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School Newsletter



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Head's Message:

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. As always, I hope you find this newsletter useful and informative, please do let me know if you have any feedback on the contents of this edition or if you would like to see a specific feature in a future edition. You can pass your feedback via the school office, Dojo or email

head@haydonwick.swindon.sch.uk

Core Values
respect, responsibility,
resilience



HOME / SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Effective communication between home and school is vital. Not only does it keep you informed of your child's academic progress, it also provides parents with an opportunity to see all the wonderful things that happen in our school. Equally, when parents have a concern or worry, it is important that there is a way to communicate this to the class teacher, senior leader or headteacher.

As the headteacher, it is vital that parents understand how to contact me and also that I'm a visible presence around the school, especially at drop off and pick up times. To clarify, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings I can be found on the main school gate, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, I'm on the school playground. After school (from 3:20-3:40), I can usually be found on the main school playground. I may be a little later on Mondays and Wednesdays as we have assemblies on these days until 3:30.

As well as face to face communication, I can be contacted by:

- Class Dojo
- email: Head@haydonwick.swindon.sch.uk
- telephone: 01793 706606

As a school, we communicate to our parent community in the following ways

- Class Dojo
- Fortnightly school newsletters (like this one)
- emails from the school office
- Face to Face at the end/start of the day
- Telephone conversations for more urgent/serious matters

We also use X(Twitter) **@HaydonwickSch**
& Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HaydonWickPrimary>
to promote our wonderful school, so please do follow us.



<https://haydonwick.swindon.sch.uk/>



VALUES BASED SCHOOL

As you are aware, Haydon Wick Primary is a values based school. This means we have a set of values (22 in total) that run through everything we do. Each month we celebrate a different value. We actively promote our monthly value in school by holding assemblies, having class discussions and recognising children who demonstrate our values, in our weekly achievement assembly.

In each newsletter, we will share with you the current value of the month. It would be great if you could discuss this value with your child, as this reinforces the message from school. It would also be fantastic to hear about children from Haydon Wick Primary School who demonstrate our monthly value outside of school. Please do send any examples of this to head@haydonwick.swindon.sch.uk or via Dojo. Every child who demonstrates a value outside of school will get a special mention in our Friday achievement assembly and in this newsletter!

The value this month is **Thoughtfulness**



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ABSENCE REQUESTS

Over recent months, I have noticed an increase in requests to remove children from school during term time. I appreciate that financially this is very enticing, especially in the current economic climate.

However, as I'm sure you appreciate, every day in school counts. I also recognise that those with family overseas may have to travel for family emergencies. However, the majority of requests I receive are to remove children from school to take a family holiday during term time.

This can be very disruptive for children as they will miss important educational opportunities, please can I request that you support us in ensuring your child's attendance is the best it can possibly be. We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of learning days lost to absence.

Days Off School Add Up To Lost Learning			
170 non-school days a year. 170 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments			
0 days off in a year (190 school days)	6 days off in a year	15 days off in a year	19 days off in a year
100% attendance	96% attendance	92% attendance	Below 90% attendance
Excellent attendance	Satisfactory attendance	Attendance needs to improve	Attendance is a cause for concern
<i>Your child has the best chance of success</i>	<i>It may be harder for your child to make good progress</i>	<i>Your child has less chance of success</i>	<i>Your child's low attendance will be having a serious impact on their learning</i>

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STAFF UPDATE

I'd like to share some exciting recruitment news.

Mrs. Bell - has joined us as a Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor - Mrs. Bell will be based in Honeybees Class

From **September 2024**

Miss Neal (no relation), will be joining us as a class teacher. Miss Neal will be starting her 6th year of teaching in September. Miss Neal has taught across KS2 (years 3-6) and is currently History lead in her present school.

Mrs. Bundhoo, will be joining us as a class Teacher in Honeybees and will also be our new SENCo. Mrs Bundhoo will start her 9th year of teaching in September. She has taught across KS1 (Years 1-2) during her career.

Miss Hargreaves will also be joining us as class teacher. Miss Hargreaves will be starting her second year of teaching in September. Interestingly, Miss Hargreaves attended Haydon Wick as a child!

Last but not least, Miss North will starting with us for the new academic year. Miss North will be starting her second year of teaching in September.

I'm sure you will make all the members of our team feel very welcome. Your children will meet them on class swap day - Friday 12th July.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- End of Term 5 - Friday 24th May
- Start of Term 6 - Monday 3rd June
- Yr. 5/6 Girls trip to STFC - Tuesday 4th June
- Reception Vision Screening - Thursday 6th June
- Yr. 2 (KS1 SATs) Week Commencing - Monday 10th
- Fire Training, Reception, Yr. 2, Yr. 5 - Wednesday 19th June
- Farmer Gow Trip for Dragonflies, Honeybees & Frogs - Thursday 20th June
- Yr.6 Residential - Week Commencing 1st July
- TD Day - Monday 8th July - School Closed to Children
- Jungle Parc Hedgehogs Class - Wednesday 10th July
- Jungle Parc Squirrels Class - Thursday 11th July
- Cheddar Gorge Trip - Meerkats - Thursday 11th July
- Sept 24 Reception Parents Information Evening - Thursday 11th July
- Class Swap Day - Friday 12th July
- Open Day - Monday 15th July
- Sports Week - Week Commencing - 15th July
- Sports Day - Wednesday 17th July.