



Haseltine News

24th September 2015

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Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

I would like to say a huge welcome to all our new families at Haseltine. We have most of our children in the nursery now and our Reception children are settling incredibly well – I can't believe these children have only been with us for 3 weeks. Welcome also to our new families who have joined us from different schools across the year groups. We are all excited that you have chosen us, we hope that you are happy but remember that you can talk to me any time if you ever have any problems, questions or concerns (or simply to have a chat!).

Please can I remind you that parents should NOT be coming into school at the start of the day. Please trust us that we are looking after your children from the second they come into school and by coming up the stairs with them you are causing congestion, which in turn could cause accidents to happen. If you have a message for the teacher then please see me, or any of the teachers/LSAs who are in the playground (we will make sure the message gets to the right person). Thank you to the many of you who are supporting our school procedures so well already.

I would like to wish all our Muslim families & friends a very happy Eid-al-Adha today – Eid Mubarak from us all.

Best wishes,

Sara Anderman
Head of School

Harvest Festival

On Friday 9th October, Haseltine is having a Harvest Festival Celebration. We will be having an assembly that day and we will also be collecting food items to donate to a local charity. We have a real lack of space in the hall with all the children in there too so I'm sorry to say that we will be unable to invite all parents at this stage.

If you are desperate to see this assembly then please speak to Mrs. Anderman who may just be able to squeeze in the first few interested people!

If you would like to donate then please bring non-perishable food items in before the 9th. Thank you for your support.



Individual Photos

Next week on Thursday & Friday (**the 1st & 2nd October**) all the children will have their photos taken individually and with their brothers/sisters in the school. It will be EYFS and KS1 children on the Thursday and KS2 on the Friday (if we over-run some KS1 children may be done on the Friday too). You may want to ensure that children are coming to school smartly dressed with brushed hair on those days! (Please ensure all children are wearing school uniform still.)

If you would like to have younger siblings in a photo then please come along at 3.30 on the Friday but be prepared that you may have to wait a while!



Open Morning & Family Breakfast

We have 2 new important dates for your diaries:

Our first Open Morning of the year will be on **Friday 13th November** where we will be focusing on Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar

Our first Family Breakfast will be on Friday 11th December

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Come along and enjoy our
Macmillan Coffee Morning from
9.15am in the Hub.

Cake donations are welcome



Now the weather is changing please
remember to send your children to school
in the appropriate clothing and,
of course, write their names
in their coats.



Attendance

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly.

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year: it will be difficult for them to achieve their best. Young people in this group (from September 2015) are classed as "**Persistent Absentees**".

85%: 29 days absence a year

These pupils have missed half a term of education and will be considerably behind their peers. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.

Remember to always aim to achieve at least 95% attendance!

Punctuality

5 minutes late everyday = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late everyday = 6.5 days of school lost a year

15 minutes late everyday = 10 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late everyday = 13 days of school lost a year

30 minutes late everyday = 19 days of school lost a year