

It has been great to see the children returning to school after a much-deserved Easter/Spring break. Whilst we all enjoyed a break of routine, our team feel they are well placed to support the children to have what they need over the next two terms.

Attendance is high and we know that when children are in school on time (8:40 – 9:00am), this helps them be ready for learning as they greet their friends and teachers, find out the plan for the day and start their reading lessons.

Face masks/face coverings and...

Last Monday, we shared that facemasks were something parents could choose to wear when they came onto the school playground at collection and drop-off time. This is in line with government guidance. However, please remember that if you choose not to wear a mask/face covering, you should be maintaining 2 metre distancing. Wearing a mask is part of the '1 metre plus' approach. Until a further update from the Government expected on the 17th May, we thank families in advance for their patience and respect of our current approaches:



- social distancing
- pupils working in class bubbles
- limited items brought into school after registration
- punctual drop-off and collections
- limited meetings with parents in person
- regular hand sanitation
- windows open

E-safety

Following the email sharing significant concerns regarding pupils vulnerability and online safety, we are trying to organise for the Police and a mobile network provider to offer parent support (online workshop) for parental settings and security. We will update you as soon as possible.



Risks to outside playing

As a follow up to the suspicious adult concern we shared on a recent school email, we can report no further concerns over the weekend and police are fully aware.

We would like to share this very short guidance leaflet for all parents considering whether to let their child out to play alone:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1103/out-alone-keeping-child-safe.pdf>

Catch-up subscriptions – BugClub & Doodle

There are 5 weeks until the next break with 2 bank holidays in between. After this, there will be another 6 weeks. During this time, you could help your child to access a range of school paid subscriptions to help them be more secure in their English and Maths knowledge and skills.

BugClub – daily reading books beyond the physical books that are changed weekly. Your children can access Doodle Maths, Doodle Tables, Doodle English and Doodle Spellings. All the Doodle programmes ask the children a series of questions and update your child's personal challenges based on their answers.

Daily practise (5-10 minutes) on one of these programmes on separate nights will consolidate and improve basic knowledge recall.



Dates to remember:

Monday 3rd May: Bank holiday

Friday 28th May: INSET day

Parents Evening

The attendance for Parents Evening has been very good, although we typically achieve a near-100%. If you have not booked your and you can make Wednesday 28th April, please contact the school office to arrange a time as our teachers want to speak to you about your child.

Foodbank

We have had an amazing response to the foodbank collection. Thank you. We will let you know if we are short again.



Clothes Bank

You may notice a large green container/bin outside on the path between the school car parks. You can deposit clean unwanted clothing in this container. The school PTA organised this and it will provide a steady flow of income.

PTA Representatives & Play logs

We are all part of the PTA as parents and staff of the school. This means that we can all help out to raise money through events. However if you would like to be part of the PTA committee to contribute to the organisation of events, you could be your year group Class representative. Please email enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk and we can forward your email to the PTA secretary.

Recent fundraising helped pay for the play logs, which have been a huge success.



Learning from this past week



As Scientists, Year 2's enjoyed a visit with real animals from Zoolab.



The Year 1 Writers enjoyed the story Billy's Beetle. It is a fun story and one which the Year 1 teaching team using QR codes and technology to hunt themselves.



Like many children in school, as Artists, Year 5 were starting their 'collage' learning journey.



Our adults are helping children to play games with each other, after a period of not playing as much. Pre-school teachers are teaching the game 'Duck, duck, goose'.



As Sportspersons, our Reception children really enjoyed their learning on the school field.



Year 4 Scientists were modelling how voluntary muscles work.

Learning about jobs/companies

If you have a job or involvement in a company that you think children would like to hear about, please get in touch with Mrs Brice, our Assistant Principal and curriculum lead via

enquiries@haywoodvillageacademy.org.uk

Visits, visitors and trips

If you think you could support school trips, please share this with your child's class teacher as they are planning trips and visits during this term and next.

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