

Seasons greetings everyone! We have had a brilliant end to the term with an intensity of learning across the curriculum alongside the Christmas opportunities.

Panto

This week we took hundreds of children to see a cultural British classic for this time of year: the pantomime. Whilst the story of Jack and the Beanstalk is typically well known to children and adults, the performance, humour and retelling was a uniquely entertaining experience. It was clear that children from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed it for the humour, audience interaction, singing, and costumes. Thank you to the parents who volunteered and were also ready to support.



Christmas Shows

Well done to all the children for their participation in the shows. We recognise that not every child enjoys performing to an audience, but without a collective a group show cannot happen! We hope you felt the Christmas excitement through the range of singing from across the school.

We have tried to record the shows to enable children and parents to watch them back. These shows will be placed, if not already, on the year group Teams' channels.



Christmas Jumper Day

Our penultimate charity fundraiser for the term, ahead of the PTA Christmas Fayre, raised £248.75 for Save the Children.



Save the Children

The Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the PTA committee for helping to organise the Christmas Fayre. We look forward to seeing the children play games with their teachers and raising money for school through sales.

Foodbank

Our foodbank donations will be shared by the school to members of our community, as we are a foodbank voucher provider. Any food remaining will be held, subject to best before dates, and shared in the New Year either to our community or the local foodbank.



Staffing changes in Year 2 and 3

We have a few changes to share ahead of next term. From next term Mrs Waite will begin her maternity leave. In addition, Miss Priddle will reduce to 3 days a week. We welcome Miss Farmer to the teaching team. Miss Farmer will teach the various days that Mrs Waite taught in Year 2 and 3 and lead learning on Thursday and Friday in Year 2 Elder class as part of a job share with Miss Priddle.

Clubs

New clubs start on the 2nd week of Term 3. We have managed to extend the opportunities to families. The clubs include science, football, sewing, Makaton, gym, Eco, dance, cooking and recorders.

Reading

We will be changing reading books before Christmas. We certainly want children to have a break but reading a few times each week for 5 minutes will be helpful and no doubt enjoyable.



Year 5 reading to our Pre-school children



Safeguarding online

We have attached a parent newsletter regarding the various messages for the latest social media safety. It highlights current trends, parental tips and signposts to various organisations. As parents, we need to be ahead of the game on e-safety. It is worth a read, even if your children are in our youngest year groups. It is probably unmissable reading for any parent of children in Year 3 and above.

Reminder to parents - Year 4, 5 and 6

If parents are wanting their Year 4, 5 and 6 children to arrive and/or leave school independently, we require a letter or email addressed to the school giving your permission. Please note the age for bringing and collecting younger siblings is 16. This includes Breakfast and Parachutes After School Child Care.

Exceptional artwork!

Miss Priddle, our Art and Design leader at school, ran a competition with Kier, the construction company, to produce artwork for the hoardings that will provide a barrier to the construction work for the second site of Winterstoke 100 secondary school.

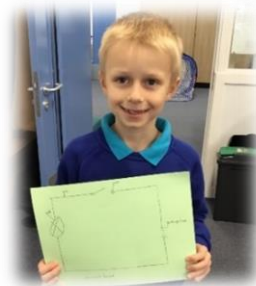


Are you checking the new School Calendar?

Our website page will be updated before we return to school with all the dates for the forthcoming terms. You can see them on <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/> This details events for the year. Frustratingly the 'Subscribe to calendar' is still not working, but you can still scan for school dates.

Home Learning from the Homework Menus

At the start of each term, teachers share a range of homework opportunities in the form of a menu. It is great to see the variety of homework completed by children with their families.



Electric circuit drawings by Dominic



A sarcophagus model by Grace

Golden Mentions

M A brilliant piece of artwork from Olivia in Year 6. There were great performances in the shows but special mentions go to soloists from the choir: Harrison, Emily, Ella-Jade, Nadia, Millie, Daneja, Dexter and Isla S.



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