



Haseltine News

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Dear Parents, Carers, families & Friends,

We have reached the end of our first half term of the school year – I really can't believe how quickly it has gone; and what a great start it has been. One of the things we have been focusing on this term has been the presentation by your children in their books and I am very proud to report that there has been a significant improvement in this over the last few weeks. We had a visit from 15 headteachers last week, who said how impressed they were with the quality of the learning in the books. Well done, everyone!

These headteachers were also very impressed with the learning they saw all around the school. They said that there was a real buzz in every classroom – your children are such great learners; and they said that the drive and passion for teaching was clear to see in every member of staff they met.

I am excited for the rest of this year – it has been such a great start and there is a lot of good things for us to build on. The second half of the Autumn Term is always a busy one with so many events happening – especially nearer to Christmas, we will let you know early next term when these events will take place.

I would like to wish you all a lovely break next week when it is half term. I hope that we all have some nice weather; enjoy the time with your families and we'll see you all on Monday 31st October.

Best wishes,

Sara Anderman

Head's Coffee Morning

I will be having a coffee morning at **9am on Thursday 3rd November** in The Hub. All parents/carers are really welcome to come along. I can share with you any changes to the school and you can ask me questions or share your concerns. We can also talk about the Christmas Fair and how you can help!



See you there,
Sara

Career's Fair

Don't forget that we are having our Career's Fair here on the morning of **November the 18th**. So far I have only had 2 parents approach me to come and talk to the children. Thank you so much to those parents BUT we need more! Don't be scared – our children really are lovely, they will ask you some great questions, I'm sure. The parents who came last year, loved it!

Please, if you can help and can spare the time on the 18th, come and see me to offer your services. We really would love a wide range of careers/jobs represented.

After School Club Fees

In January, we are raising the cost of the After School Club to £10 a session until 6pm. The price until 4pm will stay the same. This is so that we can cover costs – not to make a profit. If you have any concerns about this, please come and speak to me or Mrs Johnson.

Thank you, Sara Anderman.

Half Term

Don't forget that there is no school next week – it is half term. We will see you all on Monday 31st October.

British Values Education

All schools in this country have to teach British Values to their children. The DFE and OFSTED recognise that there are 4 main areas to this. They are:

- democracy
- the rule of law
- individual liberty
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith

At Haseltine we are thinking about what these values actually mean and what we, as individuals and as a school, can do about making sure that we stay true to these values.

You may have seen the British Values display that we have started in the bottom corridor around the trees. This is very much a work in progress and we really need your help with it. I would like you, as a family, to think about what British Values mean to you. Could you please have a think over the half term; record your ideas in the box below and return to me (via the office, to your child's teacher or if you see me) as soon as possible when we return. I will then write up your ideas and display them on the trees. Please add your family name to it if you wish to.

From the family.

Many thanks – and look out for your ideas appearing on the trees soon!