

Welcome back to the start of the school year. For some of you, this will be your 6th year and others, your first. Whilst we are certainly operating the 'walk into school' approach as opposed to lining up before the school day, I trust all of us will help to make everyone welcome. We look forward to a more usual year for our children.

The Summer of Fun

A quick mention regarding the August Summer of Fun. This was a tremendous success and thanks to Co-Op, Morrisons, Yeo Valley and DfE we were able to fund and prepare food. It was great to have 60 children, from Uphill and HVA, every day to experience a range of opportunities such as Forest School, workshops from the museum, European Space Agency, Zoolab and Sports coaching. The smiles from the children were worth all the effort from the staff.



Feedback from last term by parents...

The parent survey at the end of the year shared so much supportive feedback – thank you. The power of the words so many of you wrote about our staff was very much appreciated. The survey also provided some helpful feedback. A key area for improvement was communication around events are how we can provide more notice. There were also helpful suggestions on a range of school ideas that we have taken on board.

New School Calendar:

Linking to the above. Our website page <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/> details events for the year. You are also able to add this calendar to your calendars, including mobile, by clicking on the subscribe button.

Pupil Voice

Following on from our work with children last term, we will continue to carry out our Pupil Surveys as a further means to find out pupils' views and how they are feeling, beyond the usual teacher to pupil conversations.

We are starting back with **Team Talk** this week. This is an opportunity for children to sit and discuss ideas in mixed groups across the school. In previous years it was highly successful and provided an opportunity for children to discuss their views and develop their oracy.



You will also hear about other opportunities that the children will be involved in as representatives of groups. These are:

- Eco-Warriors – Miss Billiterri
- Play leaders – Mr Ellis
- Librarians – Miss Hall/Mr Batchelor
- Community – Mrs Brice

School Clubs

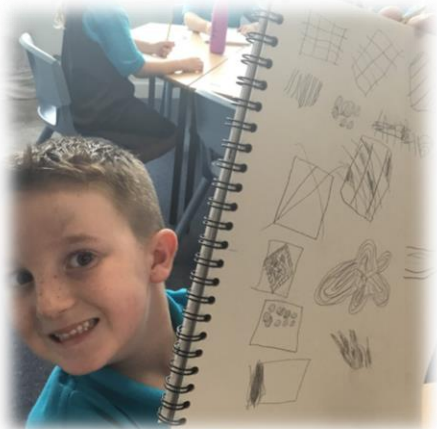
A few parents have asked about after school clubs. Mr Sharp, with support from Miss Billiterri, will aim to start clubs in the week beginning 27th September. A letter will be shared next week.

Only Ned the School dog

Many of you will have met Ned, the school dog. You will usually meet Ned on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays as he greets all families into school. He will particularly look out to support those needing a little extra help to enter and settle into school. Ned has been risk-assessed and continues to gain experience working towards recognised Therapy Dog status. To support his work, including his focus, as well as adhering to the health and safety controls we have put in place over recent years, our expectation is that **other dogs do not come past the school gates** and into school. Families can tie the dogs up where space allows by railings.

Can I see my child's learning?

Please ask the teaching team when is a good time to come into class to see your children's learning outcomes, i.e. books. The year group website will also show the twitter feed of opportunities happening at school. On Tuesday 19th 2:45pm, there will be an opportunity for parents to come into school and see your child's learning outcomes, i.e. books and to discuss these with your child.



Uniform - Label Label Label!

Stamping kits like these <https://stamptastic.co.uk/> can really help. However, the most important thing is to label your child's clothes as your child will take off their jumpers/cardigans and forget them. Without a name on them, they may get misplaced. We recommend even labelling shoes!



Timings for the school day

8:40 am school gates open. We would expect EYFS & Year 1 children to be walked to classrooms.

8:45am Classrooms open

3:05pm Gates open for parents to use the playground space.

3pm Pre-school collection time.

3:15pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 collection time.

3:20pm Year 3,4,5 and 6 collection time.

PE Kits

For Reception and KS1, PE kits will be sent home on Fridays for their weekly wash. KS2 children wear their PE kits into school on PE days.

Attendance & Illness

Our school attendance is excellent and contributes significantly to the enjoyment and standards children achieve at HVA. If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office by 10am.

Key Dates in Term 1

- Meet the teacher meetings:
 - Year 5 – Tuesday 14th 2:30pm
 - Year 6 – Wednesday 15th 2:30pm
- Tuesday 21st September: PTA Annual General Meeting 7:30pm
- Monday 18th October & Wednesday 20th October: Parents' Evening
- Thursday 21st October & Friday 22nd October: INSET
School closed

Keep an eye on or subscribe to the calendar.

Class email accounts

For any queries you can contact the enquiries email below. If you specifically want to speak to the senior leadership team (SLT) or the Principal, we request that you contact the class teacher first. If the response or enquiry is one that requires a response from the SLT, please email info@hva.clf.uk. From there, staff can coordinate a response to ensure your enquiry is responded to in good time.

The class emails accounts are:

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Many thanks

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