



# HAYTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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30th September 2022

## Another week at #teamhayton

Dear parents/carers

Last week we were enjoying autumnal sunshine and as I write this week, we have been 'saturated' with heavy rain and winds!

I hope you have all had a productive, peaceful week.

This week we have been very busy with our learning. 'Foxes' and 'Badgers' recreated the Battle of Hastings on the school field as part of their history learning and they are now moving on to decide whether Henry VIII was a 'fair ruler' or a 'tyrant'.

'Otters' class have been immersed in Computing Science this week, using 'algorithms' and creating 'codes', using our brand new set of school laptops! It has been very exciting!

'Hedgehogs' have been continuing their learning about 'castles' looking at castles through time.

'Little Acorns' have been learning about people who help us as well as reading one of my favourite books, "Mr. Big" by Ed Vere.

### **'Celebrating Success'**

**Assembly** this morning was filled with singing and applauding as we 'Reached for the Stars' and saw an abundance of 'GREAT' Expectations. This week, in particular, we celebrated 'VIP – Very Important Presentation' with 'Little Acorns' earning 'Squiggle the Squirrel' in their class for this next week. This was because the children's writing in Reception has progressed SO much in such a short space of time; Squiggle and I were SO impressed! These are this week's 'SUPERSTARS' – please join us in congratulating them:



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## School lunches – our NEW serving trolley!

More great excitement was had today as we used our new 'serving' trolley for lunches for the first time. We have waited and waited and waited for it to arrive – and it has certainly been worth the wait.



We thought you would like to also see how the children register their lunch each

day. We have a touch screen where the children find their year group and then their name, after which their lunch choice appears on both sides of the screen so the children can see what has been ordered for them and the serving staff can swiftly serve their meal. It has taken a little bit of getting used to but the children are becoming real experts in using it now.



## Don't forget – School Open Evening Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

A reminder that on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, we are inviting you all into school to see our learning. A lot of things have changed and everyone in school would like to share and celebrate our achievements.

The evening will begin in the hall at 6.30pm where I look forward to meeting you all and getting to know everyone. After a brief meeting together, you will be invited to go with your child/ren to their classroom/s to see their learning so far this term.

Please could you follow the link below to confirm your attendance – so we can plan for approximate numbers:

<https://forms.office.com/r/isjaQcJQ4T>

For parents whose children are in Reception and Year 1, we shall also be holding a talk on **'Phonics, early reading and how best to support your child's reading'**. This will begin at **7pm** in the 'Little Acorns' classroom.

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## 'Times Tables Rock Stars' Maths day – 5<sup>th</sup> October

The children are buzzing with excitement about the fun and learning that will be had on Wednesday – as well as dressing up as a rock star!

## Home \ School Communication

Last week I sent out a link to get your views on communicating between home and school. Firstly, apologies that the first link we sent out didn't work – the wonders of technology! The link is working now so please feel free to comment if you wish:

<https://forms.office.com/r/CXZA5tazU†>

## Online Logins

The children will have, and shall continue to, come home with 'online logins' for certain educational websites and apps we have subscribed to, to support their learning. At the moment they will have logins for: Timetable Rockstars, and a new maths website called 'Mathletics' will be coming home soon, if not already. As the weeks progress there shall be other log-ins inside their planners / reading diaries. Hopefully, they will be excited to show you their new learning tools.



## Clubs

Clubs started this week and certain clubs have been popular. We need more children to attend the sports club to make them viable to continue so if you have not yet booked your child into the sports clubs on Mondays and Tuesdays, please do so. Thank you.

## School Trips

We have multiple school trips and residential experiences for the children 'in the pipeline' at the moment. As soon as we have confirmed details, we shall send you the information – exciting times ahead!

## School PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

A reminder that there will be a PTA meeting in school at 3.45pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to attend but have your child with you, your child can go to After School

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Club during the meeting to free you up! The PTA will be sending out a separate letter soon.

## Swimming sessions

With the Sands Centre pool almost 'being ready to use, our swimming lessons have been changed again for 'Foxes'. You should have received separate communication earlier this week about this. If you are in any doubt, please give school a ring to confirm.

Enjoy your weekend and I look forward to another week of wonderful learning with #teamhayton.

With best wishes

Mrs. S Threlkeld-Brown  
Head Teacher

## Diary Dates

October:

5<sup>th</sup> – Times Tables Rick Star day in school

7<sup>th</sup> – PTA meeting – 3.45pm in school

12<sup>th</sup> – school open evening 6.30-7.30pm with presentation of 'Phonics and Early Reading' for Reception and Y1 parents at 7pm

21<sup>st</sup> – break up for half term today

31<sup>st</sup> – back to school after half term break

November:

11<sup>th</sup> – School library bus visit

December:

20<sup>th</sup> – break up for the Christmas holidays today.

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