



Haseltine News

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Friday, 19th May 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

I am so, so proud of the children at Haseltine.

The year 6s all tried so hard in their SATs tests last week. Their attitude throughout was commendable. Not only did they all get themselves to school early for the breakfast but they also tried the very best that they could every day and in every test. They smiled and supported each other throughout. We could not have asked any more of any of them. Whatever happens, I know that I am very proud of the learners that they have all become.

The year 2s are currently doing their SATs 'challenges' and I am also proud of the way that they are tackling these. I know that their teachers are very proud too. Well done – I know that you are all trying your very best.

The year 5s had a fabulous week last week:

Half of them went on their School Journey to France and just had the most amazing time. The teachers also had a good time – in fact, I really don't think that I have ever seen a group of teachers enjoy themselves quite as much as this group did last week. This is down to your children – they made the trip so pleasurable for everyone! In fact, these children were given so many compliments by so many different people I am told. They were complemented by the coach driver, people on the ferry, people who worked at the centre and French people at the market! Well done all of you.

The other half went on lots of different days out. They too showed exemplary behaviour and were complimented by many.

Thank you so much to all of the teachers (and parents) who arranged these fantastic trips and who helped out. We really do appreciate everything you did.

Have a lovely weekend all of you and see you on Monday,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Anderman". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sara Anderman
Headteacher

Haseltine Closures

Don't forget that we break up for the half term holiday on Friday 26th May – we come to school that day as usual. We then return on Monday 5th June.

We are then **closed** on Thursday 8th June as we are being used as a polling station.

There is a further INSET day on Friday 30th June so no school this day either.

Finally, we break up for the summer holidays on Friday 21st July – we come to school as usual this day. The children return for the start of the school year on Monday 4th September.

Haseltine Family Picnic

We are going to have another Haseltine Family Picnic in Mayow Park this year. It was great last year (even with the rain) so it would be lovely to do it again (hopefully without the rain!). We are planning to have it on Saturday 24th June, from 12.30 – 2.30.

Bring along your picnics, your games equipment and your families! (I know we can't stop you bringing dogs to the park but we would ask that you don't bring them within the picnic area.)

If anyone has any ideas on how we could improve on last year's event, then please come and have a chat with me.

The Haseltine Fringe

On Monday 10th July we are having a Musical Theatre Extravaganza! There will be more details to follow but do keep the day free in your diaries. Basically, throughout the day your children's classes will be showcasing their musical theatre talents (in the form of a short performance, costume designs and stage sets).

We have decided to combine our Summer Fair with this event this year so please watch out for more information on this soon.

Sports Day

Another date to add to your diary is for Sports Day. It will be on Tuesday 11th July – Reception Classes & KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon, on the playing field of The Bridge.

(We have also reserved Thursday 13th July in case of bad weather.)

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for last week was 98%!!! This is AMAZING

Our year 6 pupils were in school every day and on time for their SAT's, let's make sure that this continues for the rest of the term.

If you have received a letter from The Attendance Team requesting further information regarding your child's absence please ensure that you return it promptly. We must keep our registers up to date and if your child's absence is not reported it will be recorded as unauthorised.

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!

