

Next week we go into the final week of Term 2. We are really pleased with the resilience and energy of the children, even at this end of the term. The diary has continued to be very busy across the school and we appreciate parent support and encouragement of their children as we offer them a range of opportunities.

### Attendance

The class this week with the highest attendance is Birch Class with 98.3%. I wonder which class will have a visit from Captain Ted next week for the highest attendance in school? At Haywood Village we are working hard to be in school, every day and on time. As we go into the final week of term 2 there are so many reasons for children to come to school every day. In addition to engaging learning and spending time with friends we have a singing performance in KS1, a nativity in Reception, the school pantomime trip and a delicious Christmas dinner to look forward to.

### Designers

Next week, our children will be engaged as designers in their curriculum. We have shared in the previous newsletter items we are keen to have support with if you have spare or can donate:

- Newspapers
- Clean coffee stirrers/lolly pop sticks
- Masking tape

### Haywood Village musicians

We are delighted to hear stories of children taking up extra instrument practice outside of school, following their instrument lessons. This has included purchasing second hand instruments. We would like to hear from families who would be interested in 'borrowing' instruments to enable their children to do extra practice at home.

**Did you know...** that Year 6 and Reception have weekly buddy reading sessions?



### Christmas Fayre

This was a tremendous success. Thank you to families for your support. We raised just over £2000 after costs. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December the Friends of HVA committee will be responding to pupil and teacher requests to identify the planned spending of the funds and we hope to share this with families in the new year.

### Year Four TT Rockstar Parent Support

Thank you for those of you who were able to join us for our showcase and the first student v teacher TT battle! We would welcome this enthusiasm to continue at home with the logins handed out on the day for parents. We are already seeing a huge benefit of the excitement of competing against family members impacting on their knowledge and speed of multiplication as mathematicians. If you were unable to attend, or need a new parent login, then please see Mr Sharp or Miss Crisp who can provide you with one. As children are progressing with their multiplication knowledge we will begin to introduce rewards for this next term, including badges and certificates!



### Miss Priddle leaves HVA 😞

After 6 years of working at HVA, Miss Priddle will be leaving the school this term. Parents of Year 2 Elm class children were informed of this earlier in the term. We recognise that many children in our older years have also been taught by Miss Priddle. She has been a fantastic teacher over the years since she started her career with us. We wish Miss Priddle all the best in her new role as a teacher in another local school.

### Inclusion Team drop-in

Members of the Inclusion Team will be available for 'drop-in' sessions each term. Our next one takes place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9am – 10.30am, with Mrs Lovely, our school SENCo.

## Parent Support – managing behaviour and emotional regulation at home

The local Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) have offered us a fantastic opportunity to access their parenting support groups. The first one will start in January, running for 6 weeks, and will focus on managing behaviour and emotional regulation at home. If you would like to be considered for this group, please email Mrs Lovely ([Laura.Lovely@clf.uk](mailto:Laura.Lovely@clf.uk)) to express an interest. Days / times of the group will be confirmed once places have been allocated.

## Our Academy Councillors immerse themselves in school

On 20<sup>th</sup> November we invited our Academy Councillors to come into school and join in with lessons. This was a great opportunity to go beyond the paperwork of governance and see the experience children get in school. The feedback was very positive and children enjoyed talking about their learning with them. Thank you to Hannah Cooke, Kathryn Volk and Fiona Mayne.

## Admissions Consultation: 27th November 2023 - 19th January 2024

The Academy is consulting on its Admissions Policy and the proposed policy can be found on our website <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/letter-s/consultation-on-the-draft-admissions-policies-for-haywood-village-academy-2025-26/>

You are invited to provide any comments for consideration on the proposed arrangements by 5pm on Friday, 19th January 2024. Final arrangements will be determined by 28th February 2024 and will appear on the school website by 15th March 2024. Any comments or objections can be made during the stated period to Elizabeth Tincknell, Head of Governance for the Cabot Learning Federation. The email address for correspondence is [Governance@clf.uk](mailto:Governance@clf.uk) or in writing to Elizabeth Tincknell, Federation House, King's Oak Academy, Brook Road, Bristol, BS15 4JT.

## Parents Evenings

The next Parents Evenings were due to take place in February. The date has changed and the Parents Evenings will now take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. More information to follow.

## In the learning...

Lots of reading, writing and maths, but also so many other subjects and opportunities in school these past couple of weeks.



Pre-school have been practising their turn-taking skills and how to work as a team.



Reception mathematicians creating repeating patterns.



Year 1 scientists labelling body parts (after they draw around themselves!)





Year 2 musicians performing in their Rock Steady band. 🙌



Year 5 historians creating 'Top Trumps' of their Egyptian gods.



Year 3 in their 'Connect Us' time for PSHE playing 'Grandma's Footsteps' as explained to them by their Playleader.



Year 6 readers reading the most last week out of any class in school.



Year 4 enjoyed being curious at Weston Museum and taking part in a Viking workshop.



Year 6 artists mastering their clay modelling skills – coiling and pinching.



Year 4 creating their own Bayeux Tapestry as historians.

## Calendar update

Check our events pages events for our school calendar:

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

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 Christmas singing performance – 2:30pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception to Year 2 trip to the Pantomime
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pre-school Christmas songs and crafts – 1:45pm – 3pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year 3 - 6 trip to the Pantomime
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Choir Performance – 2:30pm – 3:00pm (for parents of children in choir only)
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception Nativity performance – 9:15am – 9:45am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas lunch
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – last day of term
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – INSET day – school closed to pupils
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – first day of term 3
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter and Fiona Mayne – 9am
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 2 start swimming lessons
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – meeting for parents re: Year 6 residential Oct 2024 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 4 workshop on times tables rock stars and MTC – 4:00pm – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – choir travelling to Birmingham to attend Young Voices Concert
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Explorer Dome visiting Reception
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Inclusion team 'drop-in' sessions with Mrs Lovely – 9:00am – 10:30am
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 3 pupil showcase 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter 'Advanced parenting' - 9am
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – last day of term

## Golden Mentions



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week: Milo in Year 3 for his historic portrait of Henry VIII, Andrei and Michael in Year 2 for their achievement to perform in the Rock Steady band; Albie in Year 3 for his geographical writing; Teddy in Year 1 for his improved writing skills, Luna in Year 2 for meeting her writing target and Max in Year 6 for his progress in his writing. Well done!

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