

# HATHERLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

19th October 2017



### THRIVE UPDATE

As many of you will know, we are a Thrive school. We thought, with so many new families, it would be timely to tell you more about Thrive. The majority of our staff have thrive awareness training. In addition to the five licensed Thrive practitioners, we also employ Sue Fairgrieve one day a week as our family support worker. After half term there is a six week Thrive family course – an hour and a half each Tuesday morning when you have dropped your children off. Other families have found it really helpful in the past. There is no cost and it is suitable for all parents and carers. Contact the office.

Thrive is a specific way of working with all children that helps to develop their social and emotional well-being, enabling them to engage with life and learning. It can also address any troubling behaviours providing a foundation for academic attainment. Positive relationships are at the heart of Thrive. We use these relationships, together with play and creative activities, to give children key experiences at each different stage of their development. Repetition of these activities supports their development, helping them to:

- feel good about themselves and know that they matter
- increase their sense of security and trust
- increase their emotional well-being
- improve their capacity to be creative and curious
- increase their self-esteem and confidence to learn
- learn to recognise and regulate their feelings
- learn to think before behaving in a certain way

Sometimes children may struggle as a result of temporary setbacks or other, longer term changes in their lives such as a separation, a bereavement, a family illness or accident, or even the arrival of a new baby. They may signal their distress by becoming more withdrawn, or distant, or perhaps more challenging or disruptive, or even by trying too hard to please. If this happens we use Thrive to look beyond the behaviour to give these children the support they need to get back on track.

Sometimes they only need a little extra support in class and sometimes they may need additional one-to-one time to help them along. We use a screening tool and activity planning resource called Thrive-Online. This allows us to check that children are working appropriately for their age and to develop the whole group with activities that ensure that they are as emotionally and socially supported as they can be. Using Thrive-Online will also identify any children in need of extra help. If the screening process suggests that your child would benefit from additional one-to-one support, the school will contact you and, with your consent and involvement, will carry out a more detailed assessment to develop an action plan that gives specific strategies and activities for supporting your child within our school and at home.

### CARNIVAL

Thank you to those who attended the Carnival Meeting after school. Don't worry if you were unable to. The plan is simple this year. You need to add your names to the list in the office by 1st November when we will hand in our entry form (for which we need to know numbers.) This year our entry is for all the family so younger siblings may join in but all children must be accompanied by an adult - in costume or not! Everyone to meet at Claremont at 1.45. The theme is 'School of Horrors'.

### IMPORTANT TRANSITION INFORMATION FOR YEAR 6

**Would Year 6 parents please note that the closing date for applications is 31st October.**

Mrs Chapman to visit Year 6 at Hatherleigh School - Thursday 22nd March at 2.30pm

Mrs Chapman to meet the Year 6 parents at Hatherleigh School - Thursday 7th June at 6.30pm

Year 6 Taster Day at Okehampton College - Thursday 28th June

Year 6 to meet with their tutor at Okehampton College - Monday 23rd July after school.

There is no Science Day this year.

### MULTI SKILLS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Just a reminder that Multi-Skills and Years 1 and 2 will run on the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd November.

### This Week's Learners of the Week

Elodie Taylor  
Tyler Stacey Mogie  
Isabelle Attfield  
Guy Flowers  
Elsie-Rae Palmer  
All of our Year 4 Romans

## NON PUPIL DAY AND HALF TERM

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a non-pupil day and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 30th October.

## SWIMMING YEARS 1 AND 2

Just a reminder that there is NO SWIMMING on Monday 30th October—the remaining dates are 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th November.

## TOWN CRIER COMPETITION

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Town Crier Competition. 64 children entered and the following children are through to the finals on 31st October ...so plenty of time to practise over half term (sorry mums and dads!) The finals will be judged by Clare Tyson, our Mayor.

Y6 Oscar

Y5 Jake and Emily

Y4 Wilbur

Y3 Codi and Max

Y2 Harry and Ava D

Y1 Molly and Jude



**What's on after half  
term?  
Friday  
School Photographer**

The winner will walk down with the afternoon procession on Carnival day and announce the crowning of the Carnival Royalty.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year we are not holding a Christmas card competition but giving families the opportunity to have their own children's art work created into cards. This excellent idea is being run by the PTFA. Some classes have done the cards in school but some have been sent home. There are spare sheets in the office if anyone wants to have a second go or lost the first one. There is no expectation that you have to take part if it was sent home as 'home learning'. All entries do, however, need to be in by 1st November as Lynn Duthaler needs to send them off then. Thank you Lynn for organising it.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA

Draw tickets have been sent home this week with your children for our grand draw which will be drawn at the shopping evening on the 22nd November. Lots of amazing prizes. More books available from school office. Please could any unsold books be brought back to the office by Tues 21st November. Please ensure the stubs and money are returned together in a clearly marked envelope: Christmas Raffle Name Class.

## BIG STORY

PLEASE NOTE: Big Story is changing rooms on Monday 6th November

Big Story will be in the Music Hall, as usual, on Monday 30th October. However, choir is starting again on November 6th, so we will then be in Year 5 classroom. For the Nativity, our family event on November 27th, we will be back up in the Music Hall. If you have any queries, please contact Rev. Ruth Hansford (01837 810 314; maggi-ethecat@waitrose.com).

## GARDENING CLUB

Sadly we have only had one volunteer offer to help run gardening club so we have decided to put the club 'on hold' until early Spring.

## OCRA HALF TERM EVENTS

Please visit the OCRA Website—<http://www.westdevonsport.org.uk> for further details



## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

The School Photographer will be with us on Friday 3rd November. If you wish to have a photo taken with pre-school siblings please be here at 8.40 a.m.