

Welcome back

Despite the rain, our children have come back to school, for 2023, positively. This term will continue to be filled with usual school 'busy-ness'. Please check the school events calendar for various dates for your year group <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/> If you did not receive the year group start of term email, please contact the office.

Weather ready

Children will have playtime outside in the rain. That said, we refrain from going outside in the rain if the rain "is sideways or bouncing". At HVA, we do not have radiators to dry clothes as we have underfloor heating. We do want children to enjoy playing outside and we anticipate children will want to run around if there are puddles from the rain. Families are welcome to bring wellies and spare socks in bags.



If families want to donate spare wellies, please do. We would always welcome these to have around classrooms.

Attendance

A great start to school attendance in Term 3. Last week our school attendance was 96.4%. It is great to be above our school target again.

As you may be planning your family holidays, please ensure you take any holiday during school breaks or weekends. If it is a term time absence, we would like to remind you that requests must be submitted as soon as possible and at least 4 weeks before the absence commences as per our attendance policy. Next year's school term dates have been published – please note the Christmas break. This is different from many local authorities, and this may help you if you are planning holidays.

Jingles and adverts for the radio

This is a request from the radio DJ crew – "Would you like to create an advert jingle or 'shout out' that we can play on the radio show?". The show airs every Friday and is published on the website. If parents would like to promote a community event or a company (e.g. fitness club) in the form of an advert, this could be worked on together. Please contact the school office.

Volunteer Readers – Can you help?

We are interested in hearing from more parents who would like to volunteer time to support in school with daily reading support with children. If a parent can volunteer a minimum of 30 minutes each week and commit weekly, please email the school office and we can arrange the next steps.



Year 4 new teacher

At the end of this term, Miss Mapstone will continue her teaching in a new school much nearer to her home in Cardiff. We are all going to miss Miss Mapstone, especially as she has been with us for over 2 years and throughout her teacher training. Mr Blake joins us and will be Maple's class teacher. Mr Blake is a local experienced teacher who has worked in Bristol and Somerset primary schools. He has already been involved in our school's INSET day at the start of term, and we hope to have him in school before the end of term to support transition with the children.

Free Lines Football Albums

These raised over £700 for the school PTA. If you would still like one or a spare copy we are now selling these off at a January sale price of £2 each and these are available from the school office.

Local writing competition

Our children have been offered the chance, by their teachers, to enter into a local writing competition. Parents are welcome to ask teachers more about this. See poster in classrooms and below.



Learning in action!

Families can view learning experiences on the class pages on the school curriculum pages on the HVA webpage. Below is snapshot of some of the action:



Reception children enjoying their roleplay in a Space Station.



Year 1 and Year 6's reading together



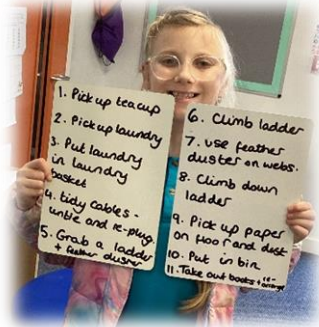
Year 2 have begun learning about Space as scientists!



Year 3 artists learning how to use watercolours to create lines and patterns.



Year 4 have had great fun developing their drama skills as part of their writing lessons.



Year 5 writing algorithms as computer scientists



Year 6 athletes competing in the Sporthall Athletics competition at Hutton Moor.

Calendar update

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

Reminder:

- Monday 16th Jan – Year 1 Reading meeting 2:45pm - 3:15pm
- Thursday 19th Jan – Year 6 Parents SATS meeting 3:30pm – 4pm
- Monday 23rd Jan – Year 4 Maths meeting 3:45pm - 4:30pm
- 6th and 8th February – Parents Evenings (more information to follow)
- Thursday 9th February – Year 2 Class Assembly 2:30pm – 3:15pm

Golden Mentions

The following pupil went into the Gold Book this past week: Harry, Daneja and Riley for their creative poetry. Ollie in Year 5 for his highly information home learning about energy. Emily in Year 1 for her story. Logan in Year 2 for his descriptive writing.

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