

Newsletter

26th November 2020

Thank you for your support as every day counts

We enter the 13th week since the start of the school year, it is clear that it has been a tremendously trying time for everyone. I want to thank all parents for your respect, patience and support for our team. You clearly recognise the challenges our staff face, in addition to the already challenging role that teaching is.

Despite these challenges, we can be really proud of the standards of teaching and learning our teaching teams are ambitiously aiming to deliver. It is very clear following internal school reviews and visits from colleagues within the Cabot Learning Federation that so many children are progressing well. Every day counts.

COVID-19 Secure

Despite the 2 isolated positive adult cases in school staff, it is very clear that our controls and your efforts are helping to ensure children and staff can attend school safely. We have a number of controls in place and these are proving impactful. We currently have 96-98.5% attendance in all classes.

- Cleaning throughout the day.
- A cleaner between 11 - 2pm cleaning common touch points.
- Class bubbles in designated play spaces.
- Face masks worn by staff greeting parents.

You are also playing your part! Please keep up...

- ➔ Distancing between adults and children not in the same bubbles.
- ➔ Wearing masks when walking to school.
- ➔ Following government guidance particularly the new Winter Plan guidance of Tier systems <https://www.gov.uk/government/publication/covid-19-winter-plan/covid-19-winter-plan>

A further reminder.... We have had a number of parents mention concerns about children playing together outside of school and spending time close to each other despite not being in the same 'bubble'. Our "bubble" system is designed to minimise the number of children we would need to ask to isolate in this case. We need parents to consider this 'mixing' and any unmonitored play outside, especially with the older children, as we remain in a national lockdown and will be in **Tier 3** from next week.

Christmas Cards

If you want to send Christmas cards to pupils and teachers these can only be sent to people in your own class "bubble".

Foodbank

We have now moved library books into classrooms to create a foodbank 'shop'. If you need food or typical weekly shop items, please let us know. You can email us or Mrs Yacomeni directly at either enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk or mims.yacomeni@clf.uk. We can arrange for delivery or collection.

All donations are welcome. We are keen to replenish the stock specifically with any of the following.

- pasta and rice
- tins of soup
- cereal
- toothpaste, deodorants for men and women, shampoo for children and adults, soaps and shower gels.



Christmas Tree sale – Tuesday 1st December



Next Tuesday 1st December between 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, we are pleased to share that we are selling Christmas Trees in the visitors' car park. These will be sold for between £25 - £45 each. £5 of every sale will go to the school PTA.

PTA Christmas Tree Trail – 7th December - 3rd January

The PTA are running a festive Christmas Tree Trail competition. Details and a booking form were sent to parents by email on 19th November.

Christmas Jumpers & Christmas Jumper Day

Please bring in any good condition outgrown Christmas jumpers to the school office for the PTA sale. There is a resale on the HVA PTA facebook page. **Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 11th December.** Children can wear a festive Christmas jumper over their school uniform. We will welcome donations for Save the Children.



Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 17th December, the last day of term. We will be sending out more information about this soon.

Christmas Class Parties – Thursday 17th December

On Thursday 17th December each class will enjoy a Christmas party. Parties may include singing, dancing, games, puzzles and crafts. Children can wear their own clothes or jolly Christmas clothes.

We have tried to provide a Christmas Show but...

Every other year, we have taken the whole school on a trip to the Weston Playhouse. This year we would have gone! Instead, the PTA had organised for a virtual Christmas show but unfortunately this has also been cancelled. We are trying to re-arrange an alternative. Watch this space!

Children in Need

The donations and raffle were extremely successful. Overall the school raised £460.69. Amazing!



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Investigating light with periscopes as Year 4 scientists



Year 1 writers publishing at home in isolation!



Year 3 scientists exploring insulators and conductors.



Reception children have been outside navigating space using scooters and trikes.

Year 2 learning about plants through reading and being hands on.



Pre-school exploring Forest School, discovering numbers and nature.



Year 5 developing their skills in sculpture through their learning as Historians when exploring Egyptology.

Parents Evenings

This was incredibly successful again this year, even though we could not meet in person. If you have not managed to have this meeting yet, please anticipate a phone call to arrange a time. We are nearly at 100% attendance!

Mrs Dexter

I am both pleased yet sad to share the news that Mrs Dexter will be leaving at the end of this term. She has secured her first headship post to start in January. This is a fantastic achievement! As many of you will know Mrs Dexter has played a key role in the success of the school to date. Mrs Dexter will be very much missed by us all as she has been instrumental in the success of many of the trainees and newly qualified teachers and SEND provision.

Before half term, we ran a process and successfully recruited a new Vice Principal who will join our school in February. More details to follow next term.

Tuesday 1st Dec – Christmas Tree Sale
Monday 7th Dec – PTA Christmas Tree Trail starts
Friday 11th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th Dec – Christmas Lunch and Class parties



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