



Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Families & Friends,

Thank you so much to all of you who came to school wearing your jeans today and thank you for your £1 contributions. Jeans for Genes is a charity close to my heart as I have a niece who was born with genetic conditions, so from me personally... THANK YOU 😊 I will let you know how much we raised when we have counted it all up.

Our Yr6s have been enjoying a fantastic few days on the Isle of Wight this week. They have been windsurfing, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding, raft building, crabbing, discoing and generally enjoying a week on/by the sea! They are due home later today – most likely, exhausted, but also full of memories that will never be forgotten. Thank you to Ms Leslie, Mr Small, Ms Jenner & Mrs Jolley for giving up their families and their time to spend this week with them and to help create these amazing memories. I also need to give a huge thank you to the children too. By all accounts, they have been a really fantastic group – going to bed on time & sleeping right through; impeccable manners at meal times & throughout the day and enthusiastic & a joy to be around: your headteacher is very, very proud of you all 😊

Our home-school journey children have enjoyed some local trips out this week and have created some beautiful projects in relation to where they have been.

We will shortly be planning next year's trip which will be taking place around the same time next September – we will be writing to our current Yr5s about this soon, EXCITING 😊

Don't forget that if you would like a hard copy of this letter, or any letters/attachments, please just ask in our office.

Have a lovely weekend everyone – it will seem a short one after last weekend! Yr6s – get some rest, I hope that you had an amazing week.

FSM applications:

Don't forget that children in yr3 upwards have to pay for their school dinners (£2.30 a day). This must be paid for on Parent Pay and you need to ensure that you keep up to date with all payments please.



You can apply for free school meals easily on the Lewisham website, simply follow this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

Your child can get free school meals if your combined annual household income is below £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC) and you get one of the following benefits:

- income-based: income support or jobseeker's allowance (not eligible if on contribution based jobseeker's allowance)
- income-related: employment support allowance (not eligible if on contribution based employment support allowance)
- universal credit
- income support
- the guaranteed element of state pension credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- child tax credit only.

Please note that Lewisham do not pay off any meals paid for before you apply and you will be responsible for paying off any debts to us for any meals eaten this term, or previously. It is therefore really important that you do the following things if you are struggling to pay the £2.30 per day costs:

1. Start your child on pack lunches now – you **MUST** inform the office that you are doing this or they will continue to charge you. It is best to email them on admin@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk
2. Apply for FSM with Lewisham ASAP, the quicker you apply, the quicker you will get everything your child is entitled to (don't forget that your child can get music lessons for free at Haseltine if they are FSM; free breakfast club from 8am & discounted trips amongst other benefits)

Thank you – any questions, please ask Moira Dunn in the office or Sara Anderman



Roblox:

- Is your child on Roblox?
- Do you *really* know what they do on Roblox?

It has come to our attention that there is a section on the game/platform that allows (even encourages) children to participate in online dating – this is really serious, and is an absolute opportunity for online grooming.

Please make sure that you are checking settings & also talking to your children about the dangers of engaging with people whilst playing this game & any others.

This link gives you further information:

https://roblox.fandom.com/wiki/Online_dating

If you Google Roblox Online Dating, there are also examples of videos which show you just how accessible & dangerous it can be.

The Hub; see below from our lovely parent Stacey:



Everyone is welcome –
please come along, don't
be shy 😊



Home/School Agreements:

Attached to this email are 3 home/school agreements:

- One is for each child in the school
- One is for every parent
- One is from the school to you: child + family

Please have a look at them and if you are able to, print them off to keep, and refer to, at home. They can also be found on our website.

We will soon be sending a copy home for you to sign and then return back to us too.



Fantastic Fred

On Friday 30th September, the children of Haseltine from reception to yr6 will be able to experience a show, coming to our school, called Fantastic Fred:

<https://www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/>

The show is to support children with their wellbeing & their mental health. I will tell you how it went in my next newsletter but don't forget to ask your children on the 30th too.

(This event was due to take place on the 19th but we needed to move it because of the Queen's funeral, unfortunately Yr2 will miss out this year because they are on their trip to St. Paul's Cathedral.)

And finally:



Don't forget that we are a Right Respecting School (through UNICEF). Please follow this link to find out more about what this means:

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>



There are 42 rights for children in total but as a school, we have focus on 12 rights in particular, as chosen by our Rights Respecting Team (made up of children):

- 2: Every child has the right to live and grow
- 7: Every child has the right to an identity – a name and a nationality
- 13: Every child has the right to an opinion and to be listened to
- 15: Every child has the right to friendship
- 19: Every child has the right to be safe
- 22: Every child has the right to safety & protection in their new country if they are a refugee
- 23: Every child has the right to the right kind of education and support if they have special needs or disabilities
- 24: Every child has the right to healthcare & nutritious food
- 28: Every child has the right to a good education
- 30: Every child has the right to learn & use the traditions, language & religion of their own family
- 31: Every child has the right to play & rest
- 32: Every child has the right to be protected from harmful work

Some of these rights relate, directly, to all children and some may be more specific when learning about different parts of the world.

We have currently achieved the Bronze level of accreditation and we will hopefully be achieving Silver later this year. I will be 'testing' your children in assembly on Monday on how many of these rights they can remember from last year – by discussing these rights with them this weekend, you will give them a headstart 😊

Have a lovely weekend everyone, see you again on Monday.

Best wishes,
Sara Anderman