



HAYES MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

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'Be the Best We Can Be'

Newsletter

12th November 2021

COVID update

We are experiencing a rise in COVID cases in school. To ensure we try and reduce transmission we have taken the necessary steps to continue enhanced cleaning, staying in our bubbles and avoiding sharing resources. We have created a flow chart for parents/ carers and would ask that you support us in our endeavours to try to stop the spread. The flow chart is being emailed to you along with this newsletter. If you have any queries/ questions please contact the school office.

- If you have any doubt as to whether your child is displaying symptoms please always get a PCR test as not all symptoms are the same for everyone.
- If we send an email to you saying your child has been a close contact we urge you to get a PCR regardless of whether your child is showing symptoms or not. Please let the school know of the results of these tests as soon as possible.
- If someone in your household tests positive, please get your child a PCR test and get the results before they return to school. We are finding that household contacts take a few days to test positive so we may ask you to help us with this by keeping your child at home for a few days before testing again. If their result is still negative then they are able to return to school.

We are planning some activities for the pupils for Christmas and the end of term however these will only be able to happen if we are able to keep control of the cases in school.

Christmas Productions

Unfortunately, last year we were unable to have our Christmas Production and produced a film for parents and carers instead. This year we really want to invite you in to school and are attempting to go ahead with some smaller performances for parents/ carers. Instead of whole key stages we are going to be performing some songs, poems and keyboard items in each class. We will be allowing two parents/ carers per child to attend **ONLY**.



The dates and times for these performances are below:

Nursery	Tuesday 7 th December 9.30am
Reception	Tuesday 7 th December 10.15am
Year 1	Tuesday 7 th December 1.15pm
Year 2	Tuesday 7 th December 2.15pm
Year 3	Wednesday 8 th December 9.15am
Year 4	Wednesday 8 th December 10.15 am
Year 5	Wednesday 8 th December 1.15pm
Year 6	Wednesday 8 th December 2.15pm

Each child will automatically receive two tickets for their performance. You **do not** need to request these. If we are able to have more people in the audience we will let you know.



We will also be holding our annual Christmas raffle which supports us in providing Christmas activities for the children.

There will be a cash prize and lots of other fabulous prizes to be won! Tickets will be 50p per ticket and you can purchase these by sending the cash in a named envelope clearly labelled raffle entry with your child. This will avoid queuing on the days of the performances. The closing date for purchasing tickets will be Monday 6th December.



Dolly Peg Competition

We will be holding our annual Christmas Dolly Peg Competition where we are asking pupils to decorate a dolly peg for our Hayes Meadow Christmas tree.

We are always amazed at your fabulous creations! Dolly pegs can be purchased in school for the next two weeks for 50p. To enter please bring your completed peg back to school by Friday 26th November ready to decorate our tree. Please ensure you have labelled your pegs with your name and class and it has a loop for hanging it on the tree.



Christmas Dinner

Hayes Meadow Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 15th December. Mrs Clarke has sent a message to parents/ carers asking if your child would like a dinner on this day. You do not need to pay for the lunch until the day of the dinner.

Christmas Cards

The children will be able to bring Christmas Cards to swap with their friends this year. We will do this only for their class to avoid mixing bubbles. Teachers will provide you with a class list (first names only) over the next couple of weeks to help with writing cards.

Movie Night

On Monday 13th December we will be having a Christmas Movie Night. The children will be able to vote in their rooms for a movie of their choice and snacks and drinks will be provided. If your child would like to come to movie night please send £1 in with them in a named envelope stating it is for Movie Night.



Children in Need

Friday 19th November is Children in Need. At Hayes Meadow we will be trying to raise money for this event by holding a non-uniform day. Please send in £1 with your child for them to wear non-uniform on that day.

Antibullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. We are asking children to **come to school on Monday** wearing their normal school uniform but with odd socks!



Safeguarding Concern - SQUID GAME

Due to the popularity of Netflix's most recent viral show, Squid Game, we are sharing this Safeguarding Update that highlights the main risks and concerns. The programme has highly graphic and violent scenes that should not be viewed by children.

What is Squid Game?

Squid Game is a Korean drama series on Netflix that has become one of the most popular topics on the internet for its unique plot. The show mimics children’s games however it ends with participants being violently killed if they lose. There have been some concerning reports recently about children and young people ‘playing’ Squid Game whilst at school.

Harmful Content in the Show

Currently squid game has a rating of 15+ due to the visual content.

Children and young people are likely to know about Squid Game via word of mouth and social media/gaming platforms.

The aesthetic of Squid Game, especially in promotional images and material, appears innocent and childlike. This is meant to provide a clash with the excessive violent content that is meant to be jarring and unsettling to viewers.

How does my child know about this?

As this is a cultural phenomenon, Squid Game has become a popular subject of memes, games and online conversation. It is entirely possible for a child to know all about Squid Game without actually watching the show.

Popular gaming platforms Roblox and Fortnite have also seen a sharp increase in user-designed games recreating those of Squid Game. These games can be played by anyone. They are also being heavily streamed by many gaming on Youtube and Twitch.

Parents and carers should be aware that video content from the show is found excessively on TikTok, which could also increase interest in watching the show.

If you notice a child in your care is recreating one of the games found in squid Game or if they mention it to you, it is important not to assume they have watched the show. Ask them what they know about Squid Game and how they have heard about it. Ensure children know who they can talk to if they come across something that upsets or distresses them.

Parents are advised to be vigilant about what children and young people are accessing and make sure the content is appropriate. Parental controls are available on apps/websites and can help keep children safe.

Useful information on protecting children from harmful content:

- www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learn-about-it/
- <https://safeguardinghub.co.uk/protecting-children-from-harmful-content-on-television-guide-and-resources/>
- www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/

Parent and baby/ toddler group



It has been wonderful to see so many parents and children at our group on Wednesday mornings. Please note that there will be no group on Wednesday 8th December due to us needing the hall for Christmas performances. However there will be a session on the 15th December and we will be having a Christmas party for all of the children who attend.

Dates for your diary

19 th November	Children in Need non-uniform day	
24 th November	Year 4 visit to Cosford	
7 th / 8 th December	Christmas Performances	
13 th December	Christmas Movie Night	
	Collection times:	
	Nursery	4pm
	Reception	4.10pm
	Year 1/2	4.15pm

	Year 3/4	4.20pm
	Year 5/6	4.30pm
15 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	
15 th December	Key Stage 1/ EYFS parties	
16 th December	Key Stage 2 parties	
17 th December	Break up for Christmas	



Hayes Meadow Year 5/6 cross country team.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5/6 Cross Country Team who took part on the 11th November in the School Games at Staffordshire University academy. They were competing against all of the local school in our area. Around 12 schools took part so we estimate there were around 48 runners per race.

Our runners did incredibly well. Olly Brown was the champion of the Year 6 boys race, Mady Williscroft won the Year 6 girls race and Jack Mills also won the Year 5 boys race. All of our runners gave 100 percent effort and made us extremely proud.

The runners are as follows:-

Olly Brown, Gabriel Laird, Charlie Phillips, Elijah Hill, Jack Mills, Noah Waldron, David Youll, Henry Thomas Crisp, Mady Williscroft, Connie Wright, Maisie Whitfield, Aaliyah Robinson, Emily Pritchard, Lily Adams, Ceara Love, Sienna Cycles.

The 3 champions will automatically qualify for the county finals at Keele University. The rest of the team are awaiting results.

Parent pay accounts

Please could you ensure that all parentpay accounts are settled. Mrs Clarke will be sending out reminders regularly. Some attendance at clubs may be stopped if payments are not maintained.