

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD

Dear Families,

Another busy few weeks with lots of learning and enrichment activities taking place.

Mental Health Scarf Day, Priests House Museum visit, Crazy Creatures, World Book Day including a range of visiting authors, Litterpicking, Cake sales and Ofsted to name just a few! These enrichment activities provide opportunities for children to experience and learn about things greater than their own immediate community and are a valued part of school life. While this is going on the children continue to make huge strides in their progress. It was wonderful to share some sentence writing from the Reception class last week and to see how much progress they have made from early mark-making in September.

As promised, Clare Williams (Trauma Informed Schools Trainer) came to do a talk for parents, giving context to our Behaviour Guidance. Feedback from those who attended has been incredible, to the extent that we would like to host another session in the Summer term. If you weren't able to attend I would urge you to prioritise it in your diaries. I will send more information about dates and content soon.



Comments from the Clare William's meeting:

'This is something every parent, should be aware of.'

'Even in the short time, I learned some strategies that are already having a positive impact.'

'It was such an informative and useful session'

'I could have listened to Clare for hours.'

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TEACHING AND LEARNING

It has been lovely to be able to celebrate and share the children's learning this week. I hope you have a clear picture of your child's strengths and have clear targets for improvement. I know you appreciated the chance to see the learning environment and get a feel for life at school for your child.

Recent training and INSET have been used to further develop retrieval practice and be clear about how we deliberately plan for this across the curriculum.

We have been looking at the format of the Newsletter. I hope you find the new format attractive and easy to access. I am many things but I am not creative at all, and any feedback, guidance or suggestion would be welcome!

We have also looked at key learning for the children that we want them to know and remember and this will feed into further work on assessment.

On 31 March we will be reviewing feedback and thinking about best practices so we can all learn from each other.



We have introduced a new programme called Picture News. This is being used to supplement our resources and provide thought-provoking opportunities which we hope will prompt further discussions at home. These will be added to Google classrooms as we do them so watch this space!

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SCHOOL NEWS

Sadly, Mrs Hodder will be leaving Hayeswood at the end of the Summer Term to spend more time with her family and friends.

We wish her the very best in her retirement. We are recruiting currently, and will let you know as soon as we have appointed.

SCHOOLCOUNCIL

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The School Council have worked hard this half term. We started it by judging the SCARF designs and handing out the prizes in assembly, then launched our lunchtime charter to ensure behaviour in the hall is just as amazing as it is in the classrooms and we're currently discussing road safety and designing posters. Keep your eyes peeled for these as they'll soon make an appearance!



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ATTENDANCE

This is our current attendance for each school for your information. Thank you to all those who are making significant efforts to ensure your children are in school, are on time and are ready to start their learning.

Aim: 97%+

Hayeswood 94.9

Colehill 95.2%

Thank you to all of you who explicitly model good manners, in the morning especially, and encourage your children to do the same. Many are getting much better at doing this and some have gone above and beyond by saying things like good morning, have a lovely Easter, have a nice weekend, how was your day? We are actively encouraging children to do this in school and your encouragement and support are really appreciated.

ROAD SAFETY

Please can I remind you that there should be no parking in the zig-zag area outside schools or anywhere within 10 metres of a junction.

Engines should be turned off.

Parking up further away and walking is a great way to keep the children active and boost step counts before school whilst providing a valuable opportunity to talk about road safety and the school day ahead.

Please can you remind children that **hair should be tied** back if longer. It makes it much easier for the children to work, reduces the risk of getting headlice and helps the children to take pride in their appearance.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



ECO CLUB NEWS

Eco clubs at Hayeswood and Colehill got together to make a difference. Together with Eco leads, Miss Walker and Mrs Hodder, and Oly Rush they organised a litter pick at Many, many families showed up and armed with litter pickers and dressed in high-vis jackets scoured the beach. Afterwards, they examined the rubbish found and discussed their findings.

Year 4 Transition

Year 4 classes have been visited by Mr Ayling (Head) and Mr (Head of Year 5). We will be working closely together to ensure that our Year 4 children have the best transition possible and are looking forward to their new start. Watch this space for news about upcoming Sports Events where you will be invited to come along too and talk to staff in an informal way while encouraging the teams!



30th March - Last day of Spring term

31st March - Inset Day

3rd April to 14th April - Easter holidays

17th April - First day of Summer term

19th April - HAY Y3 trip to Kimmeridge

21st April - HAY YR Heights and Weights check

24th April - HAY YR/1/2/3 Science Dome visit

24th April - COL Y1 Science Dome visit to Hayeswood

27th April - COL YR Heights and Weights check

1st May - May Bank Holiday

8th May - King's Coronation - Bank Holiday

19th May - HAY Sponsored Walk

22nd May - COL Y3/4 Iron Age day

26th May - COL Sponsored Walk

29th May to 2nd June - Half term

5th June - Inset Day

6th June - pupils return

6th June - HAY Class Photos

7th June - COL Class Photos

13th June - COL Sports Day

14th June - HAY Sports Day

15th June to 16th June - HAY Y4 Carey Camp residential

22nd June to 23rd June - COL Y3 ATC residential

7th July - Transfer Day

8th July - HAY HSA Summer Fayre

21st July - Last day of Summer term