



## March Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents,

It really has been a busy time of the year. We are so proud of all of the achievements from our children across the school. I know most of you had the opportunity to discuss this with your child's class teacher yesterday. It was a pleasure to meet with many of you during yesterday.

Can I thank all of you for your patience with us during our visit from the 'Beast from the East.' Feedback provided and subsequent evaluation has ensured that our future procedures relating to school closure during the day will be far slicker.

### World Book Day-

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of March, our entire school community adventured into space for World Book Day. The theme of 'Out of this world' proved to be very successful as we were greeted with amazing costumes from both children and staff. From alien suits and astronauts to Jedi's, our school community enjoyed dressing up in varied costumes to celebrate and promote how fun reading books can be! We would like to thank everyone who participated in this day; your great effort is what made this day as exciting as it was.



### Curriculum (What's been studied?)

**Reception:** Our reception classes have been studying life on the farm and the different animals that live there. Alongside looking at this particular subject in class, our reception pupils had a trip to visit Occombe farm and tour around the grounds as well as make their own bread!

**Year 1:** have been looking at the past and present of the wonderful town we live in. They have been looking and discussing photographs as well as hearing stories. This has given the opportunity for pupils to make strong comparisons and understand how much their surroundings have developed and changed over time.

**Year 2:** have been discussing and learning about different types of plants that they see day to day and other exotic plants they might not see as often. Year 2 have also been looking deeper into the names of different parts of a plant and learning their functions which the children have found very interesting.

**Year 3 and 4:** have based their work this term on chocolate. They have developed an understanding on the history behind it as well as the production in today's life. Alongside this, many arts and crafts have been made to link with this theme, including amazing Aztec masks!

**Year 5 and 6:** have been looking at World War 2 this term and spent time exploring the history behind these events. The year 5 and 6 classes have experienced their very own bomb evacuation by listening out for the air raid signal in class and getting to a safe place in the school. They have also been evacuated on a steam train to Dartmouth where they were waved off by parents and spent the day replicating an evacuation to the country.



### List of contacts-

#### Key Personnel

Role	Staff Member	Contact Details
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mrs Debbie Torpey	01803 841761
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#### **Sports Relief**

From 19<sup>th</sup> March to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, each class worked together and walked around the field 5 minutes per day. Both the pupils' steps and the teachers' steps were calculated and added to the national 'Billion Challenge'. Schools around the country all worked towards this challenge in order to collectively achieve one billion steps, to raise awareness for Sports Relief. For our school, Mr Edwards' class (6AE), won the competition and achieved the most steps. However, it was very close and every class achieved 1000's of steps. A massive well done to everyone who took part and worked hard to achieve something amazing as a community. On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, both pupils and staff wore sporting clothes and donated money towards this great cause, raising £142.34. We are extremely grateful for all the effort put into outfits on this day and want to say a big thank you!

### Charities-

#### **Bowel Cancer**

This Term, Two fantastic pupils; Jake and Luke Stabb organised a charity day where the children wore non-uniform in order to raise money for Bowel Cancer South West. We would just like to say a massive thank you to both Jake and Luke who positively spread awareness of this cause and brought our school community together. We are extremely proud of your consistent hard work in your classes as well as your caring attitudes!

#### **Little Princess Trust**

Ellie Hulance, an amazingly brave year two pupil, had her long hair cut off in order to create a child's wig. The money raised was for The Princess Trust, who aid to help vulnerable young people get their lives back on track. We are very proud of Ellie's generous heart and want to congratulate her on being a fantastic role model in the school. Well done Ellie, you're a star!

#### **Safety reminders**

Unfortunately, this term local bus drivers have reported concerns of children walking in the road at the end of the school day. We would just like to remind all families to walk on the path to ensure that both children and drivers are safe at all times throughout the busier times of the day. We would also like to ask parents to be mindful of local residents through the school day, including drop off and pick up times as residents are finding their drives and paths being blocked by cars parked. Also, we have received a couple of reports of cars being parked on double yellows. We understand that parking spaces are limited around the school area, but we would just like to encourage that all cars that are parked are in safe places. We thank you for your cooperation and helping to keep our local residents happy and safe.

### Leavers

Unfortunately as this term draws to a close we are saying a very sad goodbye to two staff members:

#### **Kate Webb**

You have been such a fantastic addition to our team here at Hayes and we are very grateful for your hard work and effort when teaching in our Reception class. You will be missed among both staff and children and we would like to wish you the best of luck with all you do in the future.



**Sharron**

#### **Sedgbeer**

We would like to say a huge thank you for all your hard work over the years at Hayes School and all you have done to contribute towards the classes' learning. Sharron, you have been a huge part of our school community and also been a blessing to work alongside. Good luck with all that's ahead of you!



We would like to say a huge welcome to Michael Osborn who will be the new teacher in reception. Mr Osborn is a passionate and creative teacher who has gained a lot of experience as a primary school teacher after traveling around the world.



We also like to give a warm welcome to Dawn Western who is also joining us after Easter as a Teaching Assistant. Miss Western will also be joining us in reception and we are confident that she will be a fantastic addition to the Early years team.

### Summer school uniform

In the summer term we understand that as the weather is hotter, the school uniform will be altered. We would like to remind parents that Blue summer dressers for girls are allowed to be worn by choice as well as smart school shorts for boys.

### Cultural week

We are very excited for many events to take place in the summer term and one in particular is our cultural week which is 16<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> April. In classes we will be exploring and celebrating many different cultures and traditions in depth and integrating this theme throughout lessons taking place. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> we are holding an international food market where foods from countries all over the world will be made and available for Hayes children to try. We are looking forward to this fantastic week ahead!

Have a wonderful Easter and enjoy your time with your children.

We look forward to welcoming you back on 16th April.

Your Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hanbury".

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Headteacher**