

Dear Families & Friends,

At last we have had some sunshine today! It feels like we have had a lot of rain over the last couple of weeks, it is also getting colder so please make sure that you send your child to school with a coat on every day. Please also make sure that this coat has your child's name in it as we do get a lot of lost coats left in the playground. Please also label sweatshirts.

We have some important events coming up so please make sure that you have these dates in your diaries:

World Mental Health Day is next week – we are going to be celebrating this day on **Friday 11th October**. We are all going to be wearing yellow on this day, as many schools will be across the country will be. We are also going to have an afternoon that will help to support everyone's mental health & wellbeing.

On Friday afternoon, we will be having a Musical Play Day, this is a follow-up to our Play Day we had last term (the musical addition was a suggestion by one of our yr5 pupils at the time). Years 1-6 will be able to move around the school into different Musical Play Zones where they will be able to join in with (for example):

- Making instruments
- Dancing
- Karaoke
- Drawing to calming music
- Playing/exploring instruments
- Composing music using computer technology
- Exploring different musical genres
- Reading to music
- Etc. etc!

It's going to be a lot of fun!



Show Racism the Red Card Day is on **Friday 18th October** – we will all be wearing red to school that day. We also have something very exciting happening that day for all the children in the school...

...as part of **Black History Month**, there will be special theatre performances for children in nursery to yr6. These are being fully paid for by the PTFA – from money raised by all of you at events such as the Summer Fair & the bake sales. So, thank you to everyone for this.

Black History Month takes place throughout the month of October every year, throughout the country and beyond. At Haseltine, we want to make it very clear that Black History is as equally important throughout the rest of the year too, but that

we also like to ensure that it is celebrated along with the rest of the country in October.

The theme of this year's BHM is, '**Reclaiming Narratives**' and we will be focusing on this in our assemblies & in our classrooms this month. We would also love your help with this. If you, or your family have a story that you wish to be told, please can you either:

- Speak to or email me, Sara Anderman (s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk) to volunteer to come in for an assembly or class story time
- Write your story down & give/email to me, Sara Anderman, so that I can read it out for you, perhaps with your child's help if they wish to

There will be a small prize for any story told/shared.

Please also look at these websites for further BHM information & events:

<https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/article/section/bhm-intros/reclaiming-narratives-the-inspiring-theme-for-black-history-month-2024-2/>

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/events/black-history-month>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/black-history-month>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49883230>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/54385116>

(We normally have a Family Food Festival during BHM, but I am really struggling to fit one in over the next few weeks as our diary is just so full. Instead, we will have one a little later on – date to be confirmed. Apologies for this and I promise that it will happen.)



Parent/Teacher Meetings:

These will take place on either: Monday 21st October or Thursday 24th October, after school from 3.35-6.45pm. Very soon, we will be sending you a letter about this, giving you further details and a chance to book (hopefully through the Arbor App, Moira is going to try and set this up next week).

It is really crucial that you attend this meeting – it is a great opportunity for you to sit down with the teacher to find out how your child has settled into their new class, how they are progressing with their learning and how you can help support at home.



Secondary School Applications:

Reminder to year 6 parents that Secondary school application forms must be completed by October 31st. Please speak to Ellie Whilby if you need a hand.



Football Festival:

The standard of football at the year 5 and 6 football festival held at Catford Jubilee ground on was amazing. The pace was fast, and every team had so many attempts at scoring goals. Four boy's teams and 3 girls teams competed against each other in a round robin tournament.

Both Haseltine teams represented the school well. The girls played 3, drew one and lost 2 close games. The boys team played 4, won 4, and managed to not concede any goals. Haseltine came home Champions. Congratulations to both teams and we look forward to more sporting success this year.



After School Club/Breakfast Club:

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

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

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clubs if your account is in arrears. If you do this your child will remain in Reception and we will contact you to pick them up.

Thank you

Wendy Treadwell
Office Administrator

Coffee Morning for Carers & Parents of children with Special Educational Needs &/or a disability (SEND):

Save the date – Thursday 24th October from 9am...

Ellie Whilby (our assistant headteacher & SENDCo) will be there, and so will a person from Lewisham's SEND team.

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

Drumbeat
Special Educational Needs

Jeans 4 Genes Day: thank you so much for your support over this, we raised £199.19.

Finally... don't forget that we **break up for the half term holiday on Friday 25th October and we come back on Monday 4th November.**

Have a lovely weekend everybody, see you all again on Monday.