



We have had a very positive start back to school with so many new children and some new staff joining. We can all be proud of our community effort to support each other and reconnect with each other.

Reading

Look out for Mrs Hall's reading letter – A great idea is included to support daily reading. Compared to many schools, we do not ask for considerable homework to be completed by children. However, daily regular 5-10 minutes reading is incredibly helpful and we hope that all parents, no matter what age their child is, can listen to their child read.

Year 5 and Reception buddies

We are really proud of the Year 5 children who have been building great relationships with our reception children as 'buddies'.



Would you like 'free' uniform, half price on school trips/visitors and free school meals for your child when they reach Year 3?

You can check directly, contact Mims Yacomeni, our Family Support Worker, for support mims.yacomeni@clf.uk or call into the school.

If you register via <https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals> and are confirmed eligible, you can share this information with the school.

Are you checking the new School Calendar?

Our website page

<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/> details events for the year. You are also able to add this calendar to your calendars, including mobile, by clicking on the subscribe button. **Dates to look for include:** Next year's Y6 school residential meeting, New reception 22/23 tours and many more.

Need a school place for Reception September 22/23

We are holding a welcome morning and evening as an opportunity for Pre-school families and parents in the community who are looking to apply to Haywood Village academy for their child in September 2022. The first tour/open mornings are:
Friday 8th October 9:15am – 10:15am
Thursday 14th October 7:15pm – 8:15pm
Even if you are in HVA's Pre-school, you must register for a reception school place by 15th January 2022. This is all completed by parents through the North Somerset webpage:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/applying-school-place>

PTA AGM

On Tuesday evening, we held the PTA Annual General meeting. This was an opportunity to hear the summaries from appointed members of the committee and elect members into committee roles.

Below is the list of elected members and outstanding vacancies:

Chair – Lianne Williams, Vice chair – Dawn Wood
Secretary – Vacancy, Vice secretary – Vacancy
Treasurer – Kadi Fewings, Vice treasurer – Julian Olszewski

Class reps:

Pre-school: Apple – Vacancy / Acorn – Vacancy
Reception: – Beech – Vacancy / Birch – Kristal Shaw
Year 1: Chestnut – Claire Kitching / Cherry – Vacancy
Year 2: Elm – Linda Smith / Elder - Vacant
Year 3: Hawthorn - Julian Olszewski / Hornbeam – Vacancy
Year 4: Mulberry – Lianne Williams / Maple - Vacancy
Year 5: Poplar – Vacancy / Pine - Julian Olszewski
Year 6: Willow – Katie Hague-Curtis

Can you be a class representative?

If so, this is the role:

- 2 people can share the role.
- Attend at least x3 committee meetings per year.
- Promote PTA events on social media.
- Communicate events and ideas to and from the parent group with the PTA committee.

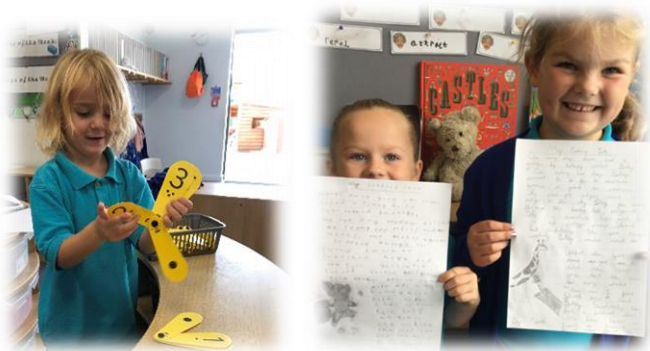
Remember we are all members of the PTA and you can also volunteer to help with any event, with agreement from members of the committee. If you would like to be a committee member or let the committee know you are keen to help, even if occasionally, then please email enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk

Discussing learning with your child...

"What have you been learning?"

'I can't remember', your child replies. However, if you knew what your child was learning and asked them about it, you are likely to get lots more conversation as they have been reminded.

So, if you access the Year Group pages of the website, you can view the class Twitter accounts and see what your child is learning in school. You will also be able to see the link to the curriculum pages to find out more of what is being taught.



The Play Equipment

As a change this year, we are now reverting back to limiting the playground equipment use at the end of the school day. The school gates will be closed at 3:30pm each day. This means that families may choose to access the various Haywood Village parks or otherwise instead of using the playground equipment if they want more than 10 minutes play. This decision has been taken to safeguard the after-school children and staff. Thank you for understanding and we hope you enjoy playing in the Haywood Village parks.

Uniform - Label Label Label!

Another labelling idea... Instead of <https://stamptastic.co.uk/>, you could try <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> to label everything your child owns. Please note, our staff are not responsible for lost clothing if it has not been labelled. Classes will keep their own labelled lost property.

Walking to and from home

On Monday next week, if the school does not have a record of a letter of permission to walk to and from school to home letter, which has been sent into school, then Class teachers will not allow them to walk home and parents will be contacted. We are only accepting these letters for children in Year 4, 5 and 6. It is not acceptable for older children to walk younger siblings to and from school. This reminder is in the best interests of children's safeguarding.

Homework

All the teachers have shared a Homework Menu. These are most certainly optional as we have shared before. They are designed to create opportunities you can enjoy completing with your child or as a family, or to give your child an opportunity to explore independently. If your child completes any of these, please send them in – we display their efforts proudly.



Have a great weekend!

Many thanks

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