

School Value of the Week

What Great Looks Like at New Haw... Best Efforts!

This week, our attention has been focused on **Best Efforts** - finding ways to always try our best, stay focused and keep moving forward as we work towards our ambitions.

We have been encouraging everyone to recognise that success comes from perseverance, a positive attitude and a willingness to challenge ourselves. Best Efforts is about giving our very best in everything we do, whether that means tackling a tricky task, learning from a mistake or continuing to try when something feels difficult.

Remember, doing your best doesn't mean being perfect; it means giving things your best effort, learning along the way and never being afraid to try!

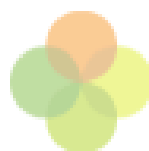


House Points Update

The Red Dragons have continued their impressive start, holding on to the top spot in this week's House Points Update! But they can't afford to get too comfortable, as the Blue Hippogriffs are hot on their heels and ready to challenge for the lead.

With just one week to go before half term, the competition is heating up! Will the Red Dragons maintain their lead, or can another house swoop in and steal the top spot before the break?

Keep showing your **Best Efforts**, demonstrating our school values and earning those all-important house points. Every point counts!





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Green Dragons	Yellow Phoenixes	Red Griffins	Blue Hippogriffs
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Important Messages

Keeping Our School Safe

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping us keep our school safe by respecting our safeguarding procedures.

As a polite reminder, **parents and carers should only enter the reception area when invited to do so by a member of the office team.** Please do not follow other parents into reception when the door is open.

Our office team will come to the door to assist you as quickly as possible. If you have not yet been attended to, please use the intercom to alert the team, and someone will be with you as soon as they can.

We appreciate that this is a new procedure and thank you for your patience and understanding as we all get used to these arrangements. These measures are essential in maintaining the safety of our school community and, importantly, protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all our families.

Staying Safe on Our Journey to School

We have received reports from members of our local community who have seen children walking to and from school while looking at their phones, including when crossing roads and driveways.

We would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of talking to your children about **staying safe, staying alert and being aware of their surroundings** when travelling to and from school.

Please encourage your children to put their phones away while walking, particularly when approaching or crossing roads and driveways. Children should always stop, look and listen carefully, making sure it is safe before crossing.

A moment of distraction can have serious consequences, so please help us reinforce the message that getting to school safely is far more important than checking a phone or replying to a message.

Thank you for your support.



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Hello Yellow



Today, children wore a yellow accessory to school to take part in **Hello Yellow Day** and support the work of **YoungMinds**. The day is a wonderful reminder of the importance of looking after our mental health and wellbeing. Just as we care for our physical health, it is important to talk about our feelings, seek support when we need it, and show kindness to others. Thank you to everyone who joined in and helped raise awareness of the importance of positive mental health. 🍷

Scan the QR
code to donate:



Exciting Opportunities

Foxhills Community Camps

I am pleased to share that bookings are now open for the Foxhills Community Camps taking place during the October half-term holiday for families in receipt of Pupilm Premium.

These camps are funded by the Hayton Charitable Trust (Foxhills) and organised by Runnymede Borough Council, offering eligible children a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a week of fun, outdoor activities and new experiences.

Camp details:

- **Venue:** The Big Hat Bushcamp, Lyne





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- **Age range:** 7–14 years
- **Dates:** Monday 26th – Friday 30th October
- **Time:** 9am–5pm each day
- **Eligibility:** Children must live in Runnymede and be in receipt of Pupil Premium.

How to book:

Please visit the link below to find out more about the camp and secure your child's place:

[Book the Foxhills Community Camp – October](#)

Spread the Story Competition – BookTrust

BookTrust, the children's reading charity, is running a fantastic competition for pupils in Years 3–8, and we would love to encourage our budding writers and illustrators to get involved!

The **Spread the Story competition**, run in partnership with BookTrust Represents, celebrates diversity in children's books and aims to improve the representation of people of colour in stories, helping all children to see themselves, their families and their wider communities reflected in the books they read.

Children are invited to share their ideas in **350 words or fewer**, answering the question: *Who would you most like to share a story with, and how would you share it?* Entries can be written stories, annotated drawings or even graphic novel-style creations, so there are plenty of ways to get creative!

🏆 **What could you win?** The first prize includes £3,000 worth of inclusive books for your school and an in-person visit from an author of colour – an amazing opportunity to inspire a love of reading and storytelling!

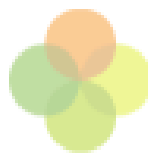
 **Closing date:** Friday 23 October

For full details and information on how to enter, visit the [BookTrust website](#).

Happy writing!

Looking for Half-Term Camps and Activities?

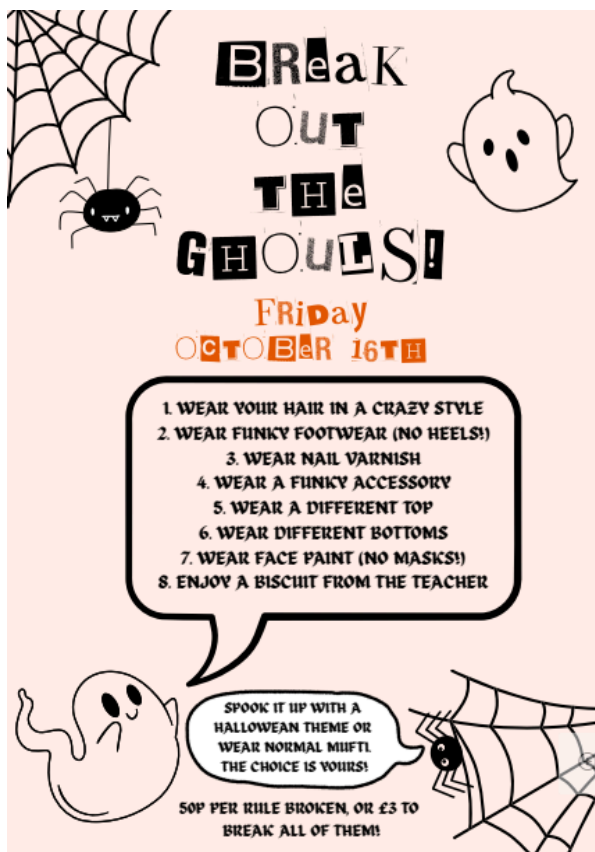
Looking for ways to keep the children entertained this half term? We've gathered a range of special offers, holiday camps and exciting opportunities on our [Parent Noticeboard](#)!



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Message from the Parent-Teacher Association



We are excited to announce our FIRST EVER 'Break Out the Ghouls Day'. A chance for a bit of fun allowing your children to dress in mufti or dress in something spooky before heading off for half term.

Every donation helps! Please pay online [here](#) or cash on the day.



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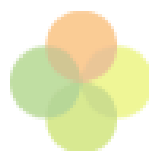
Tickets are selling fast! Secure your Early-Bird discount [here](#).

After making a purchase, your wrist bands for the event will be sent home with your children the week commencing 2nd November.

Christmas Card Orders – Reminder!

A little reminder to please place your **Christmas Card orders promptly!** Your child's artwork proofs were sent home this week, and you have until **15th October** to place your orders online with IQ Cards.

All the information you need to order can be found on the proof card your child has brought home.



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If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact your PTA team at newhawjuniorpta@gmail.com.

Thank You for an Amazing Quiz Night!

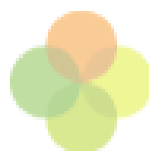


A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our quiz last week and helped make it such a fantastic evening! We had so much fun with Stewart, our brilliant Quiz Master, and it was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves while supporting our school.

We are absolutely delighted that we were able to raise such a fantastic amount of money while having so many laughs along the way. Your support and generosity really do make a difference, and we are so grateful to everyone who attended and contributed.

And, of course, a big congratulations to **'My Favourite Team'** – our very own teachers – for claiming the top spot once again! It looks like they're becoming quite the quiz champions!

Thank you all for making it such a memorable evening. We can't wait for the next one!





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Uniform

In need of some pre-loved items? Simply email newhawuniform@gmail.com with the items you need and the required sizes. The mailbox is monitored each week, and the PTA will get back to you with available options.

Reminders

Planning Ahead

- 13th & 15th October - Parents' Evening Yr 4-6
- 14th October - 4S Parents' Evening Appointments only
- 14th October - Year 6 WW2 Trip
- 15th October - Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
- 16th October - Break Out the Ghouls Day

Don't Miss a Date!

Access the parent school calendar here:

[New Haw Community School - Calendar](#)

If you hit the 'Subscribe' button on the page, it will sync the dates to your device's calendar!

