



HAYTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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23rd September 2022

Updates, celebrations and invitations

Dear parents/carers

I hope this letter finds you all well, enjoying the now autumnal sunshine.

We have had another busy week in school with lots of learning and laughter. 'Badgers' and 'Foxes' classes are really enjoying their class text: "The Invention of Hugo Cabret" by Brian Selznick. It is a wonderful novel that combines exquisite illustrations to make it part graphic novel and beautifully crafted text, which together tells the story of 'Hugo' – set in a railway station in 1920s Paris, it also introduces children to the invention and development of 'silent film' – it is a truly amazing book (one of my personal favourites). 'Otters' are enjoying the work of 'Anthony Browne', currently reading 'The Tunnel', which is a story of siblings with very different interests, interwoven with different traditional tales. 'Hedgehogs' and 'Little Acorns' are both enjoying a range of different traditional tales, and this morning I could hear 'Hedgehogs' reciting poetry beautifully!

We have started 'Singing Assembly' on Thursdays with Jenny. She works her 'magic', making our children sing like angels – and love doing it!

'Celebrating Success'

Assembly on Friday mornings is a truly wonderful time for everyone where we celebrate 'Reaching for the Stars' and our 'GREAT' Expectations. This week has been an exceptional week for many children: we have celebrated everything from amazing presentation of work to always being a good friend to working with determination when learning is 'hard'. These are this week's 'SUPERSTARS' – please join us in congratulating them:



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Invitation to our school open evening:

On **Wednesday 12th October**, we would like to invite 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/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lrDpLPRJKEWPpoQHA9les-vWe7LhNQxNjJ2WT_AUhGpUNEtRRUxRNUIOWjZQRDVBSjA1Vlg2NkxDMi4u

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'. I know we have had a few questions and queries regarding reading books going home, so we hope this part of the evening will support your understanding of how reading is taught within the earlier years of school and how best to support your child at the start of the reading journey. This will begin at 7pm in the 'Little Acorns' classroom.

'Times Tables Rock Stars' Maths day – 5th October

There will be a separate letter coming out regarding our planned 'Times Tables Rock Star Day' but please pop this in your diaries as the children are invited to come into school dressed up as a rock star!

Home \ School Communication

I have been doing a lot of thinking around how best to ensure clear, smooth and regular communications between home and school. Whilst school has its own website (which is being 'revamped' soon – watch this space) and we can email out weekly newsletters / information, I would like to know what forms of communication you find most useful. Please follow the link below to let us know what you find most useful so we can ensure you all feel you know what is happening during our school week.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lrDpLPRJKEWPpoQHA9les-vWe7LhNQxNjJ2WT_AUhGpUODAyWUxUVFpQSk4wU1RPS1dJMTNCOFpMTC4u

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Clubs

We are starting our after school clubs next week – there has been an additional letter send out detailing the clubs and how to book.

School PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

For those of you who are new to our school, we are fortunate to have an active school 'PTA' who organize fundraising and social events for the school community. They are always looking for new members and volunteers. There will be a meeting in school at 3.45pm on Friday 7th October. If you would like to attend but have your child with you, your child can go to After School Club during the meeting to free you up! The PTA will be sending out a separate letter and information next week.

Swimming sessions

'Foxes' are currently swimming each Monday afternoon however, with the building work and change-over to the Sands Centre, there has been some disruption to the dates. Parents have been contacted separately about this but the dates for additional sessions and NO sessions are below – just as a reminder. 'Badgers' class will start their swimming sessions in November – there will be a letter to follow with more details about days, times etc... soon.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing what fantastic learning next week brings.

With best wishes

Mrs. S Threlkeld-Brown
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

We have already planned some exciting trips and activities for the children – we are just awaiting confirmation of dates and details before we send these out and we can add them to the list of dates. Current dates so far:

September:

26th – Foxes swimming

29th – addition swimming session for 'Foxes'

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October:

3rd and 10th NO SWIMMING for foxes class (been rearranged due to building work at the pools)

5th – Times Tables Rick Star day in school

7th – PTA meeting – 3.45pm in school

21st – break up for half term today

31st – back to school after half term break

November:

11th – School library bus visit

December:

20th – break up for the Christmas holidays today.

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