

Enjoy the break

We have had a jolly good final week to this term. It has been made all the more enjoyable as we have managed to see more and more parents in school. This year certainly feels like a return to 2019, when we used to have families in to look at children's learning, watching performances and even having an indoor Christmas Fayre.



Attendance

This past few weeks, we have seen considerable disruption to children's school attendance with the rise in illnesses. Although this is a national trend, we are pleased with our hygiene in school and the resilience of both children and staff who come into school even if they are not 100%.

Captain Ted, is still visiting classes and he is the prize for classes with the highest attendance. We have 95% attendance so far this year. Our target is 96% as we account for some illness and exceptional circumstances.



The first school day back after the holiday is Wednesday 4th January. Teachers plan and prepare specially for these first few days to have extra opportunities to ignite and excite the children back to school. Try not to miss them.

The HVA Radio DJ Crew

Over time, we will certainly involve more and more children with the school radio. This week we hear their third show and the hosts are getting more and more confident. The DJ Crew manage an email account taking requests, organising the content, handling all the production themselves and they write their own scripts. We listen live, in school, at 2:50 pm every Friday.

Clubs

Information on the new clubs for Term 3 and 4 will be released early next term.

Christmas Fayre was a cracker!

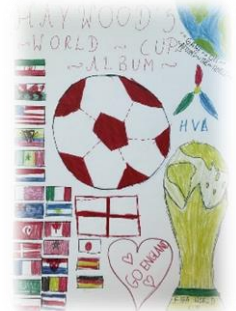


Last week was a tremendous success. The Christmas Fayre raised **£1800** and there was a very friendly and cheerful community Christmas spirit! A huge thank you to everyone involved, your support means so much.

Last week, the PTA committee provided £2000 to the school. This will now be spent on a range of resources including wet playtime equipment, atlases, books for the library, dictionaries to support children with dyslexia.

Free Lines Football Albums

Children, their families and staff all enjoyed drawing World Cup players for the football album. We still have albums available to purchase from the school office for £5. So far this has raised over **£900** for the school!



Turkey, brussels and mince pies

Cooking Christmas dinner for over 420 children plus staff is not an easy shift! The children all seemed very happy indeed. Well done to Jayne, our head chef, and the Aspens team!



A North Somerset Winner

Well done to Millie in Year 6, who entered a competition organised by the North Somerset Constabulary to create a poster challenging Hate Crime. Millie's HATE HURTS poster will be shared widely over the coming months across North Somerset.

For more information on Hate Crime, you can go to <https://saferstrongems.co.uk/information-advice/hate-crime>

Blue Peter Award

Ellie-Rae has achieved a Blue Peter Badge Award for her contribution to Haywood Village's community by picking up litter. We are an Eco-Award winning school and we are proud of this achievement beyond school. Did you know, you can enter for Blue Peter Badges from home. There are a range of categories

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

Learning in action!

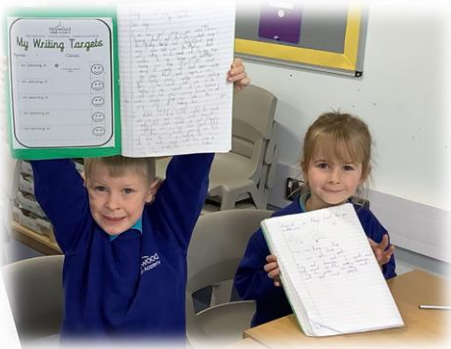
Families can view learning experiences on the class pages on the school curriculum pages on the HVA webpage. Below is snapshot of some of the action:



Reception children completing their reading challenges – learning to read is amazing!



Year 1 designers exploring joins and structures this past week.



Year 2 writers editing and publishing their ideas.



Year 3 geographers presented their planned inter-rail trips around Europe. They were all so confident guiding us around Europe.



Year 4 historians designed their own version of the Bayeux Tapestry depicting the Battle of Hastings in 1066.



Year 5, as musicians, have been developing their keyboard skills.



With the support of Winterstoke Hundred, our Year 6 scientists explored cells under microscopes.

Calendar update

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

Reminder:

- Tuesday 3rd January – INSET day
- Wednesday 4th January – children back in school
- Thursday 19th January – Year 6 Parents SATS meeting - 3:30pm
- 6th and 8th February – Parents Evenings (more information to follow)

We hope you have a lovely Christmas!

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Golden Mentions

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The following pupil went into the Gold Book this week:

Heidi, Ioanna and Indi (Y3) and Steph (Y6) for their choir performances.

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