

Pride is defined in the dictionary as 'a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's own achievements, the achievements of those with whom one is closely associated'

At the end of term one, I am bursting with pride. Everyone associated with Haydonleigh School has again risen to the challenges with enthusiasm and determination. The continuing impact of the pandemic is felt daily in school. Systems of control are still in place and many of our historic practices and procedures remain curtailed. However, staff and children amaze me every single day. Our school values: Respect, Responsibility, Creativity, Enthusiasm and Unity can be seen in abundance.

I could write examples to fill the page, but here are just a few of my proud moments with your children:

- Hearing the amazing progress made this term by a previously reluctant reader in year 5
- Counting beyond 50 with one of our youngest learners in foundation stage
- Getting a regular morning smile from a child having a difficult time at the moment
- Building relationships with future pupils - chatting to toddler siblings on the gate
- Noticing how many of our year 6 (boys in particular) have matured and accepted the responsibilities of wearing a black jumper
- Given umpteen stickers to children who have managed to work out where my new office is and shared their work with me.

I hope the weather is favourable next week and that everyone manages to enjoy some family time. Talk to your child, what are you proud of them for, encourage them to be reflective on term one - what made them feel proud?

Mrs Frances Billinge
Head Teacher

TRIM TRAIL

A reminder that children should not be playing on the Foundation Stage playground or trim trail before/after school. Please keep your children with you at all times.

BEAT THE STREET

We are top of the leaderboard with 343,740 points! Let's keep this up over half term - double points on all boxes for the final week Wed 20th - 27th October

SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

A reminder applications for secondary school places closes on Sunday 31 October. Applications need to be made via Swindon Borough Council website. Information can be found on our website under Parents/Admissions tab.

WALKING BUS

The walking bus will continue after half term. For your child to join please complete the form on our website under Parents/forms tab. Dates - Wednesday 10th, 17th, 24th November 1st, 8th, 15th December 2021

COUGHS & COLDS

We know children cough for a number of reasons and not all are COVID related. At this time of year, it is very normal for children to have coughs, colds, sniffles, sickness, diarrhoea and sneezes.

This can cause confusion on what parents should do in these circumstances. Current NHS advice says that children with minor coughs and colds can attend school unless they have a fever (high temperature).

Both NHS and government specify the type of cough to look out for on their website via the following link;

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

As you are all aware this has been a difficult year for schools, with lockdowns, quarantining and self-isolating have had a massive impact on pupils education across the country.

With the effects that Covid-19 has had on children's education over the last 12 months it is more important than ever that we try to improve attendance in our school. In order to close any gaps that children may have developed as a result of the pandemic, we need every child in school learning.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Please ensure you complete the on-line consent/decline form by Monday 1 November at midnight. Details have been emailed directly to your inbox.



Download to receive up to the minute information straight to your phone.



Download to order meals, book breakfast club, pay for trips, order PE bags etc.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

A polite reminder that parents/carers should navigate clockwise around the school in the morning and afternoon. Pupils should not be playing on any equipment before and after school to allow a swift drop off and pick up.

ABSENCE

I will not be granting 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 the leave is authorised. Any absence not authorised may be liable to a local authority penalty notice.

Good attendance is key to pupils making good progress and taking time out to go on holiday can significantly hamper progress. Therefore, we request that no child takes holiday during term time

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we do not have a lost property box in school, please ensure all uniform is clearly named so it can be easily reunited with your child.

DIARY DATES

31 Oct - Secondary School Admissions closing date.

5 Nov - PTA Non-uniform - list of required items per year group available to view on the PTA letters page on our website.

11 Nov - Flu Nasal Childhood vaccination - whole school.

All TD Days are now available to view on our website - Parents/School Term tab