

## Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Learning is best when we are at school

96.5% attendance is excellent and some classes are over 97%. Over the holidays, please keep following the rule of 6, maintain good social distancing and hygiene measures. Our teaching team are really pleased with the improvements children have made in this first term. Full attendance on the first few days back, when the teachers often plan an extra exciting 'ignition' to start the term, should not be missed.

### Safeguarding: Car park safety - Parents

Please do not walk your children through the car park in the mornings or at the end of the day. There are several pathways and using the pathways models to the children how to be a safe pedestrian.

### E-safety

As families go into the half term, we would strongly advise all parents to reflect on their approach or future approach to their child's gaming experience(s). It is very evident that those children who 'game' more and play games beyond their age group (e.g. Fortnite), are showing some of the following behaviours:

- More tired than others.
- Display less concentration than others.
- More limited conversation skills than others.
- Use inappropriate language.
- Display aggressive language or conduct, including play fighting.

For further ideas and support, please access:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### Walking into school

The drop off at the school playground gates is working well to reduce the pedestrian traffic. We would like you to consider how you could encourage your child, especially from Year 1 and above, to walk independently once they have passed a member of HVA staff on the playground gates.

### COVID-19 symptoms

We have received a few enquiries and we have had to share a few reminders over the phone about the following:

- If parents, close contact family or friends have tested positive for COVID-19, do not send your child into school. Seek medical advice on 111 or 119 first and then contact our school office to check and/or update us.

### Foodbank

At HVA, we support charities and one charity we have supported every year is the Weston-super-Mare foodbank.

Please start bringing in items for our foodbank collection. We are a Foodbank voucher provider and a collection point. We welcome:

- Personal hygiene items including nappies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, sanitary towels, soaps, deodorants and shampoo.
- Tinned food.
- Dried food – pasta, rice, cereals.

We are targeting a delivery every two weeks as we run into Christmas. All items can be brought into school with your child.



### Children in Need

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November is the appeal day on television. In the week proceeding, we will raise the profile of the charity in school and help pupils to understand the causes the appeal supports and run a few charity fundraisers.



### Are you planning a term time holiday abroad?

We would not recommend this. The government position remains clear on the penalty notices for term time holidays. In addition, if a location for a holiday is chosen that is or comes onto the quarantine list, your child will miss more time off school because they will have to self-isolate for 14 days on return to the UK. Our concern as a school is that, over time, your child may miss a considerable amount of school if a term time holiday is taken and your child's class has to close due to a positive COVID-19 case. The best learning takes place in school and, for as long as we can, we want to educate all children in school.

### Are you set up and ready for continuous Learning?

If your child is isolating, our teachers need to know. They are ready, as a year group team, to upload learning, including live lessons, on the Microsoft Teams channel.



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Reception preparing to make vegetable soup.



Pre-school have been learning outside developing their physical, social skills and their understanding of the world through water play.



As sportspersons, many of our children have taken part in the inter-school cross-country challenge.



Mr Allen and Miss Johnson helped Year 3 to be religiously conscious as they had a culturally rich afternoon understanding Sikh customs.



Year 4 historians enjoyed making their Anglo Saxon broth, although not all of them enjoyed tasting it. 😊

### PTA Update



The PTA will be sharing news of up and coming events.

Please follow the link to support the rethinking of how to spend current money raised:

The decision has been made to postpone the Annual General Meeting until Term 3. In the meantime, the PTA are looking for more volunteers for the following Year groups, ideally one from each class:

Reception and Year 2.

If you are keen to support sharing information and ideas for your year group and join the PTA committee, please contact the PTA through the [enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk) and the school office will redirect your email.

### Parents Evenings

We have signed up to the Teachers2Parents Parents Evening booking service. We are planning to organise the time slots for parents through this online booking system. We will communicate how to book in for Parents Evening as soon as we can, which we hope to be this coming Friday. The dates we would like you to set aside in your diaries for Parents Evenings will be Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and bookings will be available between 3:30 – 7pm.

### Maternity leave

Two of our Class Teachers will be going on maternity leave at the start of next term. We wish Mrs Standeven and Mrs Giles all the best and look forward to sharing their news with you all. Miss Crisp will continue to teach Elm class.

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