

Despite being a shorter term, there is lots to share and update families with this week.

HVA Citizens Certificate – “Lovely People”

We are excited to be launching the HVA Citizen Certificate in Monday's assembly! Children will have the opportunity to gain a Citizens Certificate Shield (see below) that they can wear with pride upon completion of different aspects of the Certificate. We are pleased to say that all children have been a part of making decisions on the finalisation of the Certificate.

All information on how to obtain a Citizens Certificate Shield will be included within the Certificate Journal; these will go home with children in Years 1-6 next week with a view on extending further in the future.



Reminder: We are a nut-free school

Please could we remind all parents that we are a nut-free school. As such, we ask that you refrain from including nut-based products in any food for school, school-trips or after school clubs. This is due to several children within school having serious airborne nut allergies. Thank you in advance.

Sickness bug in Weston-super-Mare

This past week, many children in local schools have experienced a short-term vomiting bug. Yesterday and today in school, we have further reminded and prompted children to “catch it, bin it, kill it” and wash their hands often. It might be helpful to reinforce these messages at home and when in social settings, especially this next week.

Measles awareness

Following recent news about an increase in measles in the UK. Please see information about the measles vaccine: <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/01/what-do-i-need-to-know-about-the-mmr-vaccine/>

Staff Vacancy – lunchtime staff

Are you looking to get back into the workplace now that your children are at school? Would you like a role that works around school hours and holidays? We currently have a vacancy for a school meals supervisory assistant (SMSA) to join our busy, growing team for 1.5 hours per day. If you would like more information or an informal discussion, please speak to Mrs Lovely, Mr Jones, or Mr Ellis.

BIG Garden Birdwatch – this weekend

Some classes have promoted this more because it links directly with their curriculum, but everyone can get involved.



This weekend, you could enjoy an hour identifying birds in your local area, including your home, and let the RSPB know. All information on the attached poster or www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Internet Safety Day – Tuesday 6th February

Coming up this term, we will be exploring mental Health and internet safety, across the school. Games and ideas to support parents or children



with online behaviour can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Whatsapp Groups

We are experiencing an increase in Year 4 - 6 social disagreements related to pupil Whatsapp groups on their personal mobile phones. Please can parents exercise their rights and responsibilities to check their child's online activity.

Foodbank

Please can we make a request for Foodbank this weekend and during next week. We are keen to receive donations for:

- pasta, rice
- hygiene items (soap, shower gel, sanitary products, toilet rolls)
- tinned vegetables (beans, carrots)

Items can be brought to your child's class.



Opportunity – Regional writing Award

Showcase your creative writing ability with Somerset Anne Frank Youth Awards! Deadline for entries Thursday 8th February. Somerset Anne Frank Awards <https://www.safya.org.uk/> welcome all 9-18 year olds in Somerset to submit a piece of creative writing based on the chosen quote. “We can't control our destiny, but we can control who we become.”

Poetry, prose, diary entry or short story, all entries must be a maximum of 500 words and submitted online. More details on attached poster.

World Book Day – Thursday March 7th 2024

Although World Book Day is not until March, we wanted to let you know that we will be celebrating this.

We always promote home-made outfits as these are eco friendly, cheap, and fun to make. Not having a 'perfect' shop brought outfit can support children's resilience and engagement in the fun of the day. Good ideas can be found by searching online 'homemade world book day'. *Pinterest* comes up with great ideas and there are some fabulous examples below from last year.



Reception role-playing their office – typing, answering the phone and awaiting business!



In the learning...

A busy last week in school has seen a mix of seasonal fun and lots of opportunities for the 'designers' curriculum.



Year 1 artists creating their colour wheels using powder paint.



Pre-school have been telling stories with puppets.



Year 2 sportspersons were outside enjoying a cricket lesson from Somerset Cricket coaches.



Year 3 enjoyed dressing up as Tudors for Tudor Day! We were visited by Jed, a Tudor courtier, who shared lots of information about King Henry VIII and his life.



Year 4 musicians thoroughly enjoying playing their clarinets.



Year 5 scientists exploring liquids and their viscosity (thickening rates).



Year 6's supporting their Reception buddies with reading.

Calendar update

Check our events pages events for our school calendar:

[\(https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/\)](https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/)

- Tuesday 6th Feb – Year 3 pupil showcase 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 7th Feb - Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter 'Advanced parenting' - 9am
- Thursday 8th Feb – Pre-school visit to Weston Playhouse
- Friday 9th Feb – last day of term 3
- Monday 19th Feb – first day of term 4
- Friday 1st March – PTA Sleepover
- Monday 4th Mar – Friday 8th Mar – World Book Week
- Wednesday 6th Mar – Coffee morning 'Keeping Everyone Safe' with Mrs Saunter, Kathryn Volk and local PCSOs
- Thursday 7th Mar – World Book Day
- Monday 11th Mar – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 13th Mar – Parents Evening
- Friday 15th Mar – Comic Relief 2024
- Friday 22nd Mar – Year 1 trip to Bristol Zoo Project
- Monday 25th – Thursday 28th Mar - Haywood's Got Talent! Week
- Tuesday 26th Mar – Year 2 pupil showcase 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Thursday 28th Mar – Haywood's Got Talent! Final

Golden Mentions

M The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week: Ivy in Year 5 created a stunning painting. Harry in Year 1 Chestnut retold his new story for all to hear! Emily and Phoebe in Year 3 wrote wonderfully descriptive stories to a very high standard. Sienna, Leighton, and Finley demonstrated extremely high standards as Great learners when considering improvements in their writing.



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