glowing" this week when I wandered through their corridor. It must have been something to do with their Science topic on light and dark. Children were investigating how their shadows change throughout the day, with some surprising

results. They were also having a great conversation about the dangers of UV light and sun safety and conducting an experiment over time to witness this. I also noticed Year 3 demonstrating our Haydonleigh value of 'Unity' by supporting the Year 2 children with their transition into Key Stage 2 - "PAWsome" work guys!

Year 4

Bonjour! As 'Vive La France' continues, the Year 4 children have been studying food and designing their own French restaurant menu. However, some children weren't sure about the snails – mmm delicious! They are even going to do a bit of cooking over the next few days. I have a feline I may find a few scraps on the floor! In English, the children have been debating and are about to write a discussion text about the White Witch of Narnia and whether or not she should've been killed. As well as this, in Maths, the children have been looking at 2D shapes. I'm glad I only hear a snippet of the day as there are far too many quadrilaterals for me to remember!

Year 5

While walking along the Year 5 corridor, I saw children hard at work developing their descriptive skills by writing character and setting descriptions. WOW! There were amazing Year 5 skills on show here! I can't wait to read their completed narratives of Macbeth. Meanwhile in Maths they have been travelling around houses I think! They keep talking about 'going along the corridor and up the stairs' either that or they are working on co-ordinates and moving shapes! Lifecycles is the name of the game in Science. They have been discovering all about metamorphosis – I don't think cats do that, although I can change a full food bowl to an empty one quite quickly! Su-purr-b vocabulary was evident on Monday in word dress up day – I was eying up the bibliophile but he looked too claw-ver for me! I avoided precipitation as I hate the rain and as for polychromatic – well that just gave me a headache!

Year 6

From my vantage point, the scene was idyllic as the sun's warming rays beamed down on the playing field alive with participants, none more excited than the Year 6 children keen to compete in their final sports day. Excited faces, viewed the events eager to do well for their house teams. Born to run, the competitors pounded around the track, navigated obstacle courses and battled with the sack race, keen to add points to their grand total. With so many of my feline friends represented on the track I didn't know who to cheer for.

Then it was onto transition time, when the children went off to their secondary schools. It was so quiet on the upper corridor, that I was able to steal a catnap or two in their absence. Getting Year 7 ready, they experienced PE, Science, Geography, Art, Computing and Maths in their new settings. Returning to school full of news, they are now poised to meet their next challenge – the end of year production. We look forward to welcoming you all to our collection of revolting rhymes next week.

A reminder that school closes at 3:20pm on Wednesday 24th July and opens again on Monday 2nd September.

Reminders will be sent, but can you please mark your calendar with a note to book your child's school meals for the first week back.

Have a great summer!

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Billinge".

Headteacher