



School News

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50th Birthday Celebration

SPECIAL EDITION



The week beginning 20th May is our 50th Birthday Celebration week, with lots of exciting events happening so that we can mark this special occasion for the school. We know that lots of parents (and some grandparents) are ex- pupils and we would like our whole school community to feel informed and involved.

This edition of the newsletter outlines for each day what will be happening across the week, from open afternoons to mug gifting and our final dress up day and picnic.

Monday 20th May

50th Birthday Bake Off competition – Monday morning

Please bring in your cakes on Monday morning to the hall. There will be tables set up for each year group. We have some guest judges joining Mrs Battersby, Mrs McCormack and Mrs Crawley, with certificates and prizes awarded.

There are two categories:

1. A round cake (8 or 9 inch diameter)



2. A plate of 4 cup cakes



They can be any flavour and should be decorated to celebrate a birthday (no fresh cream please). Please bring along your entry slip – attached to this newsletter - which includes: child's name, age, class, and a list of ingredients. All entrants must be willing for their cake to be eaten by guests to the school during the week as part of our open afternoon events. Why not be **AMBITIOUS** and have a go!

50th Birthday Bake-Off Competition



Child's name _____ Age _____

Class _____

Category: Round Cake

4 Cup Cakes

Ingredients:

Whole School drone photograph – Monday afternoon

We are hoping the weather will be kind and we can get out onto the school field for a whole school photo taken by a drone. We will aim to spell out the school name and a big 50! The local newspaper is kindly supporting us to do this and we will let you know if you will be able to buy a copy of the photo. Fingers crossed for good weather!

Tuesday 21st May

Exhibition and opening event

We will be hosting some ex-pupils, ex-staff members, previous headteachers and members of the local community on Tuesday afternoon and they will be entertained by children performing songs (the choir are busy learning these) and “dance through the decades” 70s – present day (Year 4 and dance club are currently practising this!).

Wednesday 22nd May

Exhibition open afternoon – Wednesday afternoon

The children have been learning all about “Amazing Hayesdown” and the history of our school during the past 50 years. As a culmination of their learning we are setting up an exhibition for children, parents and the local community to come along and view. Parents can also look around the school to see what changes there have been since it opened. There will be display boards and tables from each decade that Hayesdown has been open, with information on how the uniform, school dinners, buildings and staff have changed over

time. Our Year 4 pupils will be on hand as friendly guides to share information and help visitors.

Each year group has been allocated a time slot to come and view the exhibition (see below for details). Parents are invited to collect their child from the classroom to enjoy viewing the work and going around the school; if you have more than one child you can visit with each child or have all your children together for one visit.

Wednesday 1.15pm - 2.15pm: Year 4 parents

Wednesday 2.15pm - 3.15pm Year 3 parents

Wednesday 3.15pm - 4.30pm Year 2 parents plus local community guests

Refreshments available from 3.15pm

Any parent who cannot make the allocated time slot will be able to come along after school on Thursday.

Thursday 23rd May

Commemorative mug gifting

Due to the very generous donations by parents and local businesses we will be able to provide each child with a very special commemorative mug to celebrate our big birthday. Mrs Charlotte Fletcher, Chair of the Governing Body, will join Mrs Battersby in presenting each child with their mug – we hope they will keep them safe and use them for many years to come!

Exhibition open afternoon – Thursday afternoon

Another chance for parents to collect their children from the classroom and be shown around the exhibition in the school hall. You can also have a look around school and dip into classrooms.

Thursday 1.15pm - 2.15pm: Year 1 parents

Thursday 2.15pm - 3.15pm Reception parents

Thursday 3.15pm - 4.30pm Ex-pupils from Selwood and Frome College, local community guests and anyone who hasn't made it to the exhibition yet!

Refreshments available from 3.15pm

We ask that children take home bags and PE kits on Thursday as they won't need them again for the last day of term.

Friday 24th May

Dress Up day - 1970s - and whole school party picnic

Children staff and parents are invited to dress up for the day in your best 1970s outfits – flares, long collars, tank tops – anything from the 1970s!! Children will only need to bring a coat and water bottle on this day – leave all your other belongings at home!

We are asking parents to provide a small plate of party food for sharing – for example a small plate of sandwiches, sausage/vegan rolls, small cakes, fruit, vegetable sticks etc. Children will then share this food for our party picnic, which will start at 12.30pm on the school field. Please bring the party food into classes at the start of the day on Friday.

Parents are invited to come along and join in – please arrive in time for a 12.30pm start and bring a picnic rug to sit with your child and their class. Don't forget to dress up too! We will have all the party food on tables outside and children will be able to help themselves and enjoy a picnic. This is instead of a normal school dinner so please don't send a packed lunch in for your child as well.

If your child has a food allergy or intolerance please can parents provide an individual party picnic for them.

We will all eat together outside on the field – so please come along and join us. (If the weather is wet we will have the party picnic inside instead).

The children will entertain us with songs from our choir and “dance through the decades” from Year 4 and dance club.

The school day will end at 2pm on Friday after the picnic.

If you are not able to attend the picnic please make arrangements for your child to be collected at 2pm. If a friend is collecting your child please be sure to let your class teacher know. Teachers will be contacting you about party food and also asking you to let them know if you will be at the picnic; this is so we can ensure that we have the right child with the right parent at the end of the day.

Please note there will be no after school HUB on Friday 24th May. If you have any difficulties please also let your class teacher know.



As you can see it is going to be a fun packed week and very busy for everyone. We hope this will be a memorable event for pupils and parents as we celebrate 50 years of Amazing Hayesdown together!