

We are fast approaching Term 6 – the last term of the year. Over this next week, the senior leaders in the school alongside CLF leaders will enjoy getting into classrooms, more often, to reflect with children on their learning.

We find ourselves in a time where the government continues to ease restrictions. Our update from the 17<sup>th</sup> May can be found on the webpage below:

<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/letters/covid-guidance-from-17th-may/>

### Attendance

Attendance continues to be very high for most children. With the gradual easing of government restrictions, we anticipate some families wanting to take opportunities for a short break during term time.

**We appeal to parents** to not do this and **keep their children in school. Every day counts** as we strive to help children develop as much as possible from being in school, especially given the disruption they have had. We expect over the last weeks of school before the summer break we can work with you to improve every child's social, emotional and physical development; as well as their knowledge and skills as artists, geographers, historians, mathematicians, writers, readers, designers, musicians, scientists and sportspersons.

### Reading every day is making a difference!



A huge thank you from all the teachers and especially Miss Hall (HVA's reading lead) goes to parents for the increased opportunities being taken to listen to their child read. The extra home reading (5-10 minutes each night) will help children. We urge all parents, including parents of our oldest children, to listen to their children. Those that read the most are making the greatest progress and seemingly enjoying their reading more!

Remember, your children grow up quick and you won't want to regret not taking the chance to listen to their reading voices more than you did. The children, in years to come, will remember and cherish your support and they will in turn help their children.



### Nut allergies

In several classes, we have children with very serious nut allergies. Please do not send your child in with packed lunch items or snacks containing nuts as noted within product ingredients.



### School lunches

Thank you parents and children for your patience regarding the school menu changes. We have had terrible problems with the school ovens recently, whereby replacement parts have been extremely difficult to source and/or delayed in their delivery. We are happy to be able to tell you that the ovens have now been fixed and school lunches are back to normal.

### Uniform

The uniform policy will remain the same for September. If you have spare uniform, you are welcome to donate it via the school office to support the PTA to raise funds with £1 an item re-sales. Please note, until further notice, we will continue with the school PE kit for PE days.



### Play equipment at the end of the day

In the past, we have deterred the children from playing on the playground equipment at the end of the day. Seeing as the opportunity to play through climbing and balancing is very much needed, we agree that 'just like the parks' this equipment is available to children to play after school with children across year groups, as long as parents supervise, until 3:45 pm. We would also encourage hand sanitising afterwards; If you do not have your own, we will provide.

### When will I know my child's Class Teacher for next year?

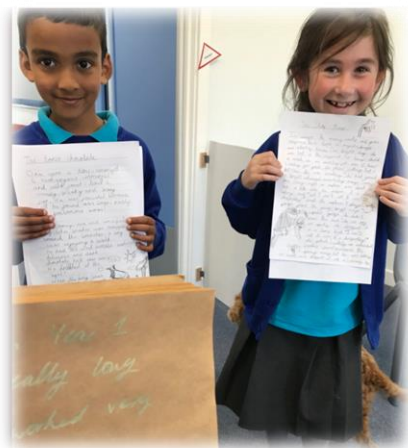
It is typical for our school to share your child's class teacher on the day of the transition days (see dates at the bottom of the newsletter). In the past parents have responded very positively to this approach and supported the school when children have come home on the day to reveal their teacher.

If you would like to share any thoughts with the school's senior leadership on class groups for next year, you can fill in this survey (<https://tinyurl.com/apmr9mtx>), which we will keep live until the other side of half term. There is high chance, following another disruptive year, that we will consider making only a handful of pupil swaps, adjusting the cohort of the classes slightly. However, we have not given too much thought to this yet as we are concentrating more on the current provision for children.

## Learning in action...



Year 4's are learning to write and be Scientists, but first they enjoy skipping!



Children achieving an excellent standard of work are awarded an entry into the Gold Book!



Year 4 Scientists have been learning about how bones move.



Reception children are learning to tell the time.



The recorders are back in action as are many other clubs this week.



As Artists, Year 2 children created texture banks for their collage work, inspired by real life textures.



These Year 1 Geographers have the world in their hands!

### Dates for your diary... If the Government's 21<sup>st</sup> June Roadmap goes to plan:

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Transition afternoon: Pre-school - Y5 (The children will meet their new Class Teacher).
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day with picnic lunch for all families.
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Art Gallery all day & evening.
- (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Back up Sports Day).
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - New 2021/2022 Reception parent's picnic lunch.
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - PTA Summer Fayre after school.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm Music showcase outside & celebration of children's learning in classrooms.

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