



# HAYWARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

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## UPDATE

Into October we go ... We are in process of finalising dates for the Year 1 Christmas Show and have added dates of the EYFS Nativity to the back of this newsletter. Please note parents' evening dates and revised EYFS parent workshops. Have a good weekend.

## LUCY AND RESPECT

In last weeks newsletter, I invited children to take on the challenges from Ocean Conservation and Surfers against Sewage and take part in a beach or litter clean in their local area. It is brilliant that Emily, Finn, Emily, Chloe and Toby all took part over the weekend. Please send me your photos, if you get involved, and remember to log your clean on the Surfers against Sewage website. Well done to everybody so far ...



## CENSUS DAY LUNCH—5th OCTOBER

Thursday 5th October is our census day which is the day when we have to report our pupil numbers to the Department for Education. These figures are then used to calculate our budget for the following year. Within these numbers, we have to report the number of children who have eaten a school meal on that day. This then determines the level of funding we receive for the following year.

In order for our funding level to be as high as possible, it is important that as many children as possible, particularly those in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, order and take a meal on that day, even if they don't normally have one. Please strongly encourage your child to have a school meal on that day as it will help the school's funding for next year. The children may also bring their packed lunch if they want to but are still able to take a school meal and try it. Next Thursday it is Pizza day, one of our most popular days. Thank you for your support with this.

**Thursday 5th October is Census Day...**

...a chance for your child to enjoy a special lunch menu and boost school funds!

ORDER LUNCH IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE SCHOOL IN THE USUAL WAY..

**fresha**  
responsible catering

Gluten free, Egg free and Dairy free menus available. Please speak to the school office if your child has any dietary requirements or other allergies. Fresha are committed to improving lives for children through food. Follow @freshacater to find out more!

## PICK N'MIX DATES

Thursday 19th October 2023  
Wednesday 6th December 2023

## NO RAAC at HAYWARD'S

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our school buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal.

## DISCO NEXT WEEK

It is our first school disco of the year next week.

**EYFS and KS1 (Y1 and Y2)**

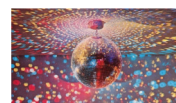
5:30pm—6:30pm

**KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)**

6:45pm—7:45pm

Children in EYFS and KS1 must be accompanied by an adult and we request only 1 adult due to the space available.

All KS2 children need to be collected from the disco.



## Autumn Disco!

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**EYFS & KS1**

**KS2**

17.30 – 18.30

18.45-19.45

**Entry fee £2 per child.**

Refreshment, Glow sticks, Slap bands and more.

- EYFS & KS1 children must be accompanied by an adult (Only one adult per child please)
- All children must be collected from School.
- All children must leave mobile phones at home.

## GEOFF FOX—STORYTELLER



Year 5 and Year 6 welcomed into school the renowned local storyteller Geoff Fox earlier this week. Geoff has been a friend of Hayward's for many years and has a talent for engaging pupils in stories about World War II. The children were mesmerised by his tales of wartime and in particular the true story from his childhood in Manchester during World War 2 - 'How I Lost The Knockout Fun Book for 1945'. Thanks Geoff for your ongoing support.

## DRUM LESSONS @ HAYWARD'S

If your child is interested in drum lessons at Hayward's, please contact Ben Waring, [devondrumschool@gmail.com](mailto:devondrumschool@gmail.com), to discuss availability and to obtain details.

Drum Lesson options include—20 minute individual lesson per week, 30 minute individual lesson per week or 40 minute group lesson per week (2/3 children per group).

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Yesterday, the Children's Commissioner for England visited Devon as part of her launch of The Big Ambition. The 'Big Ambition' is a survey for all children aged 6-18 and parents of young people aged 0-18 across the country. She hopes to use the survey to hear about what children want for the future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations. The Commissioner wants to ensure that the children and young people of Devon have their say through The Big Ambition and is keen to reach as many different groups of children and settings in Devon as possible.

You can access the survey at: <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>



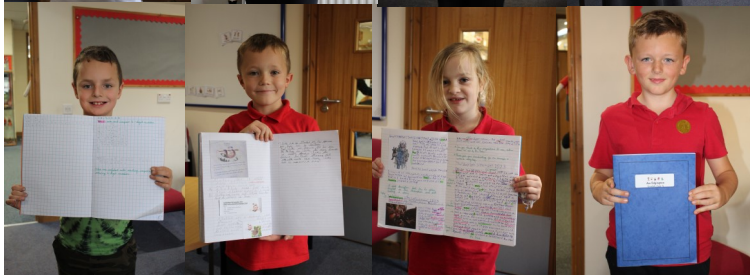
## MEL STRIDE CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Each year, Member of Parliament, Mel Stride invites children to take part in his Christmas Card competition. He is asking primary school children in Central Devon to design a festive card inspired by their own interpretation of the Christmas celebration. The winning entry will be sent to well over a thousand constituents and Members of the House of Commons and House of Lords.



Entries should be received at [mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk), or my Westminster office at Mel Stride MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, no later than Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Submissions will preferably be in an electronic format (or if a physical card sized at 190mm x 130mm) and be accompanied by the name, age, and school of the artist responsible.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Well done to Matilda, Florence and Arthur who attended a fencing summer camp and have not carried on training every week with 'Heart of Devon Swords', to Tamsin for some great water cycle work, to Emily for achieving her green belt, to Josh for some excellent Science work, to Julia achieving her orange belt, to Oliver for some great Maths, to Zachary for some great writing and for showing a brilliant attitude towards school and home-learning, to Evelyn for some brilliant writing and for showing a great attitude in class and to Joe for the positive attitude that he is showing towards his English. Well done everybody!

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, you will be thinking about the most appropriate secondary school for your child. It is important to note that you must apply for a secondary school place before 31st October 2023 <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

### CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS



JAYNE POOLE  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Following a successful trial of family photos last term, we will be using Jayne Poole Photography to take individual and sibling photos this year. You can see examples of her work here—<https://www.jaynepoole.co.uk/school-photographer-devon-cornwall-somerset.html>. Due to her being the sole photographer, we will need to spread the photos over different days. We will send out reminders in advance:

**Early Years & KS1**

Thursday 28 September

**Siblings not in school**

Tuesday 10th October 8:30-9:00am

**Siblings and KS2**

Tuesday 10 October

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you might be eligible for Free School Meals and consequently for the Holiday vouchers of £15 per week per child, please log on to the DCC Citizen's Portal (link in parentmail sent earlier this week). If you could do this as soon as possible (preferably before the end September) this will ensure you don't miss out on meals and vouchers your child/ren might be entitled to and also that the school gets additional funding to help your child/ren with their educational needs.

### EYFS OPEN MORNING—18th October

We will be holding our EYFS Open Morning for children starting school in September 2024 on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

Please contact the school office if you would like to attend. It would be great if you can please share this with any local families, who might not have access to this parentmail, please.

#### Dates and Events for the Diary:

**Friday 13th October 3pm**

Year 6 Poetry Celebration Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October**

Half-Term

**Parents' Evening**

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November 2023

**Thursday 16th November 2023 at 6pm (DATE CHANGE)**

EYFS Number Workshop for Parents/Carers

**Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 6pm (DATE CHANGE)**

EYFS Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers

**Wednesday 29th November**

Flu Nasal Spray for EYFS to Y6 children

**Friday 1st December 2023**

Year 3 Poetry Celebration Assembly (Parents welcome)

**Wednesday 6th December 2023**

Christmas Dinner Day

**Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 10am**

EYFS Nativity Day

**Thursday 7th December 2023 at 2pm**

EYFS Nativity Day

**Wednesday 13th December 2023 2pm start**

Year 2 to Year 6 Carol Service at the Church

**Monday 4th to Friday 8th March 2024**

Year 6 Residential to Grenville House

**Wednesday 20th March to Friday 22nd March 2024**

Year 4 Residential to Great Potheridge House