



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents and Children

A huge thank you to everyone for recent donations to charities. Over £700 was raised for CALM and £650 last week for Macmillan – thank you!

A few dates for your diary...

School will be closed for teacher training days on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

### Sports Day

Classes 1- 9 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

Classes 10- 20 Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am

**Let's**

**talk**

It's a record breaker!

This week's May Day was such a scorcher, it's the hottest *ever* recorded. If you could break a world record, which would you want it to be?

That's tricky ...maybe the most ice-creams to be eaten on the hottest day? ☺

### 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.



Please see the link to our website that makes clear our packed lunch recommendations. We encourage healthy choices and ask that children do not bring chocolate bars eg Snickers.

[Haydonleigh Primary School - Healthy Eating](#)



### BIG PEDAL - Haydonleigh 4<sup>th</sup> place

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Big Pedal last week. This resulted in Haydonleigh coming 4<sup>th</sup> out of 565 schools nationally - well done.

Congratulations to Mrs Brown's class for winning the inter-school competition, completing 136 journeys to school.

There was a noticeable reduction in the number of cars dropping off and collecting children during the week. For the safety of our children it would be lovely if this could be maintained. When possible at lunchtimes children will be given the opportunity to ride their bikes/scooters provided they have their helmets.

However, please remind your children that all bikes and scooters must be dismounted at the school gate in the morning and pushed to the school gate before riding home at the end of the day.

### Reminder **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May Royal Wedding Picnic**

The children can either bring their own packed lunch from home or order a school packed lunch, order 'O' for ham roll or 'G' for a cheese roll. (please note that there will be **NO** hot dinners on this day).

The children can also come to school dressed in red, white and blue on the day. This can be any clothing with those colours or your child can come to school in their normal red jumpers or cardigans, white polo shirt but wear blue bottoms; for example joggers or jeans.



### The Curious Cat's Adventures at Haydonleigh Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have been jet setting around the world this week. We have received letters from children from Russia, Brazil, India and Africa, sharing information about their lives. We have discovered all about these countries and their traditions, climates, homes and lifestyles. We have been fascinated to learn all about the similarities and differences with our own lives. The children have written replies to our new friends around the world, telling them of our wonderful school and their amazing families. I'm hoping the Black Cat got a mention or two!

conduct electricity. In Maths they have been practising using money and converting pounds to pence.

### Year 1

This week Year 1 has been filled with the buzz of class assemblies. I thoroughly enjoyed watching each class demonstrate some of the things they have been learning about this year. Well done Year 1s! The children have also been showing how good they are at sharing fairly by halving different amounts. In English the children got to explore a swampy jungle in order to describe it. Apparently the mud smelt like chocolate for some reason! I'd still much rather explore a nice cosy cushion myself. Later in the week they wrote their own post cards and considered how the characters in "Croc and Bird" felt in order to write a diary entry.

### Year 2

As I was passing the Year 2 classrooms my ears pricked up as they were researching an animal that they said was similar to the size of a cat. As I listened further I realised the children were researching foxes. They are going to be using this information to create their own non-chronological reports about foxes. They have also started reading their new book for this term 'Fantastic Mr Fox' and all the children are really enjoying it.

In Topic the children have been going back in time and learning about famous people and events from the past. The children began learning about 'The Great Plague' and 'The Great Fire of London'. I became interested when the children mentioned rats were involved in the Great Plague! The children were really interested in learning the facts about both of these events but especially how the Great Fire started and why. The children later learnt about Mary Seacole and the struggles she faced to become a nurse. In Year 2 we are looking forward to learning new facts about other famous people from the past in the weeks to come.

### Year 3

What a busy time in Year 3.

As I prowled down the corridor, I could hear it getting very heated with some serious debating going on - It seemed that the court was in full swing, with children trying to persuade each other that a pet dragon would make a good pet - I am not sure Mrs. Billinge would agree when she has a lovely moggy like me! I also heard some lovely recorder playing, with children beginning to put the notes together into tunes. "Mary had a little cat" (I am FURly certain those are the words!).

### Year 4

The Year 4 classrooms were looking very empty a couple of weeks ago. I heard that they had all gone to PGL at Hillcrest and had a pawsitively pawsome time. This week they have been busy pawparing an assembly all about their time away. They have also been finding places with Anglo-Saxon names and in Science they have been finding out which materials

### Year 5

Whilst walking along the Year 5 corridor last week, I noticed empty classrooms. Wondering where the children were, I went for a purr-poseful walk around the school. Imagine my surprise when I heard the news being read in the theatre! I thought I had made same paw-ful mistake but no, Year 5 were really reading the news, highlighting their top 6 events of the year so far. I hope all the families that attended the assemblies enjoyed them as much as the children did preparing and performing them. In Science they have been finding out about our won-fur-ful solar system, which planets are in it and how they orbit the Sun. I have a feline they will enjoy this topic immensely.

### Year 6

The Year 6 classrooms have been a hive of activity this week. In every part of the upper corridor, motivated children have been participating in a variety of revision activities to enable them to succeed in their SATS tests. I prowled past a group of clever mathematicians undertaking a Maths treasure hunt enabling them to solve multi-step word problems, a team of reading ambassadors coaching their peers on how to answer complex inference questions and a talented bunch of writers engaging their friends at editing stations to ensure the accuracy of written work. I truly marvel at the enthusiasm shown for learning at Haydonleigh and in the way that our children support one another when it becomes challenging. The growth mind-set makes me purr with delight. I wish the Year 6 children every success next week, safe in the knowledge that academic success is only part of what we celebrate here. Every child is unique and we celebrate the myriad of talents on display. Each child is talented but when we work together, recognising every talent, we are amazing.

Hope you all have a wonderful week.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Billinge



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