

Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School

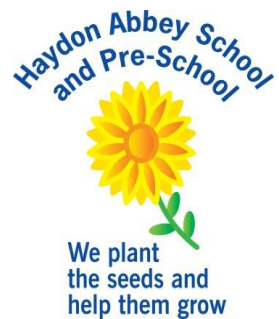
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move through the month of June, we wanted to share a brief update on some of the wonderful storytelling and learning activities we have planned for our classes.

This month marks Pride Month, which celebrates diversity and different family structures. As part of our ongoing commitment to building a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment where every child can thrive, we will once again be sharing the picture book *The Rainbow Parade* by Shane Jordan and Rick Hendrix. Following its very successful and positive share with our children last year, we are looking forward to revisiting it.

As part of our statutory primary Relationships Education curriculum, our focus for this story time is rooted entirely in universal, age-appropriate values:

- **Community and Joy:** The book explores themes of community spirit, friendship, and different family structures.
- **Kindness and Respect:** Our discussions will centre on building every child's self-esteem and teaching the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect.
- **A Place for Everyone:** Our sole aim is to ensure that every single child in our school community feels valued, safe, and happy for who they are as an individual.

As a proudly diverse school, we deeply value and respect the rich variety of religious faiths, cultural backgrounds, and families that make our community so special. Our role is not to change personal or faith beliefs, but to foster an environment of mutual respect and prepare our children for life in modern Britain.

To ensure our school remains a safe space for everyone, we want to remind our community that we uphold a strict zero-tolerance policy toward discrimination. **Homophobic language, comments, or prejudice of any kind will not be tolerated under any circumstances, just as we would not tolerate racism or faith-based discrimination.** We are fully committed to safeguarding the dignity and safety of all our pupils, staff, and families.

We always want to work in partnership with you. A copy of the book will be available at the school office should you wish to drop in and look through it ahead of time. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, our doors are always open and we welcome you to reach out to us directly.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a warm, supportive, and harmonious place for all of our children.

Kind regards

Miss Ferdinand
Headteacher

