Heath Hayes Academy Newsletter



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A note from Mrs Johnson *Headteacher*

Welcome to our Summer Term Newsletter! As we close the curtains on another remarkable year at HHA, I am filled with pride reflecting on our children's successes. Our pupils have shown hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm, making significant academic and personal progress. Classrooms buzzed with creativity and learning, driven by dedicated teachers. We are fortunate to have supportive parents whose involvement has created a strong community. Our close-knit staff team has worked collaboratively to ensure every child feels valued, safe and loved. The contributions of our PTFA have been invaluable. Looking forward to the next academic year, I am excited and optimistic. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable summer break. We can't wait to see what the next year will bring! Mrs J

Highlights from the Term





Kingsmead Farm

wonderful time **Kingsmead's** Farm in May.



Shake it up Shakespeare Day

The whole school had great fun dressing up in Elizabethan and Shakepeare costumes in June to celebrate our whole school adventure



PTFA News Don't forget to follow our PTFA on their facebook page to keep up to date with all things HHA.

Password

If you haven't already done so, we'd like to remind you to email your child's class teacher with their collection password. This password is to be used when an adult unknown to the school is collecting your child.

Parental reminder





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Harry Potter World

Year 3 and 4 explored the Studio Tour at Warner Bros in July, attending a special lesson, using actual props from the films.



Cannock Fire Station As a part of learning for life, Year 5 attended a safe & sound experience at our local Cannock Fire Station.





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Roaming with the Romans To celebrate Heath Hayes Academy achieving the Excellence Award for Active Travel, children walked to school with real life Romans from the Histrionics Theatre.





Celebrating Mother and Father's Day Special family members were invited to spend a special lunchtime with children - there were lots of laughs and smiley faces!





Climate Control Revolution

Dr Emma Fieldhouse came along to HHA and presented a session all about sustainability, helping us to develop actions for climate education & carbon reduction.

The Learning Hub Miss Kay has been busy transforming the old library into the new Learning Zone. This is a new area in school, and part of our commitment to providing high quality education which meets the diverse needs of all our students.







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SATS Celebration Day A huge well done to our Year 6's, who worked incredibly hard to complete their SATS, and to celebrate we held a fun, action packed day!

PCSO visit for Child Safety Week PCSO's came along to the school to teach Year 2 and 5 how to keep safe

> WW2 Workshop Year 5 had a fabulous day exploring WW2 objects and joining in with all the activities.





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Rock Bottom What a performance! KS2 went above and beyond and made us all so very proud - they are all superstars!





Theatre Visit Wolverhampton Grand Theatre performed Gnome on the Roam to Reception and Years 1 to 4. The children had a great time and joined in with the performance.

Sports Day Children cheered each other on in their races, demonstrating teamwork and great sportsmanship.



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Fire Engine Visit

The Fire Fighters came to visit Year 1 and 2, teaching them about fire safety, and showing them inside the fire engine – They even used the water hose!

Calling all Heroes Family members joined our Heath Hayes Hero's at our celebration event.

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What's coming up.....





Wraparound Care

When we return in September Progressive Kids will be delivering our Breakfast and After School Club. Our staff Miss Pearce, Mrs Hall and Mrs Gretton will be working alongside to continue to provide a nurturing, fun and supportive environment for the children.



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Our Philosophy

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Every child is unique and we celebrate this with our inclusive and enriching approach, which places the child at the centre of all our decisions.

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variety of activities awaiting them at Progressive Kids!

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Trips & Experiences at Heath Hayes Academy!



Thank you!

Based on your valuable feedback, we have revamped our school trips and the experiences we offer. This will be in place from September 2024. Instead of many individual payments during the academic year, there will be a one-off payment of £50 per child via ParentPay, to cover all experiences/school trips.

Our annual school offer:

- 1 whole school trip
- 1 off site paid trip per year group
- 2 local visits (minimum)
- 1 visitor per class (minimum)
- This does not include residential trips.

Key Info per Child!

- £50 payment by parents/carers
- + £5 School fund donation
- + £5 PTFA Donation
- = £60 worth of inspiring, creative and
- motivational school experiences annually!
- This year our children will have visited...
- The Grand Theatre
- ✓ Harry Potter World
- Kingsmead Farm
- Local Library
- National Space Centre
- ✓ Cannock Chase
- ✓ Fire Station
- Local Nature Reserve

In school we have experienced...

- Inflatable celebration day
- Animal visitor
- ✓ Dance workshop
- ✓ Andy Tooze *Poetry Visit*
- African Dance Workshop
- Olympic Visit
- ✓ Trunk Theatre
- ✓ And many more!

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Reminders

Uniform

Trousers, skirts or shorts – Grey/Black (smart/not jogging bottoms/leggings) Polo T Shirts – Purple only Jumpers, cardigans, fleeces – purple with or without a logo Gingham dresses - purple & white are suitable during summer Shoes – Black (Can be smart, black all over No toys teddies soft toys to be

Celebration Assembly

Weekly Celebration Assembly will be at 8.50am every Thursday morning

not send fizzy drinks into school, You will receive an email invite on the Friday if your child has been selected for the Thursday of the following week.

PE Uniform (Please bring on a Monday and leave in school until Friday)

Shorts/Jogging bottoms – Black T-shirt – Purple (with or without logo) Footwear – Black pumps/trainers Purple Hoodie - optional.

Drinks and Snacks - please do

one healthy snack please.

Forest School

brought into school please.

Uniform - Black jogging bottoms, purple tshirt & optional purple hoodie/Wellies/ waterproofs as appropriate for the weather!

(All classes will have termly access to Forest School and you will receive details of your child's slot in advance).

School Dinners and Tuck

Please book school meals and tuck by Sunday for the week ahead (e.g. Sunday 9th cut off for week commencing 10th).

Book with your child, so they are involved in the meal choice.







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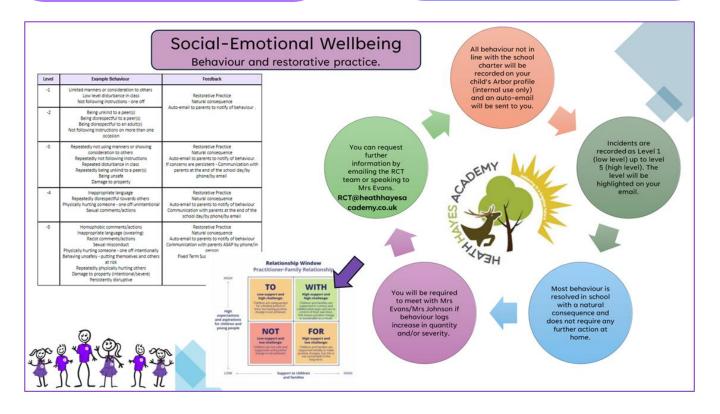
Key Information

Water Bottles - these are

provided by school and must be used. Additional bottles may be purchased via ParentPay and collected from the School Office. Lids are available seperately too and also purchased through ParentPay. **Reading Logs** – children will receive a new reading log to replace Home/School Diaries to record reading

School Bags – please remember to purchase locker sized bags as they are kept in your child's locker during the day

Plastic Wallets – children will come home with a plastic book wallet to safely bring their reading books to and from school





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FIRST OFFENCE

or irregular attendance, the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days.

The first time a penalty notice is issued for Term-time leave

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

Key Information

Attendance – Please note the new changes to <u>Penalty Notices</u> from SCC come into effect from 19th August 2024. Attendance and punctuality is monitored throughout the year. The school's attendance targe is 96%

New Local Authority Guidance for holidays during term time

The new national threshold for issuing penalty notices has been set at 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks These changes come into effect from 19th August 2024.



SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a penalty notice is issued for Term time leave or irregular attendance, the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE ANY ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)



A third penalty notice will not be issued within a three-year period; therefore, the County Council will deal with any further unauthorised leave through prosecution in the Magistrates Court.

If the parent is found guilty, the potential fine is up to £1000

Penalty notice fines for school attendance is changing.

Authorised absence:

- An absence for sickness for which the school has granted leave.
 Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has
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- An absence due to a family emergency for which the school has granted leave.

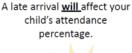
Unauthorised absence:

If a pupil's attendance drops below 96%, they will be monitored for ethir attendance over a 6 week period. This will be

Parents keeping children off school unnecessarily or without reason.

- Truancy before or during the school day.
- · Absences which have never been properly explained
- Arrival at school after the register has closed.
- Absence due to shopping, looking after other children or birthdays.
- Absence due to day trips and holidays in term-time which have not been agreed.
- · Leaving school for no reason during the day

Heath Hayes Academy Attendance Expectations





Please try to avoid the school day when booking routine medical/dental appointments. If this is unavoidable, please provide our school office with proof of appointment (Text/letter/email).



If a pupil's attendance drops below 90%, you must attend an attendance clinic at

attendance clinic at school. This will be The school day starts between 8:35 and 8:45am. Pupils should be in their classroom by 8.45am. The green gate will close at 8:45am, parent can not enter past the green gate from 8:44am.

- Registers are taken as follows throughout the school day: • Registers are marked at 8:45 am.
- The register closes at 9:05am. Pupils will receive a mark of absence if they do not attend school before this time.
- After lunch, registers are marked at 1:15pm.
- Pupils will receive a mark of absence if they are not present.
- Pupils attending after 8:45am 9:05am will receive a mark to show that they were on site, but this will count as a late mark.

If pupils attend after 9:15am, they will be marked as late after register closes 'U'.

If your child is absent, you can email in the first instance at <u>office@heathhayesacademy.co.uk</u> and state the reason your child is absent, alternatively you can call the office and leave a message on 01543 273690.

As a school, there are many options to help support you with your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Evans if you would like to discuss this further. <u>Donna.Evans@heathhavesacademy.co.uk</u>

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What's coming up.....

Chicken Run!

We are welcoming new arrivals n the next academic year at Heath Hayes Academy – Chickens

Cornet and Recorder music

Lessons for KS2 – we will continue to provide cornet lessons following our successful taster sessions, and will also be introducing recorder lessons too!

Reading Log – There will be a reading log for each child and we will no longer be using school diaries

Trips and Experiences – A one off payment of £50 per child via ParentPay, which will cover ALL experiences/school trips. Payment can be made via instalments too!

Water Bottles – we will be providing a new lid for your childs water when they return in September



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6th September PTFA Summer Fayre

27th September PTFA PJ Day

30th September Whole school photographs

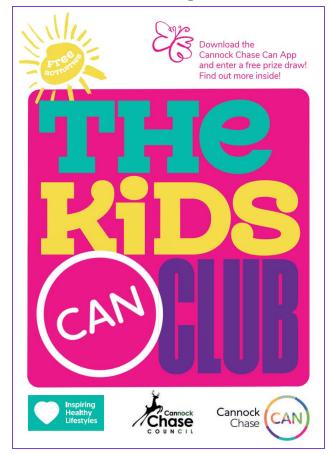
24th October – PTFA Halloween Disco





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What's on locally....





The Kids CAN Club is a new initiative that links to the Cannock Chase Can health and wellbeing programme led by Cannock Chase Council. Download the Cannock Chase Can App for FREE via Google Play or the App Store. Download between 20 July & 7 Sept to be entered into a free prize draw

