

Haseltine Newsletter 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

I would like to welcome you all to the Autumn Term at Haseltine. To those of you who are returning, welcome back, I really hope that you are all well. To our new families, welcome to the Haseltine Community – we already feel richer for having you in it 😊

I like to send this newsletter out to you all once a fortnight on a Friday, I always email it to you but should you wish a paper copy, please just ask at the office. The newsletters are always added to our website too so you can find them there should you ever miss one. Don't forget that we are also on Twitter @HaseltinePS so please follow us there. If you don't wish to be on Twitter, then you can see our updates on our website too:  
<https://www.haseltineprimary.co.uk/news/>

We have a new website up and running, so please have a look when you can – we updated our photos too. Be warned that the year group pages do need updating as do some of the other pages too – we are working on this as we speak.

It has been a very exciting start to the new school year – your children are already so busy with their learning in their classes. Everyone seems so settled and so happy to be back. Our new children are settling in really well too.

Parents/carers – if you ever need to speak with me; if you have a question, a concern or just a chat, please just come and see me on the gate at the start of the day or the end. I am always here for you. If you wish for a more formal/private conversation, perhaps email me first on: [headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk) and I will get back to you to arrange (you can always ring the school too, and I can chat with you if I am free). There are also other people you can talk to at the gates of course: Jeanette Brumby (our Federation's Executive Headteacher), Ellie Whilby (our SENDCo & Assistant Headteacher) and James Canniford (our Federation's Deputy Headteacher).

Of course this week has also had a sad tinge to it because of the death of our Queen. At Haseltine, we will make sure that we are available for any children who wish to talk about this. The focus of my assembly on Monday will be about celebrating her life and what she meant to us – I realise that everyone may have very different thoughts & opinions on the monarchy, but we feel that is important to share our feelings and to show our respect.

There have been some conflicting reports of whether the country will have a Bank Holiday during the national time of mourning but as yet we don't have confirmation of this – we will let you know as soon as we know.

### **Phones in school**

I have spotted a few adults on phones in the playground during drop off & pick up times. Please can I remind you (or tell you, if you haven't heard me say this before) that phones are not allowed in school – either texting/using apps/using internet/talking on the phone.



The reason for this is because of safeguarding. I will have to tell you to come off the phone if I see you on it. Thank you for helping to keep all our children safe.

### **The Hub:**

We are really fortunate to have a space here at Haseltine that our parents can access called The Hub. We use this space for a wide range of things such as: coffee mornings, workshops, Stay and Play sessions and meetings.

One of our amazing parents, Stacey, has agreed to open The Hub every Tuesday & Wednesday between 9 and 11.30am for ANY parent to come along for a coffee and a chat. Younger brothers & sisters are more than welcome too, there are lots of things to play with and Stacey is also talking about having creative sessions for children too. Don't be shy, please just come along - Stacey is desperate for people to come and join her 😊

From a safeguarding point of view, I do have to say that parents/carers/siblings are only allowed in our Hub and to use the adult toilet on the decking, they are not allowed to be in the playground or other parts of the school. Thank you.

### **Clubs at Haseltine:**

The way that we organise & run clubs at Haseltine this year is going to be slightly different. If a teacher wants to run a club, they will send out letters to children in the particular year group and you will apply directly to them.

People who run the outside clubs: Taekwondo, football & the dance clubs, will also liaise with you directly. Children who were in Taekwondo & dance last year will continue again this year, unless you tell the tutors otherwise – you do not need to re-apply.

Letters will be coming out over the next couple of weeks.

### **Special events happening at Haseltine:**



### **World Afro Day**

Haseltine will be taking part in a special event on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate afro hair. It is called Big Hair Day or World Afro Day and more information can be found following this link: <https://www.worldafroday.com/>

Children will be having a special assembly on that day too, led by Ms. Leslie.



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We are encouraging all of our children with afro hair to show it off in the way that they want to on that day (as of course they can, every day).

### **Musical Showcase**

You may remember that we were supposed to hold our musical showcase outside at the end of the summer term, and then the heatwave happened and we had to postpone. Well, that event is happening in the afternoon of next **Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> between 2 and 3pm**. Please come to the big side gates. The children involved in this event will be children currently in: 1H, 1HA, 2M, 2W, 3SB, 3M, 5F, 5S, 6L & 6M.

When the event finishes, we will ask children to go back up to class to collect their things. You may wait in the playground and collect your child/children when the class are lined up.

If it looks like it will be raining, we will change plans – we will let you know early next week.



**Fantastic Fred**

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> too.



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September is Jeans 4 Genes Day:**

On this day your children can wear jeans (and non-uniform) for the day but they must donate at least £1 for the pleasure of doing so. For further information of this fantastic charity, please follow this link:

<https://www.jeansforgenes.org/>