



HAYTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Mighty oaks, from little acorns grow"

6th September 2023

Welcome back or Welcome!

Dear parents/carers

I hope this letter finds you all well, having had a wonderful summer (despite the Cumbrian weather!). It seems typical that we are experiencing a 'mini heatwave' as soon as the children are back at school.

It was an absolute joy to see all the children return to school this morning with smiling, happy faces, ready for new adventures and learning.

'GREAT' Expectations:

This morning, the whole school met and welcomed all our 'new starters'. We have 20 children starting in Reception today and, as well as this, we have quite a number of new children starting across our year groups, so this is a really exciting time where new friendships will be formed.

During our 'assembly', we reminded ourselves of the school's 'GREAT' Expectations – the behaviours we believe make our school a safe, happy, warm and nurturing place to be:

G – good to talk; even better to listen

R – respect yourself, each other and the world

E – enjoy and achieve responsibly

A – able to make mistakes and learn from them

T – together we are #teamhayton where we all work together to 'Reach for the Stars'

Today, all classes are going to discuss what that means for them and present their 'class charters' to the school tomorrow.

School Values:

Tomorrow, the whole school is going to continue their learning around our whole school values:

- Love
- Joy
- Aspiration
- Wonder

The children will work on what these mean to them and our school in the coming year.

Celebration:

Each Friday, we hold a 'Celebration Assembly' for the whole school to celebrate their successes during the week. This year, we are altering our 'certificates' slightly to reflect our focus on 'values'. We will celebrate: our 'Superstar of the Week' - someone who has 'Reached for the Stars' and achieved 'GREAT' Expectations, and our 'Values Champion' – someone who has demonstrated learning, behaviours or attitudes associated with our School Values.

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Class names:

A 'golden thread' of our school curriculum is 'Significant People' (VIPs). Therefore, this year we have chosen our class names to reflect this. This year our classes are:

- **Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Platten - Nursery and Reception class - are 'LITTLE ACORNS'**
- **Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Pervaz - Year 1 - are 'Donaldson class'**
- **Mrs. Horn - Year 2 - are 'Jeffers class'**
- **Mrs. Hawkswell - Year 3 and 4 - are 'Shackleton class'**
- **Mrs. Thompson and Miss McIntosh - Year 4 and 5 - are 'Attenborough class'**
- **Mrs. Owens - Year 5 and 6 - are 'Pankhurst class'**

'Strive for Five':

As you know, I am passionate about children's reading. I know the absolute benefits that reading to children regularly has on them developing into broad, balanced adults with robust life-chances. I believe reading to children is a gift, as well as you listening to your child read regularly.

Our 'Strive for 5' reading challenge was extremely successful last year, with a raft of children achieving 'Bookworm' status. Thank you for your support at home with this. We know how busy life can get but your commitment to reading with your child for 20 minutes at home, five times a week is appreciated, and gives your child such an advantage in their learning both now and in the future. Thank you.

'Strive for 5' is our whole school reading at home initiative, where we ask for children to read to an adult at home, five times a week. Each time your child reads, please log this in their reading diary or planner under the day and date. Each Friday, children's reading logs/planners are checked and all children who have read 5 times gain a point. When your child has read 5 times a week for 5 weeks, they earn a 'reading button'. This continues for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 weeks – right across the year. When they get to 25 weeks, they earn 'Wise Owl' status. 35 weeks will earn them a 'Gold Wise Owl'. This year, we are upping the stakes with an additional challenge for those children who read in the holidays. If a child gains 40 weeks of reading, they will earn a 'mystery prize'!

When it comes to reading, I ask of you two things: please read to your child – daily - and enjoy the love and warmth that being together sharing a good book brings, along with the excitement of the story and the richness of the words; please listen to your child read daily or, as they get older, ensure they read for 20 minutes each day, either to you or on their own. Thank you for your support.

STRIVE FOR FIVE CHALLENGE

Can you reach our 'Reading Wise Owl' status?

- Read at home 5 x a week for 5 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 10 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 15 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 20 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 25 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 30 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 35 weeks
- Read at home 5 x a week for 40 weeks!

THE CHALLENGE IS SET!

SURPRISE!

#haytonlovesreading

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Class information:

As next week progresses, you will receive letters and information from your child's class teacher with important information about your child's learning this term. We hope you will find these useful. If you have any questions, please do ask your child's class teacher(s).

Parental Questionnaires:

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our Parent Questionnaire at the end of last term. Thank you for all the kind comments – these really do help staff morale.

Your feedback is important to us – both positive and constructive as we strive to do our best for all the children within our care.

The breakdown of the results will be published on the school website this week. An overview of the responses is below:

Responses:	Qs.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14.
Strongly Agree / Agree/ Neutral		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	95%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Strongly Agree		63%	88%	63%	78%	75%	58%	45%	38%	70%	68%	63%	50%	73%	40%
Agree		37%	12%	37%	22%	25%	40%	43%	33%	28%	30%	35%	50%	27%	38%
Neutral							2%	8%	29%	2%	2%	2%			20%
Disagree															2%
Strongly Disagree								4%							

Reminders:

School finishing time:

Little Acorns – 3.15pm

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2 – Donaldson and Jeffers classes) – 3.20pm

Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Shackleton, Attenborough and Pankhurst classes) – 3.30pm

If you have children in different 'time slots' we will happily hold onto your younger children until 3.30pm.

School start time:

The school day officially begins at 8.50am, with the register being taken. The school front door opens at 8.40am. As a goodwill gesture, knowing many families need to get to work, our 'Drop Zone' opens at 8.30am, where children can be dropped off and supervised until the official start of school. In this time children are encouraged to read, do homework, go into the library or do other quiet activities.

Please do not leave your child unattended outside school BEFORE 8.30am. We are not responsible for their safety or behaviour before this time.

Breakfast and After School Club bookings:

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PLEASE, please, please ensure you have booked your child into wraparound care using the school online booking system. Last year, we had instances where there were so many children arriving who had not been booked in, that we did not have enough staff for the ratios of children. We do, however, appreciate sometimes there are 'last minute' issues that arise, which mean you need to ring school to book.

School uniform:

The children have come back to school smart and shiny. Please be reminded that the school uniform DOES NOT allow for:

- jewellery (other than a small stud for pierced ears, which must be covered for PE);
- painted nails, stick-on nails, gel or acrylic nails;
- Trainers (children ONLY need trainers for PE and must wear black school shoes for school).

Bags:

Children only need with them their school book bag and their PE bag, which is a red, drawstring bag. We have very limited storage space so large rucksacks and other such bags are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Stationery:

All stationery children need for their learning in school is provided so please do not bring into school pencil cases, pens etc...

Heatwave!:

During this hot weather, please make sure your child comes to school wearing long-wear sunscreen and also has a sun hat and water bottle. Thank you.

Newsletters:

Please watch out each Friday for our weekly newsletter of information, reminders, dates for the diary and so on.

Here's to a 'GREAT' year at #teamhayon.

Kindest regards

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