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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have a very exciting project happening next term at Haseltine, and we really want, and need, your help with it.

Year groups will be teaming up to deliver 3 different projects across the school (exact themes to yet be finalised) with one very important theme – **getting children away from screen time and getting them engaged in other activities, including play, exercise & reading**.

We would really like your help with this at home – the exact details will come out to you next term, but we wanted to give you the heads up and to also invite you to a meeting/workshop with the teachers on Wednesday 29th April, again exact details will follow after the holidays.

We are excited about this, it is a project, an action research project, of our own making and one that we have not done before; we will struggle to do it without your help.

Don't forget that from September 2026, children will no longer be able to bring a smart phone to school, so this project will be a good introduction to that happening.

You may also want to check out this survey on parents' views on talking to their children about online activity: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/69a9aad52fd1694513b9b20b/Media_Literacy_Parents__Study_-_Management_Summary.pdf

These links are also worth checking out:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.internetmatters.org/

https://www.parentkind.org.uk/online-safety-toolkit

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Careers Fair:

I want to say a massive, massive thank you to all the volunteers that came to our Careers Fair last Friday. It was a fabulous event, really enjoyed by all the children. In total, we had 25 people representing a range of careers and I am just so grateful to each and every one of them.

The children were engrossed by what was being said, and they asked amazing questions. Their behaviour was exemplary and they were an absolute credit to you all. I loved all their outfits too!

Kojo, the artist, said, "*The children were amazing, they asked hilarious questions, and some genuinely wanted to understand everything. I was really impressed and pleasantly surprised by how curious and respectful they were.*

I truly enjoyed being there."

Once again, thank you! Roll on next year!

To Parents & Carers of children in years: Reception, year 1, year 4 & year 6:

Your children will be experiencing some assessments and tests next term (in reception, these are all teacher led – no tests).

I will be having a coffee morning in the Hub on Friday 17th April at 9am to talk you through what these tests (or as we like to call them… challenges) mean & what they entail.

Please come along, especially if you have questions or concerns.

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Stephen Lawrence Day, Wednesday 22nd April:

"Stephen Lawrence Day is more than remembrance, it's a day to celebrate progress, challenge injustice, and empower young people to imagine their futures." Quote from the Stephen Lawrence Day Foundation website: https://stephenlawrenceday.org/#

At Haseltine, we would like to remember this young man by wearing clothes that represent us and who we are; clothes that represent our culture, our country of birth or family origin, our religion, our identity or simply who we like to be. This was the request of one of our pupils here at Haseltine, in fact lots of our children really love to do this and to me, Stephen Lawrence Day seems like the perfect opportunity to show everyone that Haseltine is proud to have children from a wide range of cultures, religions and family traditions and identities. We are proud of who we are and respectful of all others.

We won't be collecting money in school on this day, but you can donate, if you wish to, to the Stephen Lawrence Foundation: https://www.justgiving.com/charity/stephenlawrencedayfoundation

Body-Shaming Incidents:

We have had a few incidents recently where children have been calling each other fat or saying that members of their families are too.

Please could you help us and talk with your children about this. We all come in all different shapes & sizes, and we should all be respectful of that and should be more kind to each other. We also recognise that eating disorders can start for some children from a very early age – we want all children to be healthy, and

appreciative of food. We don't want anyone to ever question themselves or their body shape and size.

Don't forget:

There is a Bank Holiday, so no school on Monday 4th May, and no school also on Thursday 7th May because we are a polling station – it will be an INSET day.

Walking to School Competition:

Haseltine's 5 Travel Ambassadors have planned a competition for Haseltine children during the Summer Term. They have called it 'Haseltine Reaches for the Moon!'

They/we would like children to be walking/cycling/scooting to school, and not getting the bus or going by car if they can help it. At the TfL conference they attended in January, the Travel Ambassadors learnt that walking to school can:

- Make you fitter
- Better prepare you for learning
- Improve your mental health

Not using cars/transport will also help to improve air quality of course.

Children who walk to school will need to tick a box when they come into class, and at the end of each week, the class with the most people walking will win 10minutes of extra playtime outside!

For our younger Haseltine children, they also have to be actually walking – not coming to school in a buggy or being carried.

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Don't forget that if you are cycling or scooting, you MUST wear a helmet.

Parent/Teacher Meetings:

Thank you to everyone who came this week for your meeting with the teacher, we hope that you found the time useful, and have some ideas of how to support your child at home with their learning too.

For anyone who was unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher to try to arrange an alternative – it really is so important that you meet.

Easter Holiday ideas:

Horniman Museum always has lots on:
https://www.horniman.ac.uk/whats-on/

Parkrun at Beckenham Place Park:
https://beckenhamplacepark.com/things-to-see-and-do/fitness

Time Out always has some good ideas:
https://www.timeout.com/london/kids/activities/the-best-easter-activities-for-kids-in-london

Dulwich Picture Gallery (make a day of it and go to the park after!): https://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk/visit-us/artplay-pavilion/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23121347994&gbraid=0AAAADwRt3ET5oUfB5HYgOvUJXUlmOZu5&gclid=CjwKCAjwyYPOBhBxEiwAgpT8P7TyrkLSWqt-1jLLnuwkcKvnDxhyl7MVtSaJvDqmURhWwY2nF7q06BoCvMUQAvD_BwE

Free activities, including London's giant Easter Egg Hunt…
https://www.moderntuition.co.uk/post/free-activities-in-london-this-easter-half-term

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Coal Drops Yard: https://www.kingscross.co.uk/things-to-do-with-kids-at-kings-cross

Whatever you choose to do, however you choose to celebrate, we wish you a very Happy Easter, and/or a very lovely break. We will see you all back at Haseltine on Monday 13th April.

Don't forget to come to school tomorrow! We break up then at the usual time. Also, it is NOT an 'own clothes day' tomorrow – normal school uniform please ☺