Haseltine Newsletter 12th November 2025

Dear Families & Friends,

I am sending an early newsletter this week because I will not be here for the next couple of days. I am away in Brighton for the Annual Lewisham's Headteacher Conference. It will be a couple of very interesting days with lots of speakers & lots to learn. Mrs Whilby will be looking after you all in my absence, she will be on my big gates at the start & end of the days too.

There are some important dates for you to get in your diaries for this half term:

Headteacher's Coffee Morning: Thursday 20th November in The Hub at 9am (or as soon as I can close the gates). Please come along to discuss some things that are happening at Haseltine, or ask any questions that you would like to about the school. I would also like to ask your opinion over a few matters, including the use of mobile phones by children.

Friday 5th December: Children in KS1 & EYFS are having a special theatre show in school – funded by the PTFA.

The Haseltine Christmas Fair: after school on Friday 5th December until 5.30pm.

Tuesday 9th December: Children in KS2 are having a special theatre show in school – funded by the PTFA.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day: children can wear their most flashy, glitzy, sparkly Christmas jumper or Wintery/Party clothes and pay at least £1 for Save the Children on Thursday 11th December.

EYFS Christmas performance: Thursday 11th December at 2pm (details to follow)

EYFS Christmas performance: Friday 12th December at 9.30am (details to follow)

Winter Market: after school on Friday 12th December

KS1 Christmas performance: Tuesday 16th December at 2pm (details to follow)

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Children's Christmas Dinner: Wednesday 17th December (details to follow)

KS2 singing performance in the playground after school at 3.10pm on Wednesday 17th December

KS1 Christmas performance: Thursday 18th December at 9.30am (details to follow)

We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 19th December – usual time.

Tickets for the EYFS & KS1 shows will be available nearer the time. We will let you know when you can order these & collect from the office – not yet! There will be enough space for 2-3 members of your family (maybe more for EYFS). You will not need tickets for the KS2 performance.

Anti-Bullying week:

So far, the children have been enjoying a lovely week. On Monday, Pupil Parliament helped me to deliver an assembly on what is bullying and what is not. For example:

Someone makes fun of you for something you cannot control – definitely bullying!

Someone continuously makes fun of you online – definitely bullying!

Making fun of your race or religion or clothes or gender (or if they call you homophobic names) – definitely bullying!

Your friend plays with someone else one day – NOT bullying!

You have an argument with your friend – NOT bullying!

You call someone a name and they call it back – NOT bullying!

Do you agree with us?

On Tuesday, we enjoyed a shared lunchtime with another class. Every class in reception to year 6 joined up with another class to sit together at lunch and play together in a special zone in the playground, with special games set out. It was such a pleasure to see all the older & younger children playing so beautifully with each other.

And today, the children in years 1 to 6 have enjoyed a play afternoon. They have been able to explore the classrooms (or play zones as we call them), freely and independently. Again, it was lovely to see everyone being so caring & helping each other out. Lovely also to see children away from tablets & phones and just **PLAYING.**

They will be making posters tomorrow, and hopefully (if it is not raining), you will be able to see these displayed in the playground at the end of the day. Mrs Whilby will let you know by text if it is too wet to do this.

Don't forget that Friday is Pyjama Day – the children are so excited for this! In exchange for them wearing their PJs, please can you bring in something for the Christmas Fair – a gift of some kind, maybe some bubble bath, soap or body lotion, maybe some chocolates, maybe a nice notebook?

Thank you everyone – I'm sad to be missing Pyjama Day!

Two messages from the PTFA:

And…

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Thank you to the PTFA for everything they have been & are doing. They are a wonderful team of people who have just been working so hard for the school and for the Haseltine Community.

Our Chill Out Zone on the decking has now been set up (more toys coming), and all the children in the school will be able to experience the theatre groups coming nearer Christmas time ☺

The builders/fitters will also be in school next week to set up our new Multi-Sensory room. This has been partly funded by the PTFA too.

We really are so, so grateful.

And finally…

Please ensure that you close the gate as you leave, if there is not a member of staff. Please do not hold it open for the person behind you, please allow the office to buzz them through instead.

I hope that you have a lovely couple of days and a lovely weekend when you get to it.

Sara Anderman

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