

NEWSLETTER

Respect Reflect Resilient

Dear Families,

July in school is always a very busy month, but it is also a time for reflection and celebration. As I read each child's report it was both a pleasure and a privilege to reflect on every individual journey. It is really lovely to see the progress that the children have made from their own starting points. I'll be honest, a few brought me close to tears. What was particularly impressive was the number of children who are excellently behaved and well-motivated and show a positive attitude to their learning, often despite real difficulties with learning. The resilience these young people are showing is quite something. I hope you will be able to celebrate the reports with your child if you haven't already done so and acknowledge all the small steps that combine eventually to make real progress.

It's also quite an emotional time for staff as Year 4 children leave us, but also exciting as our new starters begin their journeys.

We appreciate that everyone's lives are busy and complicated and have endeavoured to make life a little easier to organise by putting together a list of dates of events for the year. As this is the first year to do this I would appreciate your feedback. There may need to be events added but we will make sure that these are given as soon as possible when we can.

You will receive this the first week in September.

I would like to do some shared work with you next term around what we want from our schools for our children and would ask

you if you can come and join us. The date will be sent in the first week of September.

On a more personal note, I wanted to say thank you to you as parents, as I come to the end of my first year working with you - for your help, understanding and support throughout the year. I have really valued and appreciated it.

I am very much looking forward to working with you more next year and making our schools even better places to be for everyone. We have written our school improvement plan for next year, but it is currently in draft. Once that has been signed off I will share the key points with you.

I hope you manage to get some lovely family time together with your children, making special memories and that you have a healthy, peaceful, happy break ready for next year.

Sharon Staddon

Executive Headteacher

FOCUS ON PE

I have been so proud of all of the PE learning that has happened within our school this half term. Sports Day was a huge success, with all the coloured teams coming together to support one another and cheer each other on! Thank you to all the staff, academy members and parents for all of the help and support to make this day so special!

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The children have thoroughly enjoyed their PE lessons and have shown great talent and promise in their summer sports.

EYFS have had their first experience of having a coach into their class and have been working with AFC Bournemouth on their ball skills - they have enjoyed this very much!

Year 1 has been practising striking and fielding and made Mrs Dawson very proud when they successfully played their first-class game of rounders. In the last few weeks, we will begin to practise our underarm and overarm bowling.

Year 2 has been taking part in target games, which definitely helped with their success on Sports Day. They have been focusing on force and using more or less force depending on the distance of their target.

Years 3 and 4 have been playing rounders and Mr Rayner and Mr Hayes have also become very involved in cheering on the teams during their lessons! Key Stage Two has been focusing on tactics and whether or not they should stop at a certain base, depending on the position of the fielders.

It has been a pleasure to watch each class during their PE lessons this term and I really hope every child has enjoyed the opportunity to be outside keeping fit and healthy.

Claire Dawson

Year 1 Teacher & PE Lead (Hayeswood and Colehill)

FOCUS ON LITERACY

The children have continued to work really hard this term with their phonic and English learning. It has been amazing to see the children's skills come together in extended pieces of writing. They have been writing for different purposes and using different stimuli for inspiration, such as recounts of residential trips to the Ancient Technology Centre and Carey Camp, day trips to Hengistbury Head, Moors Valley and Dumpton, and writing newspaper reports about mountain expeditions and Egyptian adventure stories.

Our wonderful Books for Topics have also been great springboards into all sorts of writing opportunities. They have been enjoyed by all and are displayed in both schools for children (and adults) as a talking point as they wander past:

Year 1: Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, The Way Back Home & Others by Oliver Jeffer and "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" to name a few.

Year 2: Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs, Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd Stanton.

Year 3: Himalayan Mountains Expedition Diaries by Simon Chapman, The Pied Piper by Michael Morpurgo and Aesop's Fables retold by Michael Rosen.

Year 4: Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll.

It has been great to see how the children have been using their spelling and phonetic knowledge with improved accuracy in their writing. Spelling practice

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is so important and as well as learning weekly spellings, many children will benefit from accessing games to encourage practice for key spellings. This would be particularly useful to practise over the summer holiday too! Here are some useful websites:

[www.sumdog](http://www.sumdog.com) (spelling)

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcgv39q>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zd63xyc/articles/zdp4pg8>

It is also very useful for children to get really familiar and confident with their year group's common exception words. These can be found here:

[What are exception words?](#)

Thank you so much for all of your hard work and support with your children's reading and spelling (writing). Our schools' passion for reading will continue to be a priority. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

Helen Self and Julia Simmonds

Phonic and English Leads



Year 2 Trip to Hengistbury Head

SCHOOL NEWS

Hayeswood First School were delighted to receive a second visit from eco campaigner, Oly Rush on Monday 26th June. The Dorset swimmer came to talk about his next challenge, which will be to swim around the Greek Island, Icatia, to raise more awareness of the plastic pollution problem. The timing of the visit was perfect as the children had just completed their Arts Week last week,



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which focused on 'Trash Art'. Organised by Eco Lead and Art Lead, Mrs Hodder, and her brilliant eco team (pictured here with Oly), the week involved children reusing and recycling rubbish to create collaborative art work. They were inspired and supported by 'A' Level students and Mrs Dunnington (art teacher and Y2 parent) from Lytchett Minster. Thank you to everyone involved!

We won First, Second and Third prize between our two schools in the NHS 75 Year's Victoria Hospital Competition. Congratulations to Willa at Colehill and Evelyn and Ella Rose at Hayeswood.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to both school council teams for all their hard work this year. We will be developing the pupil voice role even more next year, so watch this space.

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.

Hayeswood 95%

Colehill 96 %

BREAKFAST CLUB (COLEHILL)

After a trial this term, Breakfast Club is carrying on in the Autumn Term. Thank you to the Nursery for providing this service but also to you, for supporting it. For information about the club, please contact

Lou Pile by emailing
manager@colehillnursery.co.uk



LEAVERS

Both schools celebrated the leaving of year 4 in style and song. We wish them every happiness and success as they carry on their journey. We know that they take many happy memories with them and leave us with many happy memories too.

We say goodbye to Mrs Hodder and Mrs Bartlett this year also. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Back in school - 5th September 2023