



Haseltine News

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Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

I hope that you are all having a great term at Haseltine – it just seems to be whizzing by, I really can't believe that we only have 3½ weeks left before we break up for the Christmas holidays. These will be very busy weeks – please make sure that you know when your child's show is as there are lots of different dates available, especially if your child is in KS2. (Your teachers should already have sent out these dates to you – if you are not sure, please just ask.)

We had our Haseltine Careers Fair here last Friday morning. Your children had the opportunity to talk to 20 volunteers representing 20 different professions. Thank you so much to all of those volunteers involved – you were amazing! Thank you, also, to all of the children: you asked some amazing questions and your enthusiasm to learn about each of the careers was infectious. Please have a chat with your children at home about who they spoke to, who inspired them and what they found out.

Enjoy the rest of the term. If you have any questions or concerns, I am, as always, here for you. Please either come and have a chat with me or I can be contacted via the new website.

Best wishes,

Sara Anderman

Two Request from Parents:

Two of our parents have approached us with a couple of different issues related to the playground at pick-up/drop-off times. We need your support with them please:

- 1) We have noticed parents spitting on the playground floor. Please do not do this; we need you to be role models for our children – we also want to keep our playground clean.
- 2) When coming through the gates, can we all make sure that we are being courteous and stepping aside to let each other through, please do not push your way in/out. Saying 'thank you' to each other also goes a long way.

Many thanks.

Trips

I would like to say a massive thank you to all those parents who accompany classes on trips. We really can't do these trips without you and we really all appreciate you giving up your time.

As a working mum, I know how hard it can be at times but if you can spare the time we really do need you – it would be awful if we had to cancel a trip because we couldn't get helpers.

Many thanks,
Sara Anderman

Christmas Jumper Day + Christmas Dinners



Friday 16th December is Christmas Jumper Day – your children can wear a Christmas jumper (the glitzier the better!!) for the day & pay £1 to support Save the Children. Please come in a wintery theme if you do not celebrate Christmas but still want to be involved (Primark have some great snowman jumpers).

The children will also be having their Christmas dinner that day. If you would like your child to have a deliciously cooked dinner that day and they normally have a packed lunch, then please make sure that you inform the office. If your child is in RG, RC, year 1 or year 2 then this dinner will be free (but please still inform the office). If your child is in years 3 – 6 then the dinner will cost **£2** – please pay this in advance to the office or on Parent Pay. If your child has school dinners anyway, you do not need to do anything.

Keeping Safe Online

We hear from our older children about how they belong to groups on messaging apps such as 'WhatsApp'. These groups are not always monitored carefully by adults and this can lead to children getting themselves into difficulty. In school we spend time educating children about how to keep safe online and what to do if they see or hear something that makes them feel uncomfortable or vulnerable, such as cyber-bullying or sexting.

It is very important that adults at home know about their child's online activity, and educate themselves in how to help their child stay safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

And

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

are helpful websites for parents and carers.

You might also be interested to know the recommended lower age limits for the most popular social media sites and messaging apps:

Age 13	Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google + Tumblr Reddit Snapchat
Age 14	LinkedIn
Age 16	WhatsApp
Age 18 / or age 13 with adult permission	You Tube Flickr

Haseltine will be CLOSED:

Don't forget that we break up for the holidays on **Wednesday 21st December** (this is a normal school day) and we return to school on **Tuesday 3rd January**. We have an **INSET day** – when Haseltine will be closed to children, on **Friday 20th January**.

Reminder:
Triangles are coming...
Our Festival of Triangles whole school celebration is taking place next week, on **Wednesday 30th November**, from **3:30pm** in the middle hall.

Sweets

It has been noticed recently that a number of children are bringing sweets to school.

Please can we remind you that sweets are not allowed anywhere in school. If we find sweets on your children, we will take them off them and they will be thrown away. This, of course, includes chewing gum.

Many thanks

Choir Events This Term

On Tuesday evening, our KS2 choir will be performing at Blackheath Halls at the Turning of the Year concert.

This annual event is always very exciting for the children as they get to sing with other Lewisham schools in several massed choir numbers but then also are going to sing two solo songs. I'm sure they will have a great evening!

On Monday 5th December after school our KS1 choir will take part in *Carols on the Green* at Bellingham Green. This is a lovely festive event with other local schools and community groups which culminates in the lighting of a huge Christmas tree. Our choir will be singing one solo song – all are invited to come and listen! However, just as exciting for the children will be a recording session of their song beforehand – this will be played on the day just to give them a helping hand!