



# Haydonleigh Newsletter

November 2020

Welcome to the start of term 2.

My daily, frequent walks around the school fill me with hope and optimism. Staff and children are united in ensuring that each day is as close to our usual practice as can be. To hear the excited chatter taking place in the hall as KS1 (on a strict rota) enjoy their hot meal is but one moment in the day that brings a smile to my face.

The precautionary steps necessary in response to the coronavirus pandemic have led to some unexpected outcomes and will, ultimately, leave schools pondering whether we will return to systems and organisations that were taken for granted up until March this year. I know that most people I have spoken to like the morning drop off routine – we might continue this way? The older children in particular seem to enjoy sitting in rows – we might continue this way? Over time the leadership team will consult with staff and parents such that we take the best from a challenging time as we move forward. Out of adversity comes opportunity, we would be foolish to miss this chance of reflection and I look forward with enthusiasm to the community that is Haydonleigh continuing to grow and flourish.

Mrs Billinge

## KS2 GRAB'N'GO

Children in KS2 (classes 10-21) will be able to order a Grab'n'Go from week commencing 23rd November 2020. Please use the Scopay app to place the order. Please remember, the system closes on Saturday midnight for the following week.

## FLU NASAL VACCINATION

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on Tuesday 17th November 2020. If you haven't already registered your child, please copy and paste the link and follow the prompts  
<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/swindon>

## NEWSLETTER

We will now be issuing a Newsletter at the beginning and end of each term. Information that needs to be communicated immediately to parents/carers will be sent out via our usual routes ie email, Facebook, School Jotter app, school website, Instagram, Twitter



 **School Jotter**

# DIARY DATES

16 November - 20 November - Anti-bullying week

16 November - Odd socks Day - Wear odd socks with your school uniform (no donation required)

18 December 2020 - Last day of term

4 January 2021 - Return to school



Thank you to everyone who participated in our Non-School Uniform day on Friday 16 October. We raised an amazing £769.00



## YOUTUBE

We now have a dedicated YouTube channel. Check it out  
<https://youtube.com/channel/UCrJasOfRggAbA20mIIURZfQ>  
Don't forget to like and subscribe.

## ABSENCE

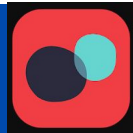
Whilst we acknowledge that illness cannot be helped, holidays should be taken during school closure periods. Following Government expectations on attendance, no leave of absence/holiday will be authorised for any child, irrespective of their attendance, except for exceptional circumstances.

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.



Please can we remind everyone to check the school website for the pupils homework as it won't always be on Purple Mash.  
Thank you

## SCOPAY



Download the Scopay app from either Apple or Google play to enable you to order meals, order and pay for book bags and PE bags and book and pay for any events/trips etc.

## PARENTS EVENING

Due to the on-going situation, we will not be holding parents evening this year. Instead we will email a short report to parents of children in classes 4-21 on 4 December 2020.

Foundation stage parents will receive a 5 minute "settling in" phone call with their child's teacher. This will be available to book from Monday 1st November via the Scopay app.

## SCHOOL FLEECES

Our school wear shop OHM will be staying open for "click and collect" orders during Lockdown. Orders can be made via [www.ohmclothing.co.uk](http://www.ohmclothing.co.uk) or call 01793 530806/email [sales@ohmclothing.co.uk](mailto:sales@ohmclothing.co.uk)

