

Dear Families & Friends,

Welcome back to the new school year; I really hope that you all had a fantastic summer and are well.

It has been a really good start to the year so far – the children have come back settled, happy and ready for learning. We are really excited for the year ahead, and it's really clear that your children are too! There is also a very calm atmosphere around the school – long may that continue 😊



Queries, questions or concerns...

As always, if you ever need to talk to me about anything or if you have any questions, you can always talk to me at the gates in the morning or after school. If you need our chat to be more formal or more private then we can always come up to my office after if I am free after the gates close. You can also always email or phone me and I will try to respond as soon as possible either with an email, a call or with arrangements for a face to face meeting.



My email is: s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk and the school's phone number is 07828053423.

Very soon, you will no longer be able to phone the school after 4.30pm, unless your child is in the after school club. In which case, it would then be best to email me after 4.30pm and I will do my very best to get in touch with you as soon as I am able to.



Please note that if you email me (or any member of staff) after 6pm or at the weekend, we will not respond to you until our next working day. We don't wish to appear rude but we have a strict policy of no emails after 6pm with each other at Haseltine, as well as with our parents & carers – we hope you understand.

To all Parents & Carers of children in years 1-6 next year...

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' session for you in the first week back.

- If your child is in year 1 or 2 this will be on Tuesday 10th September from 3.35pm in a classroom – you will be told by your teachers which one.
- If your child is in year 3, this will be on Wednesday 11th September at 3.35pm in a classroom – you will be told by your teachers which one.

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- If your child is in year 4, 5 & 6, this will be on Thursday 12th September at 3.35pm in a classroom – you will be told by your teachers which one.

Please note, that you may use your phone to take photos of any slides for information, but you will not be able to take photos of anything around the classroom, this is for data protection & safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

We really hope to see you there, you will get lots of important information about the class & about your child's learning & routines.



Library...

As many parents and carers will be coming into school to attend the Meet the Teacher events next week, the Library will also be open if you wish to come in and have a look at the books available. In order to take a book home, you will need to bring your child's library card. This will be on Tuesday the 10th, Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th straight after school from 3: 25pm. If you do not yet have a library card, look out for a letter coming soon which will provide you with all the information on how to get one.

Mrs Pullinger

Haseltine runners:

We would like to say a massive, massive well done & thank you to the amazing parents + Ms Graham + Mr Small for running The Big Half last Sunday. They ran an incredible half marathon, just over 13 miles, to raise money for Haseltine's PTFA – raising £1,855 + Gift Aid so far.

We can't thank you enough! If you wish to make a donation, the link is:

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/haseltineptfa?utm_medium=campaign&utm_content=campaign%2Fhaseltineptfa&utm_source=whatsapp&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp

I will be meeting with the PTFA very soon to look at what we can buy with all the money raised so far; but just to let you know that we have already booked some theatre sessions to come to school for the children during Black History Month in October.





Music Lessons at Haseltine...

Music lessons will be starting again in the next few weeks for children in years 3-6. Lessons available for children are:

- Violin
- Guitar
- Cello
- Samba (club for years 5 & 6 on Mondays after school)

If you would like for your child to START any of these lessons, please email me at s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk

If you are able to get a place, then we will ask you to pay for the lessons (£50 per term, you will also need to pay for instrument hire if learning the cello) using the Arbor app. If your child is entitled to FSM (this is the one that that you need the code for) then, *at the moment*, the lessons etc. are free.

If your child is already taking these lessons and wishes to continue, you do NOT need to email me, you will just need to carry on with the lessons when they start. Please make sure that you pay for the lessons etc. termly, using the Arbor app. If your child is entitled to FSM then you do not need to pay. If you do not wish for your child to continue with the lessons, please email me to let me know and also return the instrument if you have not done so already.



World Afro Hair Day...

...is coming up on the 15th September. We will be celebrating this day in our assembly on Monday 16th. Children with Afro hair – wear your hair with absolute pride on this day, and EVERY day.

It is important to note that we do NOT have a hair policy at Haseltine, and our children are free to wear their hair however they wish to throughout the year. We do not, and will not, condone policies that discriminate against race-based hair.

See this website for further details: <https://www.worldafroday.com/charity/>





Jeans for Genes Day...

We will be wearing our jeans – or full on denim if you like, on Friday 20th September to raise money for this fantastic charity that does a lot of brilliant work:

https://www.jeansforgenes.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIQobChMlo6L6oPmriAMVqmJBah1KZiG_EAAYAiAAEgIIYPD_BwE

Please donate £1 or £2 on the day or on the Arbor app nearer the time.

Punctuality at Haseltine...

Please remember that the official start time at Haseltine is 8.55am. Anyone coming in after that time will be considered late and will be marked in the register as such.

We have been a little too lenient at the gates and we have left them open until after 9am in the past. **I'm afraid that this is going to change and that the gates will be locked at 8.55am from now on.** Please can the reception parents ensure that they drop off quickly and then come back round to the gates, so that I can lock up and secure the school on time.

If you arrive after 8.55am, you must go around to the smaller, main gate as I will no longer be able to hold it open for children that I see coming down the road. You will then need to buzz the gate to be let in. If your children come to school by themselves then please ensure that they also know this.

Coming to school late can be extremely unsettling for children, it is a much smoother start to the day when they can come in, on time, with their friends. Learning also starts straight away – either with a reading, a phonics or a maths fluency lesson. If this is missed – or even a few minutes of it is missed, then your child will end up having huge gaps in their learning, which will be hard to make up. This is also distressing for children.



Information from Lewisham...

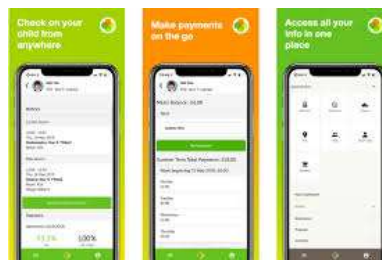
World Car Free Day is on Sunday 22 September. The Council will be holding a family friendly, free community day on Deptford High Street on Saturday 21 September, putting on street games with London Play, stalls, performances, face painting and activities for the community to come and enjoy. It will run from 11am to 2pm, and you can join us at any time. The regular Saturday market will still be happening of course, and all the local traders will be there to provide a tasty lunch or coffee.

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This year, Council teams will be available to talk to residents about local services such as waste and recycling, public health, cost of living help, leisure, and how to apply for community grant funding, plus more. We will also be sharing our plans for Deptford High Street pedestrianisation, so while the kids play, pop down and tell us what you think. Remember you can still apply to hold a traffic-free Play Street on Friday 20, Saturday 21 or Sunday 22 September.

There's still time to apply to transform your road into a Play Street for Car Free Day 2024 so you and your neighbours can come together on foot, by scooter, or even on space hopper to socialise safely.

You can apply to the Council to hold a traffic-free Play Street on Friday 20, Saturday 21 or Sunday 22 September. There's just over a week left to [submit your application by Sunday 8 September](#). If you want to ramp up the fun, you can also [email London Play](#) to apply for free equipment for your Play Street (subject to availability).



And finally, some important information about the Arbor App...

As you all know we have moved our payments for clubs and trips off of ParentPay and on to Arbor. At present this is new to everyone, including us, and we are all learning together. There have been a couple of glitches, the main one being access to the school shop section. I reported this issue to Arbor a couple of weeks ago and they are working on it.

With regards to the Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs. These are now up and running. You can access these through either the internet option or download the app onto your phone from your play store and log in from there. The system has changed now so all children have to be booked in to the clubs in advance and the charges for the booking paid by card when booking. (If you generally pay by HMRC or Voucher you will still be able to book and we will follow the same procedure as we did with ParentPay.)

One of the main changes is you will not be able to book your child into either club if you have an outstanding balance (unless paying via the means mentioned above.). We appreciate this may be tricky for some of you; however, there are a small minority of parents who do not pay their account and run up large outstanding bills. It has taken us a long time to get this money paid and we do not want to get into that situation again. Any money the school pays to cover parents' costs take away from the children's resources.

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I appreciate that it is not always easy to learn new technology and be confident in using the system but as you all know we are a cashless school and clubs have to be paid for somehow. To assist yourselves and some of the school staff I am going to do a guide to accessing, booking and paying for the clubs using the mobile app. I will pop this out next week via email. In the meantime, please pop in or call and I can talk you through the system so you can book.

Please, please do not just drop your child off at the club and leave them without booking them in via the Arbor App first.

Moira Dunn

