



Haseltine Newsletter 30th January 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well. We have had a few busy weeks at Haseltine – when are they not busy though?! 😊

I'd like to thank all of you who I see hanging up your phones as you approach the school gates, and those of you who keep them in your pockets within school. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

Please have a read of the newsletter today for some important information, you'll all need.

Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February

I know that there has been some confusion over the impact of the strike action this Wednesday.

Just to confirm – we are closing the classes of the teachers who are striking, but keeping open the classes where the teacher is not. Therefore, if you have received an email to say that your child's class is shut, your child cannot come in. If you have received an email to say that your child's class is open then your child can come in.

You may have more than one child of course and one may be in and one (or more) not. I hope that makes more sense.

If you are not sure, please ring the office to check or ask me at the gate. You can email me too: headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk

If your child is NOT in school and they are entitled to free school meals, then please contact the office TODAY to book a packed lunch that you can collect for the Wednesday that they are not in. (If your child is in school on Wednesday, it will be a normal lunch day.)



Safer Internet Day 7th February

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. We will be doing some work in school on this with your children, but it is also really, really important that you talk at home about how to keep safe online too.

We have a Padlet page at Haseltine, full of ideas and resources to help you with this. Please have a look at it. We cannot stress enough about the importance of teaching children about online safety – and your children are never too young to start this conversation.



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Please follow this link to find out more, don't be put off that it says Year One, the resources are really helpful for everyone...

<https://padlet.com/HaseltineYearOne/computing-and-online-safety-shg9gkfsulqi8d14>



Fundraising...

A parent is raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. If you would like to find out more, or donate, please follow this link...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jemkeepsclimbing>



Haseltine's Annual Careers Fair needs you!

It is happening again soon. We are holding our next Careers Fair on Friday 24th March from 8.30am to 12.25pm.

If you **or someone you know** has a job that you think our children would like to know about then please come and have a chat with me. If you aren't sure, please come and chat with us anyway so I can persuade you 😊

We need representatives from a huge range of jobs; from plasterers and surgeons to plumbers and astronauts. We are also passionate in having people who represent our cohort - we want our children to know that one day it could be/**will be** them doing that role.

Please don't be nervous about doing this - everyone who has done it previously has absolutely loved doing it. You would also, only be speaking to a few children at a time - it is not about you standing in front of a class of children. Our children really love hearing about all the different careers available to them and this event really does help to open up their choices and provide them with aspirations.

We set the hall up with each adult at their own table and the children come in to the hall, a few classes at time, to talk to who they are interested in - you will



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be asked an amazing range of questions and it really is a lot of fun for you as well as for the children! We also provide you with a welcome breakfast from 8.30am in our Hub and snacks throughout.

Please speak to me or email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk if you can help. We'd all be so, so grateful to you if you can.

From Sara Anderman and the children of Haseltine.

Dates for your diary:

Our next Parent/Teacher meetings will take place in school on Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March between 3.40 and 6.45pm. The letters & booking for this will come out from next week.

Half Term Holiday

Don't forget that we break up for the half term holiday on Friday 10th February – come to school that day; and we return on Monday 20th February.

We then break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 31st March.

Vouchers for FSM children during the February Half term...

This scheme will happen for you again this coming half term holiday. You will receive a supermarket voucher provided by an extension to the [Household Support Fund](#) via London Borough of Lewisham and your school. This grant is being used to support families with children eligible for free school meals.

If you have questions on this, please contact Moira in our office.

Moira would also like you to know that our supply of school uniforms has now arrived, so you can start ordering again if you need to. We do have a lot of school uniform in lost property too, so please do remember to put names in school jumpers especially.

And finally...

A reminder about the upcoming phonics workshop for parents:



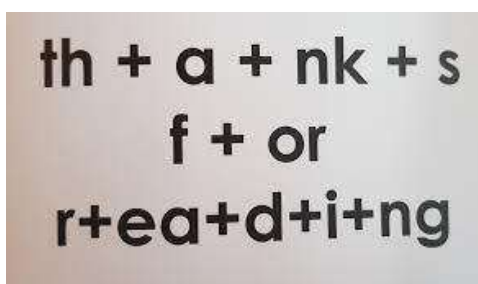
- **Do you get what we mean by phonics?**
 - **Do you totally understand it all?**
- **Do you know how to help your child with phonics?**
- **Do you understand how we teach reading & spelling at Haseltine?**

If your answer is 'no' to any, or even all, of these questions, don't worry – you are not alone.

Phonics is an area of learning that can cause some confusion for many people; and even if you do feel that you know lots about it, it is unlikely you'll know how we teach it at Haseltine.

Miss McIntosh (yr2 teacher & English lead) & Dr Canniford (our deputy head) will be running a session on Thursday 9th February at 9am in our middle hall, which should give you all the answers you need. If your child is in Reception & Yr1, we would especially love you to come along, but anyone from any year group is equally welcome.

We really hope to see you there.



**Thanks everyone,
Have a great week.**