



## Haseltine Newsletter: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Families,

I hope that you all have a fantastic week next week – don't forget that there is no school and we return to school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June (where on earth did May go?!).

I would like to use this newsletter to let you all know about an exciting event happening here at Haseltine on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July after school...

We will be having a *Community & Cultural Celebration* from 3.30-5pm.

There will be

- Food
- Music
- Some stalls
- Some games
- Story telling

We really need EVERYONE'S help to make sure that it is an event that celebrates different cultures and you can help us with this please:

- Food

We would really like all our families to prepare & bring in food dishes that represent their families and cultures (as we did back in October). We will put all of the food on tables outside, with allergy cards in front, and families can come and help themselves to food. We would love for families to bring in picnic blankets to sit and eat the food together. (Because of allergy regulations, children will only be allowed to have the food if with an adult.)

- Music

We have some bands/musicians already lined up for the event but what we REALLY want is singers/bands/musicians to join our stage for a song or two: we would really love acts to represent our community. If you think you can help with this (or if there are any children that think they'd like to do something) please get in touch with me or email our volunteers: [haseltinefair@gmail.com](mailto:haseltinefair@gmail.com)

- Stalls:

We need donations of quality toys, books, teddies, gifts, school uniform (drop these off at the Hub or the school gates). Also: if you think you could help out on the day, we would really, really appreciate your time.

If there is any spare school uniform or any other items left in lost property by the time of the fair, we will add this to our stalls (providing there are no names on the items). **There is currently a lot of things (including coats & jumpers) in our lost property; please check.**

**After half term, I would suggest that children leave coats/jumpers at home, especially on the warmer days.**

- Charities:

We really want this to be an event that highlights & celebrates the work going on in our community. If you work for/know of a charity that would benefit from having their own stall at the event, please email me [headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk) or the team on [haseltinefair@gmail.com](mailto:haseltinefair@gmail.com)

- Story-telling:

June 22<sup>nd</sup> marks National Windrush Day. We would like to celebrate this at our Community & Culture Celebration on the 7<sup>th</sup> July by volunteers sharing their memories/stories/lived experiences of that time; of what it was like to grow up in this area if families had come from abroad at this time and also of migration in more modern times. We want to create a story-telling area to do this in.

Again, please email us: [haseltinefair@gmail.com](mailto:haseltinefair@gmail.com) or [headteacher@lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@lewisham.sch.uk) if you, a member of your family, a friend or a neighbour could help with this.

## **Any other thoughts or ideas on how we can involve all members of our community?...**

Please also email us on the above addresses; speak to Mrs Anderman at the gate or come along to one of our Wednesday or Friday coffee mornings in The Hub. We really, REALLY want to involve as many people/languages/cultures/families as possible. We have approximately 50 different languages represented in this school – are we involving all of you at this event? What more can we do? Please, please let us know – we would really hate to think that any one of you felt left out in anyway – as Ofsted stated:

*The 'Haseltine family', as described by pupils, families and staff, is a warm and welcoming place. Pupils are very proud members of their school community. They are happy and enjoy school.*

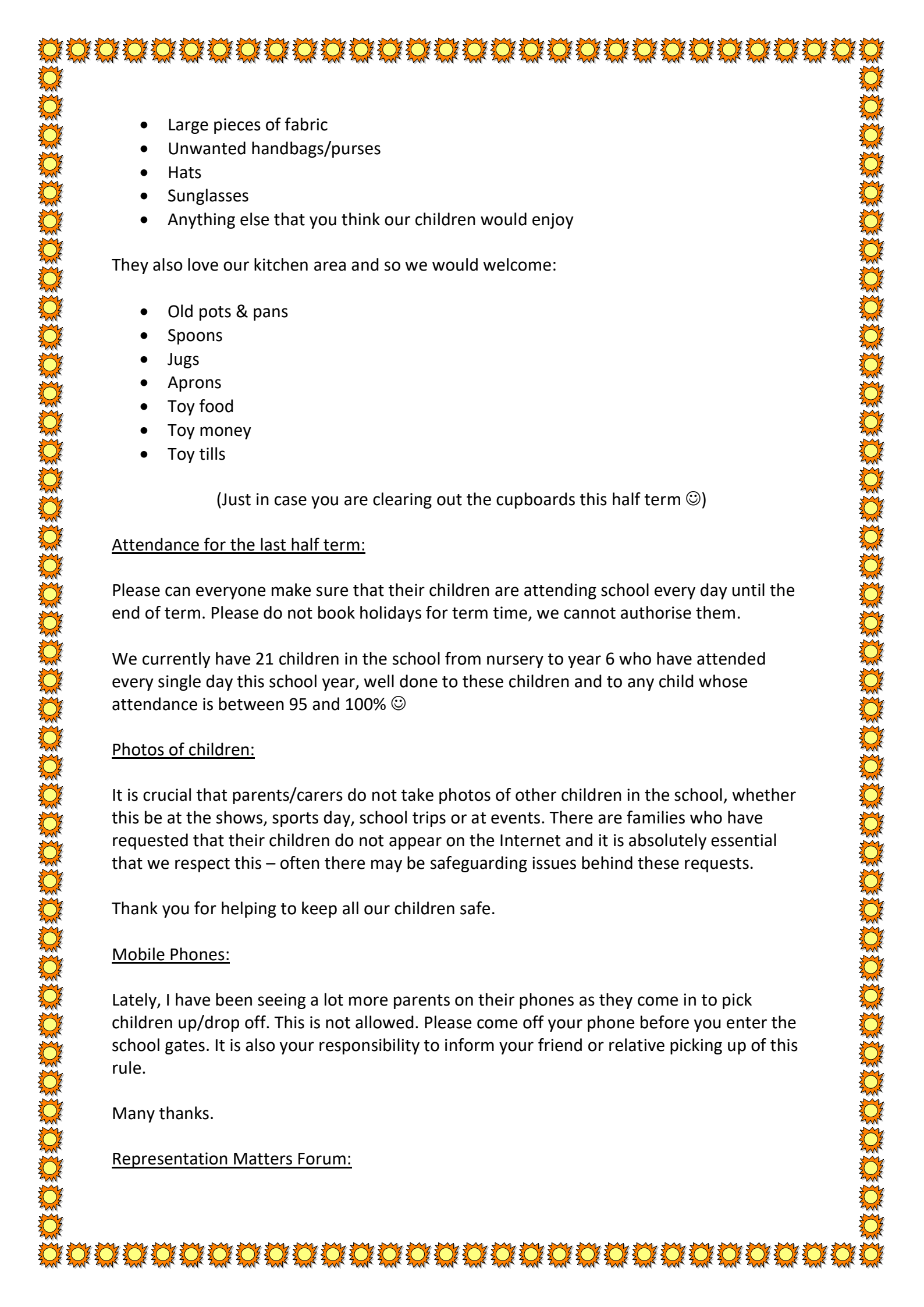
We really want this to be true for everyone and we hope that our Community & Culture Event on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July will demonstrate that.

### In other news:

#### Dressing up clothes:

Our children love dressing up at lunchtime! We really welcome donations of:

- Dressing up costumes

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- Large pieces of fabric
  - Unwanted handbags/purses
  - Hats
  - Sunglasses
  - Anything else that you think our children would enjoy

They also love our kitchen area and so we would welcome:

- Old pots & pans
- Spoons
- Jugs
- Aprons
- Toy food
- Toy money
- Toy tills

(Just in case you are clearing out the cupboards this half term ☺)

#### Attendance for the last half term:

Please can everyone make sure that their children are attending school every day until the end of term. Please do not book holidays for term time, we cannot authorise them.

We currently have 21 children in the school from nursery to year 6 who have attended every single day this school year, well done to these children and to any child whose attendance is between 95 and 100% ☺

#### Photos of children:

It is crucial that parents/carers do not take photos of other children in the school, whether this be at the shows, sports day, school trips or at events. There are families who have requested that their children do not appear on the Internet and it is absolutely essential that we respect this – often there may be safeguarding issues behind these requests.

Thank you for helping to keep all our children safe.

#### Mobile Phones:

Lately, I have been seeing a lot more parents on their phones as they come in to pick children up/drop off. This is not allowed. Please come off your phone before you enter the school gates. It is also your responsibility to inform your friend or relative picking up of this rule.

Many thanks.

#### Representation Matters Forum:

Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the Zoom meeting last week. I hope that you found it useful. I was only there at the start as I felt important that you have a voice without the head of the school being present. I will make sure that you get information about any further events. Jeanette Brumby will also be writing to you all soon, in response to the key points raised.

As always, if you would like to come and talk with me about any of the issues that came up, or indeed any other issue, please speak to me at the gate, give me a call or email me on [headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk)

Events for your diaries:

**Monday 6th June:** Children return to school. Year 6 start swimming for 2 weeks

**June:** Pride Month

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June:** We have an assembly on dog safety and we will have a (very well behaved & trained) dog in the hall. Please talk to your child about this beforehand, if they have a fear of dogs and please also let me know first so I can seat them further away from the dog if needs be.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Clean Air Day – there will be workshops for yr4-6 children and an anti-idling event after school

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Windrush Day

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day – details to follow (Rec & KS1 in the morning & KS2 in the afternoon)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** *Community & Cultural Celebration* from 3.30-5pm

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** NO SCHOOL – INSET DAY FOR TEACHERS

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports to come out

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Open evening: classes to be open until 5.30pm for you to be able to see your child's learning for the year & to meet their new teacher for next year

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 performance at 5pm: The Jungle Book

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** year 6 Leavers' Assembly (details to follow). **Last day of term**

Thank you so much everyone, and have a lovely week next week. Let's hope the sun stays shining ☺ See you on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Hello  
Sunshine!

