

Haseltine Newsletter Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Families,



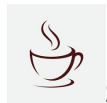
As you will be aware, we had visitors in at the start of the week – Ofsted! I can't tell you anything about the outcome yet as it would jeopardise the report and may even trigger another inspection but I would just like to thank you all for your support throughout the two days. Thank you especially to those of you who completed the surveys; who got your children to complete the surveys and who spoke with the inspector at the gate. Your feedback meant a lot to the school and to me, thank you.

Thank you also to those of you who gave lovely us such lovely messages of support – I am very proud to work in a community like ours 😊

Your children were impeccable throughout. They were polite, well-mannered, respectful, resilient and everything we'd want them to be. I couldn't be happier with them.

The report should come out just after the Easter holidays, I would imagine, and as soon as I am able to I will share it with you all. Having said that, it may even come out sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Strike Action: at this stage, we do not know of any future strikes taking place for teachers. I promise you that I will keep you as informed as I possibly can going forwards.



SATs/testing Coffee Morning:

I have had to change the date for the coffee morning in April to Friday 21st at 9am.

I will be there to talk you through what testing will look like for your children in the reception classes and in years 1 (phonics), 2 (teacher assessments + testing), yr4 (multiplication testing) and yr6 (SATs).

Come along if you have any questions or concerns and hopefully I will be able to put your mind at rest.



Careers Fair next Friday

It is the annual Haseltine Careers Fair next Friday – the 24th March from 8.30am-12pm.

Since I talked to the children in assembly about it, I have had lots of children telling me that someone in their family can come. I haven't had official confirmation from many adults, however, and I'm not sure how real the interest is, I am slightly worried that the turnout of volunteers won't be as high as I have been told.

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Please can you help me with this... If you or someone in your family/friendship circle is able to come in for the careers fair and if you (the adult) hasn't spoken to me or emailed me, please can you email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk to confirm? You can also speak to me at the gate to confirm.

If everyone, that the children have told me about, can come then we will have a really, really good turnout of volunteers but I am slightly worried that this may not happen without your help. Remember: no career/job is too boring or complicated for children to hear about, we want to hear about a huge range of jobs & career choices. We also want to hear from people at university or on an apprenticeship, so if you know of anyone who can talk to us about what they are studying then that would be brilliant too.

Thank you everyone for helping us to make this the best event ever!

FSM Vouchers for the Easter Holidays:

Good news... Lewisham have confirmed they that, once again, Free School Meal Vouchers will be available to all eligible children. Vouchers will be £30.00 per child to cover the full 2 week period.

The vouchers are provided by an extension to the Household Support Fund via London Borough of Lewisham and the school. This grant is being used to support families with children eligible for free school meals.

Codes for the vouchers will be emailed/text directly to your contact details on the last day of term. If you wish to collect your vouchers please let me know no later than the 28th March 2022.

Moira



Easter Holidays and other key dates:

We break up for the easter holidays on Friday 31st March at the usual time and children return to school on Monday 17th April

Eid al-Fitr is expected to fall on either Thursday 20th April or Friday 21st April – please advise me if otherwise

Bank Holidays: Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May (King's Coronation)

SATs week for yr6: starts Tuesday 9th May



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Half Term Holiday: we break up on Friday 26th May (come to school that day) and children return on Tuesday 6th June (Monday is an Inset day so no school for children)

Sports Day: is currently planned for Wednesday 5th July

We break up for the Summer Holidays: Friday 21st July (come to school that day)