

Dear Families & Friends,

Can you believe the speed that this year is going? We only have 1 week and 4 days until we break up for the Easter holidays (on 28th March), and then only one more term until the end of the school year!



We had a really lovely World Book Day yesterday – I don't think we have ever seen so many children in costumes; a highlight for me was watching a child (yr6 so coming to school by himself!) shuffling down the road to school, dressed as a Darlek from Dr. Who! Not to mention, seeing our lovely office staff being replaced by the 3 Little Pigs for the day!
Thank you to all of you for your support – it was a brilliant day, with brilliant costumes 😊

Dr. Canniford:

We would like to let you know that Dr James Canniford, our Federation Deputy Head teacher, will be leaving us at Easter. We would like to offer him our congratulations as he will be moving out of London and taking up a Head Teacher post in York. The community will be very lucky to have him.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Canniford for all his hard work supporting the Federation to embed phonics teaching and assessment, alongside covering in classes and doing gate duties in all weathers!

Good luck Dr. Canniford!



Attendance & Punctuality:

It is just so crucial that attendance is everyone's No.1 priority for the rest of this year. Every day missed, and every late minute missed, is learning time missed. Your children must be in school.

You also wouldn't believe the impact on children's wellbeing and happiness when they aren't in school – children do not like missing learning or falling behind, and they certainly don't enjoy missing out on their friendship groups.

Well done to the 35 children at Haseltine who currently have 100% attendance – we are very proud of you, and to the 45 children who will only have missed a morning, an afternoon or one day.

We know that no one can help getting ill, or wants to but please just remember that every day really does count. We will look after your children, so if you are never sure, please send your child in anyway and we can always phone you if they become too poorly to be in school.

A message from our office staff...



The office has a box of eye glasses which have been handed in over a long period of time. We really need to get these returned to their rightful owners. We will make these available for parents/carers and children to come and look at a take whichever belongs to them.

We will be keeping them until the school breaks up on the 28th March, following this we will dispose of the glasses.

Springtime Parade:

The children in the Early Years & in years 1 & 2 would like to invite you all to come and see the Easter/Springtime Crowns they have been making in school. There will be a parade in the playground on the last day of school (Thursday 28th March), from 3pm – details to follow later.

Our newly set up PTA will also be organising a cake sale, so bring your pennies.

(The school day will finish as usual at 3.25pm so no child from KS2 will be down in the playground until 3.25pm.)

Then on the same day...

...at 4pm there will be a meeting in the middle hall about the new PTA. Please come along to this if you would like to be a part of the team or if you would like to find out more – no pressure, just come along.

Eid Celebration:

We know that Eid will actually take place in the holidays, but we wanted to mark the end of Ramadan and this special day at Haseltine too. So, on the 15th April (first day back) in the Restaurant, we will be hosting an Eid Food Festival after school.

We would like to invite parents to prepare some dishes or plates of food at home and bring in (from 2.45pm) to share with everyone.

The event will be for everyone (either those of you preparing food or those of you coming along to celebrate & eat), whether you celebrate Eid or whether you don't – it would just be lovely to have as many people from the Haseltine community coming along to share their experiences and to learn from each other.

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Please remember to list the ingredients, in case of allergies.

All children will also be invited to wear their party clothes or traditional clothes from their own family's culture, religion or country on the 15th April too.



Important Dates coming up:

Tuesday 19th March: Samba concert in the playground after school.

Friday 22nd March: Careers Fair. Thank you so much to all of you who have volunteered, there is still time for you to 'sign up' to this. We really do need more people still.

Thursday 28th March at 9.30am: Music Concert in the middle hall for: After school Samba club, Drums, Joff's Guitars & Ukuleles & Gillian's Cellos.

Thursday 28th March: Break up for the Easter Holidays, Easter/Spring Time Parade at 3pm & PTA meeting

Monday 15th April: Children return to school, remember that this is NOT an INSET because of the recent voting day that we had to close for. We are also having our Eid Celebration on this day – children to wear own clothes, please see above.

Thursday 2nd May: INSET day – no school for children as we have to close for polling (Mayor of London elections)

Monday 6th May: No school as it is a Bank Holiday

Week beginning 13th May: SATs week for year 6 children – it is vital that all children are in school that week

Friday 24th May: we break up for half term

Monday 3rd June: children come back to school

Thursday 25th July: we break up for the Summer holidays (yes, we break up later this year!)

Have a lovely weekend ☺