



Haseltine News

0208 778 6536

Friday, 9th February 2018

Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

Thank you so much to all the children who entered the Coat of Arms competition. Nearly 50 of you produced a design that really reflected your own family values and some of you really thought about how this related to British Values.

I originally said that there would be two winners for this competition but I couldn't choose just two! In fact, I chose 5, with the help of my two daughters as judges, from across the school. They are:

Malia in Nursery
Lucas H in RC
Tia in 1Mc
George in 1Mc &
Kene in 4J

Well done to these children – enjoy your game! Well done, too to everyone who entered, I was so impressed. All of the designs look fantastic displayed on our British Value trees just outside of our restaurant – please pop in to have a look.

We have now come to the end of the first half term of the Spring Term and we are half way through the year – if you can believe that! I really hope that you all have a good break. There have been a lot of bugs going around and I get the sense that many of your children are pretty tired, so I think the break will do us all good. I hope to see you all, fighting fit, on Monday 19th February.

Attached to this newsletter are some ideas for you to do with your children over the next week. I can't wait to hear about what you managed to do or find.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Anderman".

Sara Anderman
Headteacher

Fun, free ideas for half term:

- ◆ Imagine Children's Festival is returning to The Southbank Centre this half term (Monday to Friday). Some of the events you have to pay for but some are actually free (you know me – I never pay unless I really have to!).
- ◆ Chinese New Year events are happening in Chinatown in London next week – finishing with the big parade & fireworks on Sunday 18th.
- ◆ Get your children to enter the 500-word story competition – deadline for entries is 22nd February. Simply 'Google' 500 words and follow the links through the BBC website.
- ◆ Visit The Horniman Museum and Gardens.
- ◆ Also visit our local woods & parks – go for a '**Spotting Signs of Spring**' walk. Children – make a diary of what you see.
- ◆ Get your children to become weather forecasters! Can they use the weather forecasts on the Internet (BBC weather is a good one) and on the TV to create their own weather forecasts? Film them reporting the weather to you and get them to plan days around the weather

We have been learning about safe use of the Internet this week (see information about this in this newsletter). Your children could design posters to encourage others to keep safe online.

Trips & Events in School

There have been some exciting things happening for your children over the last few weeks! Yr1's have been speaking French in a French café; Yr4s have been to the zoo; and Yr6's to The London Eye to name a few! We've had Trinity Laban in showcasing dance, an Australian story teller in for Yr3 and a Chinese group in working with Yr5.

Thank you so, so much to all the teachers for organising; to the parents who have helped out and to the children for always making us so proud.

Debate Mate

On 1st February, Haseltine's Debate Mate club competed against other schools in the borough in round one of the Urban Debate League. 12 students from years 5 and 6 travelled to Tidemill Academy to put in to practice the debating techniques they've learnt so far.

We debated the motions 'this house would ban violent video games' and 'this house would raise the price of fizzy drinks', winning one out of four debates. We received lots of useful feedback from the judges which we plan to put in place to do even better next time!

Special thanks to Mr O'Hanlon for accompanying us.

Attendance

At Haseltine we do expect all children to maintain at least 95% attendance, please remember that this means no more than 3 days absence per term.

Whole school attendance for last week was 95.68%, we aim to achieve at least 96% each week, please support us by ensuring that your child is in school every day and on time.

You can check your child's weekly class attendance on the display board in the reception area.

Early Collections

Children being collected from school before the end of the day will not be authorised without appropriate evidence.

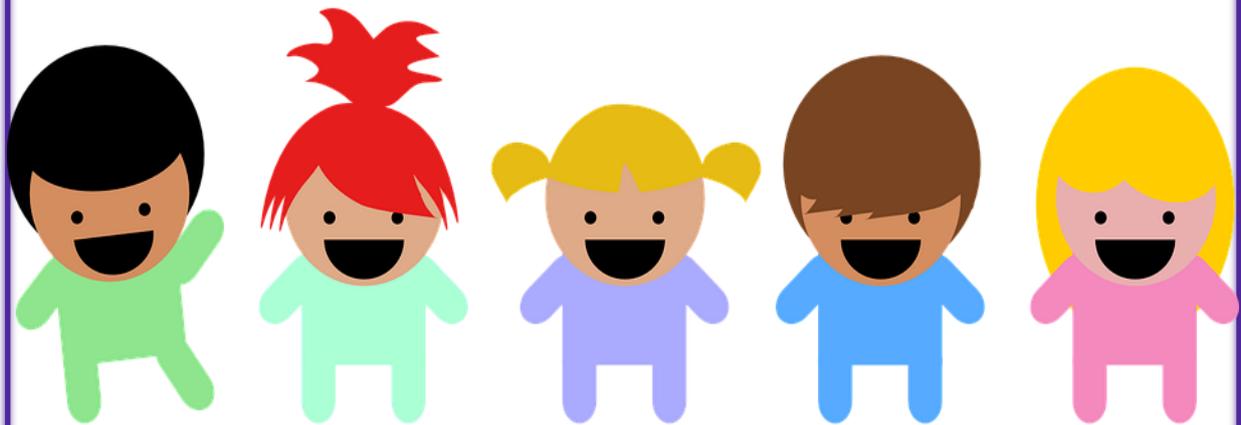
Your child should only be collected early if they have a medical appointment that cannot be arranged outside of school hours, children should not be removed from school for any other reason.

Please make use of our after school facilities if you know you will be unable to collect at 3:15pm.

Reporting daily absences

If your child is too unwell to attend school, it is your responsibility to inform us by 9:30am. If we do not hear from you we will start to contact all of the numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is we may carry out a home visit.

This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. Please let us know in good time why your child is absent from school. If you would like to talk to us about this, please make an appointment with the Attendance team.



Do you have a baby between 6 weeks and 6 months?

Would you be interested in baby massage for your bundle of joy? If so please come and see/call Miss Bird ASAP to book a space.

Sessions will take place in The Hub from Tuesday 20th February @ 9.00am. The course will be every Tuesday and runs for 5 weeks.