



Dear Families & Friends,

Welcome back after the half term, we hope that you had a good week off and a good week back in school.

Tonight is our very first Winter Market after school, run by our PTFA: 3.30-5.30pm. We hope that you enjoy it ☺ Thank you so much to the PTFA for coming up with new events for our school and for organising.

The weather is getting colder – please make sure that all children are coming to school with a coat. **Please also make sure that their name is in it.**



Exciting news for parents of children in year 5:

I have just booked the school journey visit for your children for when they are in year 6. It will be from the 16th to the 19th September 2025 and we will be going to the sailing centre (UKSA) on The Isle of Wight.

On Tuesday 19th November at 4pm, I will be holding a meeting for you all to come to so that you can find out more, including the price & all other details. It will take place in school.

The link to the UKSA website is... <https://uksa.org/> in case you want to check it out before you come.

Headteacher's 'Coffee Afternoon':

I will be holding a general, informal meeting with parents & carers who are interested, on the afternoon of 18th November – 2pm in The Hub.

Come along if you would like to hear about some of the things happening in the school, or if you would like to share any questions or thoughts that you have about the school in general. This wouldn't be the forum to talk about individual issues or incidents, it will be about the school in general.

One thing I would like to ask for is for your feedback on the new report format that we sent out at the end of last year, and also about this newsletter – and whether you'd like to see any changes on it. I'd also like to find out what more we can be doing through The Hub and through any workshops for parents.

I will also share with you the work we have been doing in Haseltine towards the Lewisham Pledge to tackle inequalities in education, and towards becoming an anti-racist school. I can also tell you more about what it means to be a Rights Respecting school.



Please just come along 😊

For Parents & Carers for
Children with SEND:

Many of you attended the
last coffee morning, we have
the next one coming up on
12th December...

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

As part of the national initiative from the DFE and NHS England, Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in schools (PINS) project we will be running termly coffee mornings for the parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The next coffee morning is:

Thursday 12th December 2024 at 9.00.

Our starting discussion will be:

Understanding Autism - 9.00-9.30

Understanding ADHD - 9.30-10.00

A safe place for you to:

- Discuss well being concerns and the needs of your child
- Learn about strategies to improve well being
- Share/listen to experiences
- Connect with others and discuss ideas
- Learn about options for support

NHS England Department for Education Doumbest



Haseltine Library openings

The Haseltine Library weekly opening day will be changing from next week. Beginning on the 12th of November, the library will be open each Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4pm for children and their parents / carers to come and chose a book or two to take home.

Please remember to bring your Lewisham Library card. There will also be pupil librarians to help you with selecting a wonderful book! (Please note that the Library will be open this week on Friday the 8th November also). We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs. Pullinger

[After School Club/Breakfast Club](#)

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Can I please remind you that if your child would like to go to the above clubs you need to book and pay for the session in advance via the Arbor App. If you do not have your log in details you can get this from the school office.

After School Club cost is:

From 3.30pm – 6.00pm cost is £12 per session, siblings £10.00 per session

From 3.30pm – 4.15pm cost is £4.00

Breakfast Club cost:

From 7.30am – cost £4.00 per session

From 8.00am – cost £3.00 per session

Please note: The charge of £4.00 will also be applied in all cases of late collection.

Your child will not be able to attend either club if you have outstanding money owing on your account. Please do not just drop your child at either of the above clubs if your account is in arrears.

Thank you

Wendy Treadwell

Office Administrator



No Phones in School:

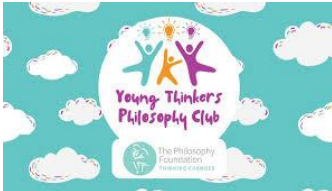
Please can we remind you all that the use of mobile phones onsite at Haseltine is prohibited. Please can you make sure that whoever is picking up/dropping off also knows this.

Many thanks for helping to keep our children safe, and also for chatting with them as you go out the gate rather than to the person on the phone 😊

Issues with other children/adults:

If your child ever tells you about an incident at Haseltine involving other children, please can you make sure that you do not approach that child, or their parents/carers, directly. Instead, please make sure that you have a quiet word (away from other children) with the teacher or with me. We will then follow-up, put into place our procedures and get back to you. You can also email me of course: s.anderaman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk

Thank you so much for your support.



Are you interested in Philosophy for children?

The Philosophy Foundation sessions offer a unique and enriching experience for children, where open discussions explore philosophical themes in an engaging, fun environment. Using a range of stimulating materials, including picture books, activities, and poems, each session encourages both creativity and critical thinking.

Guided by an experienced philosopher, children are encouraged to explore big ideas through thought-provoking questions and collaborative discussions. These sessions help them develop important skills, such as critical thinking, clear communication, and the ability to form and evaluate their own arguments—valuable tools that will benefit them across all areas of learning and life.

Sessions will run on the second Thursday of the month at Forest Hill Library

4:00pm - 5:00pm - Ages 5 - 7

5:15pm - 6:15pm - Ages 8 - 11

Follow this link to find out more or to book tickets...

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/v22libraries/1412794?>

This came to me in an email this week, I thought that it may be of use for some of you...

Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The rapid pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a maelstrom of contradictory advice. For

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adults, time has never been more compacted. Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make this challenge a little easier. If interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline). They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.

(* Free from landlines and most mobiles)

A message from Sydenham Library...

Christmas in the Library

Saturday 14th December 2024 10.00-16.00

With a "Ho ho ho!" and a jingle of bells, Father Christmas returns to Sydenham Library! Join us on Saturday December 14th for our Christmas Fayre, presented by the Friends of Sydenham Library. Santa will be in his grotto from noon until 3pm, ready to dish out gifts to the nice... and probably the naughtyish as well. Libraries are for everyone.

We'll have gingerbread decoration in the morning from 10-12, and throughout the day we'll have hot drinks and festive treats available from the Trinitea & Cakes. We'll also have craft stalls run by members of the library's Craft Club, and a tombola run by the Friends. The perfect opportunity to round out your Christmas shopping!

Please note that there will be a small charge for visiting Santa and for gingerbread decoration. The children's library will be inaccessible for the day and the main library space will likely be noisy, however our community room will be available for anybody looking for a quiet space to work.



Have a lovely weekend everyone!