



Wednesday 1st December 2021 Newsletter

December Value of the Month: Peace... a time without any fights or wars. In a larger sense, peace (or peacefulness) can mean a state of harmony, quiet or calm that is not disturbed by anything at all, like a still pond with no ripples.



COVID Updates

Following recent developments with the current variant of Covid, please can we ask that all parents wear a face mask if they are coming into the school building and adhere to social distancing where possible.

We will continue to open our school gates at 8:30am to help with the free movement through the entrances and exits to our school. This works well and we do not feel we need to go back to the one-way system or staggered times as the flow works better in the morning and after school now. We strongly encourage all our older children to come into school independently in the morning (many already do this, thank you). We will keep you updated should any further guidelines or restrictions be required.

Covid 19 Test Results

If your child tests positive on a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) let the school know. You MUST book them in straight away for a PCR test to confirm if they have Covid. When your child has had their PCR test result, please contact the school office to inform us immediately so that we can update our records, either by telephone (01793 706606) or send an email to admin@haydonwick.swindon.sch.uk

Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation

Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings are **not** expected to undertake contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is likely to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact. School may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases. All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book a PCR test. They will be informed by the local health protection team or NHS Test and Trace if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.



Winter Weather

Please make sure that the children come to school wearing suitably warm clothes as the weather is now getting colder. They will be outside and do need a coat each day. Please make sure that your child has their name in their clothes for school because it makes it so much easier to return any lost items to their owners. We have an overflowing lost property box with many unnamed items.

Polite Reminder

If you have a younger child that needs the toilet while you are on school premises, please pop round to the school office where staff will let you in to use the toilets by our hall.

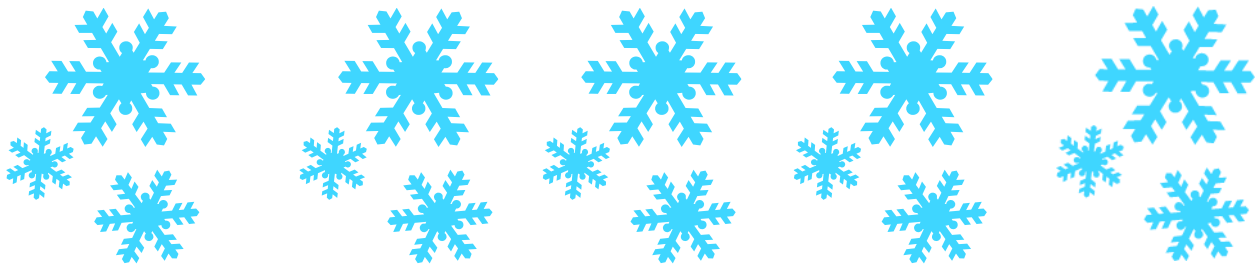
BAD WEATHER CLOSURE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The weather conditions can be unpredictable and can result in some school closures. We would like to reiterate our procedures for closing the school in the event of bad weather or other circumstances outside of our control.

Our aim is to give pupils, parents and staff as much notice as possible. Often the weather forecast is not always reliable and bad weather overnight may lead to a decision having to be made early in the morning to close the school. We will always keep the school open whilst it is safe to do so. However, in access difficulties, power cuts, heating failure or in the case of an overwhelming staff shortage, we may have to take the decision to close.

If we do have to close the school, we will use the following means to alert the school community:

- The school website (www.haydonwick.swindon.sch.uk) will carry a clear, dated message on the homepage stating that we are closed and providing the reasons that have necessitated a closure.
- A closure message will be sent out via the school's texting system as soon as is practicable after the decision is made.
- A message will be sent via the school's Twitter account. Follow @HaydonWickSch
- Local radio stations will be informed and should broadcast details of school closures throughout the day. These include Heart Radio on 97.2 or 102.2 and BBC Radio Wiltshire on 103.6 or 104.3.





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Kindness



Be kind to each other.

We have been exploring kindness in Anti-Bullying week and in assemblies over the last couple of weeks. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has highlighted how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten up the lives of the people around us. Also, we need to remember to be kind to ourselves as well, which can often be harder or easily forgotten.

We are encouraging the children to think of different ways they can be kind. We would love it if you could talk to your child about this. We are trying to create a ripple of kindness in our school community.

- Smile and make someone's day a little sweeter.
- Look for ways you can promote peace.
- Just listen.
- Offer a hug or embrace.
- Invite someone new to be your friend
- Send out a kind email or card.
- Give someone a genuine compliment.
- Help clean up, without being asked, help someone out in a practical way.

Thank you

Thank you for your amazing generosity for Children in need. We raised £314.20!



Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 8th December Christmas dinner

Friday 10th December Panto – Aladdin & Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December 9am Hedgehogs and Squirrel's performance to Hedgehog's parents

PTA Christmas bauble competition entry deadline

PTA Name the bear competition entry deadline

Wednesday 15th December 9am Hedgehogs and Squirrel's performance to Squirrel's parents

Friday 17th December Wear your Christmas jumper instead of your school jumper!

End of term 2

4th January 2022 Term 3 starts – **TD Day**

5th January 2022 Children return to school

15th January 2022 Deadline for Primary School Admissions