

Haseltine Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



Dear Families & Friends,

I would like to thank you all for your support with the parent/teacher meetings this week. As always, there was a really lovely atmosphere around school and it was lovely to catch up with so many of you.

*If you didn't get a chance to speak to your child's class teacher then it is really important that you try and find the time to do this. Your teacher will liaise with you on a good time to do this – either on the phone or after school in person when they can.*

Thank you too, for your kind words about our lovely Mrs Miller. She really was loved by so many people. Her funeral will be taking place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, many of us will be attending but we have ensured that school will remain safely open on that day. I'm sure that many of you will be thinking of her and her family that day.

Some of you have asked why we didn't tell the children first – there are a number of reasons why we didn't: not all children remember who she was, as she did not work with all of the children and we did not want to create mass upset, being just a couple. Some children are asking after her though, and of course we are answering their questions & addressing their concerns.

Some of you are also asking about donations. We are waiting to hear the family's wishes and then we will let you know. We are also planning to dedicate a part of our garden to her, as we know how much she loved to be outside in the garden area - she was once known as 'the chicken lady' many years ago when we had our own chickens here 😊

Some of us are also planning to do the Pretty Muddy on Blackheath in June for Cancer Research – we will ask for donations nearer the time, if this is something you feel you would like to support?

Best wishes to you all,  
Sara Anderman

**Don't forget that school is shut...**

**On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. There is voting in Lewisham for the new Mayor of Lewisham, and we are being used as a Polling Station.**

**This day will be an INSET day for staff and it means that there is no longer the INSET day on the 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Are you interested in helping to set up a PTA at Haseltine?**

Please come to a meeting in The Hub on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 3.45pm if you are interested in helping to set up a Parents & Teachers Association here at Haseltine.

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We would love for as many of you as possible to come along – your children are welcome too (but they will need to remain under your responsibility for the duration of the meeting).

Thanks



### **Ramadan 2024:**

Mrs Begum will deliver a Ramadan Awareness assembly next week. Ramadan is fast approaching, we are aware some children will be fasting, the following will be put in place:

- A room for the children to prayer Zuhoor namaz
- The children must bring their own prayer mat
- The children can use the toilets to perform wudu
- The children can bring in Islamic texts to prayer/read, storage will be available, children will be responsible for handling and storage of their own text

If any parent(s)/families are interested in sharing their experience with the children, please get in touch.

If you are wishing for your child to fast and if they are in upper KS2, please email Sara Anderman on [s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk) to confirm:

- Your child's name
- Whether it will be full or partial fasting (are they allowed water?)
- Whether they are allowed to break their fast if they wish to
- Whether they will fast every day (on PE days too?)

We are also planning an event to celebrate Eid early next term – details to follow.

**Ramadan Mubarak from us all at Haseltine.**



**Vomiting:** Just to remind you that if your child has vomited as the result of a bug or virus, they cannot attend school for 48hours after the last time they were sick. This is so we can prevent the spread of viruses.



Thanks

**Lost Coat, Lost Property & the Uniform Bank:**

Eddie in year 4 has lost her green raincoat (from H & M). Please can you look out for it at home, in case it has come your way by mistake. Please return to the office if you find it. Thanks.

We recently bagged up a LOT of school jumpers and cardigans that have been left at school for a long time. They have now been washed and will end up in the Uniform Bank in our Hub. This bank of clothing is available to anyone who would like to have second hand uniform. Please take – it is there for you. If anyone has spare uniform that they would like to donate then please take along to the Hub too.

There are still lost property coats on the stand in the playground – please look if you are missing one. There are some very lovely coats there, that also look quite expensive so please do check to see if it yours. Any leftover still, will also be added to the Uniform Bank.

Thank you.

**Mobile Phones...**

...are still being used by some parents as they come into the playground. This is not okay so please make sure that you come off your phones BEFORE you enter the playground.

Thank you for helping to keep all our children safe.



**Twitter/X:**

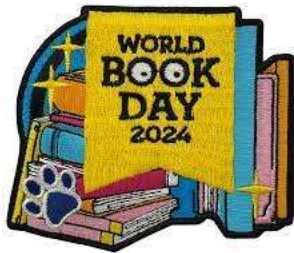
Haseltine has made a decision to come off of the social media platform X or Twitter as it was previously known. This is for a few reasons but mostly for ethical reasons around the site and the way that some people post on it, as well as for safeguarding reasons.

We appreciate that it is a good way of seeing what your children are doing in school so we are looking at other ways in which we can do this. One way of course is through the Padlet pages, so please do make sure that you log into these.

Please come and speak with me at the gate if you wish to discuss this further or if you have any suggestions for alternatives.

Many thanks,  
Sara Anderman

And finally,...



**This year at Haseltine we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March (as we are closed on the 7<sup>th</sup>).**

We are celebrating in many ways this year:

- each class will be visiting Sydenham library (your class teacher will communicate with you if they need extra adults)
- special assemblies are taking place for EYFS, KS1 and KS2
- book tokens are going home so you can purchase this year's selection of £1 books
- we will be holding a competition where your child will be given the opportunity to win a £10 national book token (details will be sent home on the day)
- lastly, please support your child in dressing up as their favourite book character (or, if you cannot find an outfit, clothes that you would be comfy reading a book in!)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support with this event!

**Have a lovely weekend everyone – let's hope we get some better weather!**