

Thank you for the overwhelming support for the unplanned postponement and then cancellation of the HVA fireworks. Words of support and an understanding of the behind-the-scenes work and challenges the PTA face has been appreciated.

### Attendance Bear – Well done Year 6 Whitebeam!



Last week, Y6 Whitebeam Class won the attendance Bear with 98.9%. Reception Birch class were at 98%, as were the entire Year 2 cohort.

Every morning and afternoon counts!

### PTA – Your school needs you!

Have you, as a parent, contacted the PTA to put yourself forward as a 'Year group representative' for the PTA? The more the merrier and if we have 5 more parents, this will lighten the work of the small team we have. Those extra 5 parents, which could be you, can then ask others to support. We are all in the PTA, but we do need more in the committee to do a few more tasks between events. Email [haywoodvillagepta@gmail.com](mailto:haywoodvillagepta@gmail.com)



### Parents Evenings – Did you make it?

If not, our teachers may have already, or will ask to speak with parents. Please do not feel awkward in any way if you missed parents' evening. Life is busy and we understand. Our teachers will work with you to ensure you hear how well your child is doing in school.

### Year Group termly emails

Did you receive your year group start of the term email? If you did not, please check your junk email inbox as it should have arrived on Tuesday. If you still cannot find it, please contact the school office.

### Year 6 Camp – Beam House

Our Year 6's had an amazing week in North Devon at PGL's Beam House. It was the second year we have taken our Year 6 children on 5-day residential week away and our staff and children made so many great memories. Many pictures of the fun had by all can be seen on the Year 6 webpage: <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/year-6/>

### Weekly Tea/Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter & members of SLT

Every Wednesday morning between 9 – 10 am in the HALE community room, there will be an opportunity to grab a free tea or coffee and catch up with our new family support worker, Mrs Saunter and other members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). This will be a great opportunity to find out about school, share your ideas or seek further advice or support.



### Outcome on the consultation for a change to the uniform

Thank you for the many parents who contributed to the survey to consult on school uniform. The results were overwhelmingly in favour of retaining the turquoise polo top. There will be no change.

Several families shared views to support a change to a blue polo top. These views included a belief that a blue polo would be more widely available from cheaper suppliers and marks and stains would show up less. However, so many parents commented on the pride of the HVA unique and distinctive turquoise polo. Other supportive reasons to retain the turquoise polo included the value in reusing the tops within families and friends, the quality from NK sports and avoiding any changes that will create costs to families at this time.

### Foodbank

We continue to collect for Foodbank. Some of our foodbank will go to WsM Foodbank, but we are also a foodbank for local families.



Please donate, if you can, any of the following:

- tinned food
- cereals, pasta and rice
- toiletries for all

### Boys Football Tournament

The Year 5/6 Boys Football Team attended the local finals at Bristol Grammar school in the last week of Term 1. Despite this being the first tournament at HVA for the majority of the team, they equipped themselves brilliantly, playing as a team throughout with some excellent football on display. Well done to all the children who competed and good luck to the girls for our upcoming tournament this term!



## Pupil Survey at the end of Term 1

We recently did an online pupil survey with Year 2 to year 6. It has been very helpful to find out about school life through the eyes and minds of children.

- 97% felt the school was safe
- 4.2 out of 5 was the average score for school enjoyment (0 = no enjoyment, 5 most enjoyable)
- Art and Sports were the most favourite subjects
- Other comments about how we can make school better for pupils were very useful

## Travelling Book Fair – 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November

This returns next week and is an opportunity to purchase books locally in school.



## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November Children in Need - Spotacular!

Pyjamas and/or clothing with spots

<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/children-in-need-2/>

## Calendar update/ It's not Christmas at HVA yet but...

Check our events pages regularly because events are added throughout the year. (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

We have populated the calendar with Christmas events. This year we will not be going to the Weston Playhouse Panto (one year on and one year off). We will aim to go next year. Other Christmas excitement in December will include:

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fayre (3:30pm - 5pm)
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day (officially Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>) supporting Save the Children
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Pre-school arts and craft with parents & Staff Performance to children (1:30pm)
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Reception Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Dinner
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Reception Nativity to parents (9:30am - 10:30am)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Choir Performance. Parents of children from the choir invited (9:30am)

## Learning in action!

You can go to the school website to view the pictures we load onto the website for each year group.



Reception Artists creating a Diva lamp



As Geographers, Year 1 enjoyed a great trip to the beach and found out about our local area



Year 2 are acting and here they are freeze framing their new meeting tale!



Year 2 had a great morning learning about the fire brigade



As Historians and Artists, Year 5 were clay modelling during their Ancient Egyptian workshop. They also studied papyrus.



Year 6 writers achieving their 'Pen License'

## Golden Mentions



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week: Well done to Reuben (Y3) for an outstanding drawing and Dougie (Y6) for his tremendous achievements at camp.

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