

Dear Families & Friends,

We have come to the end of this half term! Can you believe it? Time has flown by! We hope that you have an enjoyable and restful week next week, during the half term holiday.

Your children have been working really hard over the last few weeks and I have had the absolute pleasure of looking at the writing books of the children across the school. I am so, so proud of the progress they are making in their writing – the year one children have been writing their first full story this last week or so and, my gosh, they are fantastic! Just wait until **Parents Evenings** for you to be able to see for yourselves.

The dates for these will be: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – with an extra date of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March for some teachers who are struggling to make the other days. Details of these to follow soon, but please block out some time in your diaries to come to a 10-minute meeting for each child. These meetings are just so valuable, for you & for us, but for your child especially.



I would like to say a huge well done to the year 6 children who have been attending tuition sessions before or after school with either myself, Mrs Whilby or Mrs Booker (some of them will be attending with all of us!). They are all working so hard, not only within the sessions but also in getting themselves up extra early to come into school. Well done guys, we're really proud of you, keep it up!



# Careers Fair...

...may seem a long way off, but in actual fact is only around the corner – especially in terms of planning for it.

So far, I have just 4 parents who have volunteered. Please – we need more of you. So, if you can spare some time in the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, please chat to me or email me on: <u>s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk</u>



Honestly, we think that your job or career IS interesting and we need you to come & share what you do with our children. The tables are set up around the hall and the children will come in a couple of classes at a time to ask you questions & listen to you talk. If you have members of your family or friendship group who could do this, please also put them in touch with me.

We really want anyone from all different kinds of jobs – we also want people who represent our cohort. We want our children to look at you and think, "I can do that one day, I can be that person." I hope that makes sense, we want to inspire & excite our children and YOU can help do that.

Thank you so much – please get in touch.





# Reading challenge for the Half Term...

Where is the most unusual place, or the most comfortable place that you like to read?

What is it that you like to read?

Over the half term, can you take a photo of you reading in your unusual or your favourite place, print it off & bring it in to Mrs Anderman? If you don't have a printer, you could email it to me instead: <u>s.anderman@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk</u>

I will display them in the school for everyone to see  $\odot$ 

### World Book Day Week!

Because we love reading so much at Haseltine, we have decided that we won't just dedicate 1 day to this, we are going to use the whole week! So our Pupil Parliament have decided that we will be doing the following:

On Tuesday (remember Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is an INSET Day):

We will have a Show & Tell Session of our favourite books in Talk On Tuesdays



# On Wednesday:

**Book Swap Day:** Children will be encouraged to bring in a book that they have read and no longer need, to swap with another book that someone else will bring in.

# On Thursday:

As we always do for World Book Day, we will be dressing up - either:

- As a book/story character, or
- In the clothes you best like to read in (this could be your PJs of course!)

Please don't spend loads of money on special outfits – often the best outfits are the ones that you put together from things you already at home, e.g.: a bucket of dinosaurs for Harry & the Bucketful of Dinosaurs, a fancy Hat & whiskers for The Cat in the Hat or a stripy hat for Where's Wally!

# On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

**Storybook Day**: We are going to be turning each of our classrooms (years 1-5) into books & stories and then in the afternoon on the Friday, children are going to visit the different stories to engage in a range of activities associated with that story.

# Congratulations to:

Mrs Parker & Ms Henry – both of whom have now been working in Lewisham & also at Haseltine for over 25 years!



# Goodbye to:

Ms Stockley – it was her last day with us today. She has worked at Haseltine for the last 10 years in a number of roles, but mostly in our Breakfast Club and also in our Nursery at lunchtimes. We are sad to see her go, but also very excited for her as she is starting as a veterinary nurse soon. (Hopefully, she'll be able to come back for our Careers Fair!)



I hope that you all have a lovely week next week and we will see you all again on the 24<sup>th</sup> February. Please don't forget that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is an INSET day – there will be no school that day.