



Friday 29th June 2018

Dear Parents and Children

Letters are coming home with children today informing you of class arrangements for September.

If you know that your child will not be attending Haydonleigh School in September can you please make sure that you inform the school office as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Mrs Small in Foundation Stage who is expecting her first baby!

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Walters who starts her maternity leave on Monday.



We have amended our summer uniform policy to include sandals. Please try and adhere to the style and colour options that were communicated in an earlier email.

We ask that all children continue to wear socks; these can be low level trainer socks. We have had some nasty accidents in the past with torn toenails from accidents with doors and trips.

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.

PTA Summer Fair

Reminder - Summer Fair - Friday 6th July 2018 - 5.00pm to 7.00pm

Let's

talk

How will you keep cool
during this week's
heatwave?

With a Magnum ice-cream – yummy!



The Curious Cat's Adventures at Haydonleigh

Foundation Stage

We have continued to enjoy our mini beasts' topic in Foundation Stage and our butterflies are now fully grown!

I have been extremely proud of our Foundation Stage children as they welcomed the new children who will be joining us in September into school for their induction sessions. They were so kind and helpful, looking after each of the children with kindness. It was so lovely to see how much they have matured over the year and how ready they all are for their adventures to come in Year One. I was a very proud Black Cat!

Year 1

This has been a very artistic week in Year 1. The children have been looking at the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and making some rather tasty looking work! I hear that all will be revealed on Friday so I don't wish to reveal too many insider secrets but it has been brilliant to see the children show their pawesome creativity. In Maths children have been rolling in the money, learning all about the different values of coins and the way humans can add them together. I hope they spot some real ones I can keep! In English the children have really been trying hard to nail their capital letters and full stops and practising their oral retelling of 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. You could always ask for a private performance at home?

Year 2

I was curled up one evening, after my evening saucer of milk and suddenly I was awoken by the Year 2 parents and pupils coming into the theatre. They had returned for their performances of 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. I watched the show and it was FANTASTIC! All the children sang beautifully, learnt their lines extremely well and their acting was great! The children all enjoyed taking part in the play and performing to their families.

One morning I noticed the children were outside and they were making their own portraits out of natural materials. They were using pine cones, leaves, flowers, sticks and stones to create different parts of their face. The children all seemed to be having great fun and they enjoyed being creative. Parents will be able to see this art work on the art open afternoon.

Year 3

As I crawled along the Year 3 corridor, in search of some shade this week, I thought I was going 'dotty' and seeing 'spots' everywhere I looked. As I peered, with my cat's eyes, I realised that the children were creating some fantastic art work in a style called 'Pointillism' and they were actually using their spots and dots to blend colours, rather than mixing them together - it was PURR-ific!

I curled up there a little longer, and it seemed they were well and truly getting their whiskers stuck in to this week's "creativity" value, as they investigated angles within their names - I wonder how many are in

the word TUNA?- mmmm my favourite! Paw-some work guys!

Year 4

As I prowled along the Year 4 corridor, I saw the children busily plotting shapes and dots on grids. They were reading co-ordinates and translating shapes. They also used the laptops to create graphs to compare the temperature of Anglo-Saxon countries.

In Topic the children explored the terms 'invade' and 'settle' and used dictionaries to find synonyms. In English, they created their own grotesque beasts for their Beowulf adventure stories they will be writing next week. They explained what type of habitat their beast lived in as well as describing their diet and appearance.

Year 5

It has been a busy week on the Year 5 corridor; I have seen some budding artists producing paw-some watercolours in the style of Constable, and they will look purr-fect on our artist day. The children practised sketching, colour mixing and using watercolours to show light and shade before producing their final piece depicting an element of Haydonleigh School. Some amazing geography and linguist skills were shown this week with some children visiting Abbey Park School to take part in World Languages Day, while the rest researched a country, finding out facts about it and the language spoken there. All the children had a great time and their behaviour was purr-fect!

Year 6

Everyone is getting 'arty' in Year 6 this week. The dust has been blown off the paintbrushes and the printing sets uncovered as the children aim to produce work in the style of 'Arts and Craft' artist and textile designer William Morris. Working collaboratively, each class has created a peacock's tail otherwise known as a 'train' using a variety of painting techniques overlaid with pen and ink to add fine detail. As I left the classroom, leaving a trail of inky paw prints along the upstairs corridor, I heard that plans are also afoot to create lino tiles so that our talented artists can reproduce prints inspired by plants and animals, just as Morris did. Why not come along and see their 'pawsome' display? Elsewhere, the children have visited Lydiard Park where they investigated factors that affect the distance travelled by a stomp rocket, played a variety of outdoor games and took a nature walk before heading off to represent Haydonleigh at an inter school rounders tournament, Phewwhat a busy week, I think I'll curl up and take a nap.

Hope you all have a wonderful week.



Yours sincerely,

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