

Newsletter 6th October 2023

Parents Evening is coming up in a few weeks' time on Monday (16th) and Wednesday (18th). Some classes will have their appointments on Tuesday 17th and this has been communicated to those year groups. Due to a system change, the online booking setup this year has not been as quick and easy as in previous years. Our office team worked very hard with the provider to resolve this. Most parents have already booked their appointments but there is still time if you have been unable to make a booking so far. If you are having any problems booking your appointments please contact the office and the office team will be able to help you.

Parents' Evening with our SENCo

Mrs Lovely, school SENCo, will be available on a 'dropin' basis during parents evenings. Please contact Mrs Lovely if you feel you would like to book a specific time.

RSPCA Visit

Following on from our hedgehog rescue, we were able to invite volunteers from the RSPCA to speak to children about hedgehogs and other animals and how we can safely support animal habitats in our gardens and beyond.



Black History Month

We have had two assemblies and a Team Talk this week exploring the importance and support for diversity in our communities. We have reinforced children's understanding of diversity. We have supported children in their use of language around race and skin tones. We have celebrated black poets, linked to National poetry day. Supporting and celebrating our unique differences, particularly the protected characteristics, will continue to be an important feature of HVA's curriculum as we help to develop lovely people. We will continue to support Black History Month throughout October with a few more opportunities, including welcoming members of the community into school.

Bikeability

Well done to the Year 6's who have participated in bikeability recently. It is great to see so many children across the school walk, scoot or cycle safely into school.

PTA AGM

Your school needs you to offer your voice and support to the fundraising opportunities that benefit the children. The PTA AGM is Thursday 12th October (next week) 7pm – 8pm. We need class representatives and parent voice in this forum as we begin to form our committee for this academic year.



Year 6 Mini Police

You may have seen the police about school a few times. We continue to raise the profile of our police service as safe and supportive adults that our children can approach in the community. The Year 6 programme called 'mini police' engages the children in key issues, dilemmas and discussions around the issues the police team support.

Food bank for harvest

We have had a tremendous response for Foodbank this past week. We are still keen collect more prior to the half term, so we can distribute this to families.

Do you need help with your weekly shopping, please email or see Mrs Saunter <u>sarah.saunter@clf.uk</u> and we can support you and your family.



Rock Steady Music & Music in the curriculum



We are pleased that some children are able to take up the Rock Steady music offer. We look forward to the performances next term.

X/Twitter on the website

We continue to experience a website issue, like many schools across the country and around the world, whereby the images we capture and post onto the website are not able to be seen unless parents have a twitter account. We are exploring a few options which may see us change our social media use. We will keep you informed.

Cookery Club

Year 1 children are enjoying learning new skills in cookery club. They have recently made apple crumbles and pizzas.





In the learning...

We have captured images of opportunities involving the children in the learning in the past weeks. Here are few of these moments...



A great time was had by all those who joined in at the first Pre-school Stay and Play of the year. Everyone explored lots of different sensory activities including playdough, spaghetti and gloop!



Linked to their story, The Little Red Hen, Reception children have been making bread this week.



As they have learnt how to write instructions, Year 1 were making jam sandwiches!



Year 2 scientists explored changing states of matter. They discussed how ice and chocolate would change states and then we had a go ourselves to see what would happen – chocolatey hands!



Year 3 creating a dance with Dance Angels Academy coach Imogen! Videos on the Year 3 webpage.



Year 4 making links at playtimes using chalk to make hopscotch using Roman Numerals.



Year 5 creating lots of space-related home learning!



Year 6 visited the Bristol Life Skills centre. It was an amazing trip in which children had many opportunities to learn about safety 'in life': trainlines, mobile phone use, stranger danger, responding to emergencies involving people, emergencies involving fire and even how to call the emergency services.

Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year.

(https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/)

- Tuesday 10th Oct Year 1 trip to Weston-super-Mare and Uphill
- Tuesday 10th Oct New Reception 2024/25 parent tour – 7:00 - 8:00pm
- Thursday 12th Oct Year 2 trip to SS Great Britain
- Thursday 12th Oct Year 3 trip to Cheddar Gorge and Caves
- Thursday 12th Oct PTA AGM 7:00 8:00pm
- Monday 16th Oct Parents Evening 3:30-7:00pm
- Tuesday 17th Oct Year 5 pupils showcase -2:45 – 3:15pm
- Tuesday 17th Oct Parents Evening (Pre-school and Mulberry class only) 3:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday 18th Oct Parents Evening 3:30-7:00pm
- Thursday 19th Friday 20th Oct INSET Days -School closed
- Saturday 21st Oct Sunday 29th October half term holiday
- Monday 30th Oct Year 5 Ancient Egypt day
- Monday 30th Oct Friday 3rd Nov Year 6 Beam House Residential trip
- Wednesday 1st Nov coffee morning with Mrs Saunter – 9am
- Monday 6th Nov PTA Fireworks Display 6:00 8:00pm
- Monday 13th Nov Tour for Reception 24/25 parents – 1:30 – 2:30pm
- Tuesday 14th Nov Year 6 pupils showcase -2:45 – 3:15pm
- Friday 17th Nov Children in Need

Golden Mentions



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week: Dexter and Kaiya in Year 6 produced outstanding writing.

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