



Friday 17th November 2017

Dear Parents and Children



The Curious Cat's Adventures at Haydonleigh

Just what have the children been up to this week?

Foundation Stage

The parents of our Foundation Stage children have joined us for 'Pop in for a Poppy' sessions this week and have had a lovely time decorating and creating beautiful poppies for Remembrance Day. It has been so nice to watch the children spending a special time with their families and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to all those parents who joined us.

Year 1

I've smelled something delicious coming from the Year 1 area this week. It turns out the children have been busy testing a bread recipe for the Little Red Hen. They've then had to write her some new instructions! It was very quiet Monday morning as the children had all gone for a walk in Haydon Wick. I watched out for them walking back to school and found they displayed purrfect behaviour! When the children came back they wrote a recount of all the things they'd seen. In Maths the children have been working on solving missing number sentence problems using a variety of methods.

Year 2

The Year 2 children had a shock last week when they walked through the theatre and there had been a crash landing of a small spaceship. The children looked at the clues which were carrots, strange glasses and a red hoop. There was also some fur but it wasn't mine. I am hoping there wasn't a yellow cat in school! Luckily they managed to work out that Beegu had been to visit. They read the story together and created a newspaper report to tell the rest of the school what had happened.

I hear the children were making friends with a different cat last week when they were on board the SS Great Britain. The children told me they had a brilliant time on the trip and learnt a lot about Brunel. I heard he has a lot to do with Swindon.

Year 3

Another busy week in Year 3.

They have been learning about "Meews" paper reports and coming up with some hilarious headlines... I particularly enjoyed the one about the cat surfing the internet (CAT CATCHES MOUSE, CAT.COM). In Maths they have been putting their multiplication and division to the test and applying it to lots of problem solving. A new topic has started, learning all about the Maya in ancient Mexico... I wonder if they had pet cats too?

Year 4

Christmas has arrived early in Year 4 as preparations for their Christmas performance have begun. Some of the pronunciations of the various songs are very tricky but I've got a feline that they'll be more than ready! Year 4 have just started their final piece of puursuasion work. They are trying to convince a Travel Agent to include 'Wonderland', from the famous book Alice in Wonderland, into one of their travel brochures. I didn't realise there were so many amazing things to do there. In Science, they have been studying the level of gas in fizzy drinks and have completed their first line graphs.

Year 5

Year 5 have had a busy time at school, or rather out of it! We had a paw-some visit to the Steam Museum and a walk around the Railway Village to find out how Swindon changed with the coming of the railway. At school we looked at micro-organisms and how they can be spread and how hygiene can be prevent this – it was litter-ally claw-ful how much they could spread! Then we had a purr-fect visit to Nova Hreod where the 2 Steves had us in hiss-terics with their jokes and stories.

Year 6

Prowling towards Year 6, I was horrified to learn about all the claw-ful jobs that Victorian working children did. Delving in the children's books, I was enthralled by some utterly purr-suasive letters of application addressed to a Sweep Master about becoming a Chimney Sweep. Even more paws-itive were the de-tail-ed non-chronological reports that informed me of the working conditions of mine workers, factory workers and matchstick girls. Conditions were ap-paw-ling and the children all feel fur-tunate to be living in modern times. The writing was utterly claw-some. As Christmas approaches, the children are looking forward to doing some work on Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. It will be very festive.

Hope you all have a fantastic week.

Road Safety Week 20th - 26th November, Inter-house Competition

The theme for this year's Brake Road Safety Week is 'Speed Down, Save Lives', which fits well with the Haydonleigh initiatives. To support Road Safety week the Travel Ambassadors have organised an inter-house competition, with a prize for the house with the most children walking, riding or scooting to school during next week.



Preventing Bullying Week 2017

Here at Haydonleigh, we take any form of bullying seriously. We are a telling school and promote the message that bullying is not acceptable. Each year we have an Anti-Bullying Week during which we consider all aspects of bullying, including cyber-bullying. Every class has had a lesson about what bullying is and how to stop it. We talked about in order for a person's actions to be called bullying they have to be repeated. Falling out with a friend one day and making up the next is not bullying. If you do have any concerns regards friendships, unkind behaviour or bullying please do contact your child's teacher.



Our value this term is UNITY.

UNITY! Unity means working together to achieve something awesome! At Haydonleigh we celebrate unity through our moto 'I am talented, together we are amazing!' Children have been discussing working well with others and sharing a smile with everyone.

Let's

talk

Why should we treat others the way we want to be treated ourselves?



PTA non uniform day Friday 24th November (further details can be found on the latest PTA newsletter)

PTA Christmas Bazaar Thursday 7th December (further details can be found on the PTA newsletter)



Classes 10-20 Christmas lunch Tuesday 12th December, please order online in the normal way. Classes 1 to 9 to order a school packed lunch or bring one from home.

Classes 1 to 9 Christmas lunch Wednesday 13th December, please order online in the normal way. . Classes 10 to 20 order a school packed lunch or bring one from home.



The school football team drew 1-1 in their latest fixture against Abbey Meads to maintain their unbeaten record. Well done!



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



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.



Can I end by saying please do look on our Facebook and Twitter pages. So much has happened in the past few weeks at Haydonleigh School.

I am very proud of the effort staff put into ensuring that our curriculum is exciting and varied, children really do get opportunities to experience a wide range of activities!

Please take a look.

Yours sincerely,
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