

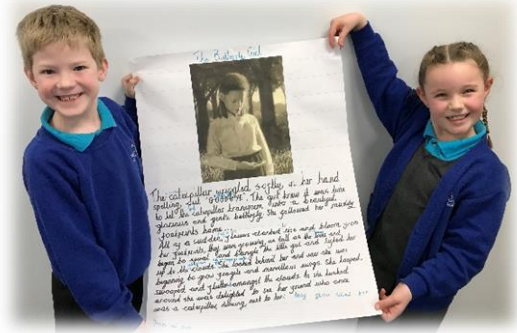
Welcome back for Term 4. Once again, it has been a very positive return to school with children showing enthusiasm for their learning opportunities and playing with friends this week.

World Book Day

Once again, parents have supported their children enthusiastically for World Book Day. The response to reuse, recycle and repurpose has seemingly worked well for all. There were so many more home-made outfits using 1 or 2 props only. It has been great to see the creativity in our community.

You can see images on the school website under the class pages under the Curriculum section on the website. You can also watch our 'Dash to school' video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBI5WmX-8DU>



Creating stories from mysterious pictures as a class



Reading buddies and using our library



Visit from the author Squiz Gordon!



Creating a vegetable book character: Hungry Caterpillar

School Library

Mrs Coleman – Our Librarian (under 4 hours per week), has done a brilliant job to support the organisation of the library, including obtaining more fictional books for the children to read. We are really pleased to have the library up and running this year.

If your child takes out a book, please help them to return it. An easy way to do this is to always return the book into their book bag each day after they look at it at home.

Parents Evening

Teachers were really pleased to meet with parents for parents evening. If you missed your meeting, teachers will be keen to reorganise a time.

Attendance

Next week we will be sending home attendance records as we have reached the half-way point in the academic year. In the past, parents have indicated that they have found this helpful to keep a track of absence. Please note lateness after registration counts as an absence.

Unfortunately, we have and will continue to implement the notice to the local authority to issue penalty notices for 10 sessions (5 days) for unauthorised absence.

The table below indicates how what might seem like just a few days of absence can result in children missing a significant number of lessons.

Regular attendance and arriving on time (8:50 am) ensures:

- Children do not create gaps in their learning.
- Children are not left confused, stressed or anxious on the plan for each day or week.
- Children experience as much education as possible considering they have missed so much during the pandemic.

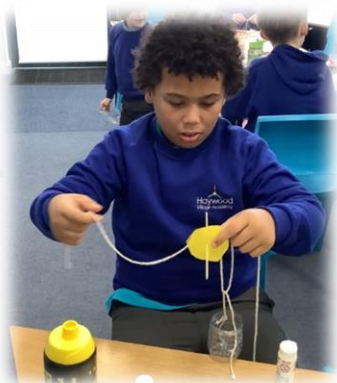
Attendance during school year	Days lost in a year	Which is approximately
95%	9.5 Days	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks

Contact Class Teachers first

This is a plea to parents to contact their child's class teacher in the first instance where there is a concern or query regarding their child in school. We have noticed that in recent months, parents have contacted the Mr Jones directly for a range of reasons. With over 430 children in school, contacting Mr Jones directly may well result in delays in responses. Please be assured that there are sufficient systems in school to ensure that Mr Jones, Mr Ellis (Vice Principal) and Mrs Brice (Assistant Principal) are soon made aware of matters arising.

Uniform policy

We are currently updating our uniform policy to include a few clarifications, for example watches, jewellery. If you have any feedback on the uniform that you would like us to consider – please share this via email to info@hva.clf.uk before 11th March.



Dogs on site

Please note that there are to be no dogs beyond the school gate. Parents are able to tie/link their dogs safely on the perimeter fences if needed.



Parking on Whitney Crescent

Please park safely around our school. We have received emails from frustrated residents where families have parked their cars across driveways and on unsafe locations, such as corners.

Watch out for...

- The new reading challenge letter for Term 4. Remember whilst the incentives are great to motivate your child to regularly read, the ultimate prize is being able to read, and this includes our oldest children.
- Haywood's Got Talent – Mr Ellis is leading the school on an exciting event for the end of term. Many children will have the chance to enter a school competition sharing their talents with a live audience at the end of this term.
- Displays of learning in the shop next door to the Pharmacy. We have been offered the chance to present displays of children's work for the public to see in the empty shop space. 😊
- The arrival of a considerable amount of wood chippings to support our Forest School;



Golden Mentions

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Congratulations to the children who managed to be awarded for their achievement and entry into the school's Gold Book recently: Archie in Year 2 for a tremendously engaging story, Laura in Year 6 for an impressive

Pop-art painting and Connor in Year 2 for a colourful and well-painted planet.

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