

It has felt like a very productive term for the children. We have had many visitors this term from colleagues working within our trust – Cabot Learning Federation – as well as visiting school leaders from beyond the trust. We have received considerable praise, as have the children for their behaviour and attitudes to learning.

### Attendance – Holidays and family time 😊

We would like to thank you for your continued support to ensure your children are in school, every day and on time to access our excellent curriculum offer.

At this time of year, you may start thinking about your summer holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that children have 175 days not in school to plan your exciting family adventures. Please see a reminder of the holidays leading up to and including summer below:

- Term 4 begins on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February
- Term 4 ends on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Term 5 begins on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 5 ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 6 begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- Term 6 ends on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Please see our school website for term dates beyond this: <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/term-dates/> Next year's academic year term dates are also on the website and our Cabot Learning Federation Trust will soon update the INSET days.

### Parent Survey

Our annual survey is now live for you to contribute to. This can be found by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/JWVZRNxJd7> We will send a few reminders and give you until 19<sup>th</sup> February to respond.

### Pupil Survey

Recently we completed a pupil survey. This survey was completed by children in Year 3 – 6 independently. Some sample groups of children in Year 1 – 2 also managed to contribute.

We asked about their favourite subjects, their favourite activities and how their teacher helps them – all of which were interesting to read. Being artists and sportspersons/PE remain top of the list for favourite subjects. We asked, 'How could school be better for you?', and the answers to this were helpful, with small changes shared that could be immediately actionable by teachers, and others – such as building a swimming pool! – less realistic!

We asked the children if they feel safe. This was overwhelmingly positive. However, some children shared feelings of being unsafe as they referred to "accidents in the playground happening", "we have alarms and we do fire drills", "there is pushing when children play football" and "a child in class can get cross in school and push things over." As a result, Class Teachers have shared reassuring messages to pupils individually and to classes, and we will also revisit this in assemblies next term.

### HVA Citizens Certificate – "Lovely People"

Did you see the Citizen's Certificate come home with your child? (Year 1 – 6). It was great to have children contribute to this and make decisions on how this now looks. If you have any questions, please approach/email your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing their progress over the next half of the year.



### Language of the term

As Modern Foreign Linguists, children in Key Stage 2 learn French at HVA, but Mrs Giles has been also promoting a new language each term, which can be used in greetings during the day. Cantonese has been our language this term and Chinese culture was further celebrated this week – especially in Reception with help from Miss Lee.



### Quick read before you go home...

Life often feels busy with little time to fit everything in. How about you take advantage of the convenience and warmth of the school building and complete a daily read in the classroom at the end of the day?





### In the learning...

The school website captures some of the learning from this past week:



Inspired by Chinese cuisine, the Pre-school children opened their own restaurant and served each other in their role play.



Year 2 musicians continuing to learn the recorder.

Year 2 Elder artists in the classroom – watch this short clip [https://x.com/HVA\\_elderclass/status/1753080938417070314?s=20](https://x.com/HVA_elderclass/status/1753080938417070314?s=20)



Reception readers impressing their Year 6 buddies with their improving reading skills.



Year 3 artists using watercolours to create their own Tudor Rose.



Year 1 scientists were learning about the water cycle. They know that clouds form when water particles evaporate and that when the clouds become full the rain falls. They enjoyed representing this cycle in an experiment and were very excited to see our 'clouds' rain,



Year 4's, like the rest of the school, explored internet safety and how to keep safe online. They focused on cyber-bullying and created safety posters.





Each class has a playleader who introduces games at the start of the week to their class. This is the Year 5 Playleader leading her class with a new playtime game.



A representative from the Houses of Parliament met Year 5 & 6 to talk about democracy.

### **Flibbertigibbet Theatre, Bristol Old Vic & Year 4 will present *The Farmer and the Clown***



On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February, our Year 4 children will be supporting the event management to host Flibbertigibbet Theatre's *The Farmer and the Clown*. Tickets are available to the public and will be advertised via social media with availability from Monday – via text.

Please note, the children will be seeing the show during the school day, courtesy of the children managing to reach their collective target of 10,000 reads this term! Thank you to the Friends of HVA (formerly PTA) for paying for these daytime shows. The aim of hosting a **5:30pm – 6:30pm** show is to bring theatre to our community, give our children a chance to support event management and raise funds for the school.

### **World Book Week 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March**

During World Book Week children across the school will be celebrating reading. We have a number of opportunities planned for children to inspire a lifelong love of reading, including storyteller visits, dressing up and competitions. More information will be sent out next term.

### **Radio Show 'Shout Out'**

Our DJ Radio Crew upload very short shows weekly. You can tune in and listen – they give weather, news and sport updates, as well as play 'guess the teacher'. <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/school-radio-2/>. You can also download the app for Soundcloud and search for Haywood Village Academy. You can email into the school radio by emailing directly to [info@hva.clf.uk](mailto:info@hva.clf.uk)

### **An important final note – parent behaviour**

We strongly advise all parents who have concerns regarding child-on-child behaviour in school – unkind words, physicality or otherwise – to approach the school class teachers and not approach parents of other children directly, especially in the playground after school in front of the children.

### **School Calendar**

Check our events pages events for our school calendar:

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

#### **February 2024**

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – first day of term 4
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Bristol Old Vic Community Performance hosted by Year 4 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

#### **March 2024**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – World Book Week
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Coffee morning 'Keeping Everyone Safe' with Mrs Saunter, Kathryn Volk and local PCSOs – 9am – 11am
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Comic Relief 2024
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 1 trip to Bristol Zoo Project
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 pupil showcase – 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Haywood's Got Talent! Week
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – Haywood's Got Talent! Final

### **Golden Mentions**



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week:

Xander in Year 1 for a fantastic weather report. Paisley and Nelly from Year 2 for tremendous progress in writing. Rueben and Lottie in Year

4 for their artwork. Kaiya, Leo and Dexter in Year 6 for their documentary writing. Ivy in Year 6 for her artwork.

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