



Haseltine News

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Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

I just wanted to say a huge, huge thank you to you all for a really fantastic Christmas Fair. I'm so sorry that I wasn't there (I was at a conference in Birmingham this week), but I hear that it was a really, really lovely event.

Thank you to all of you who supported us by attending and a really big thank you to those of you who helped in the days and weeks before the fair, and to those of you who set up and helped out on the day – you are absolutely amazing and we are all just so, so grateful to you. Thank you so much to Emma Bird too, she did a brilliant job in putting the whole thing together, well done.

I must also thank the lovely mums of Olive and Ivy who donated £50 to our fair – you are lovely, both of you.

Because of all your efforts, a total of over £1,200 in profit was raised. This is incredible. We are going to buy a clock for the playground so look out for that in the new year.

Everyone at Haseltine would like to give our new Premises Officer, Rafael Toogood, a big welcome to Haseltine. He has started this week and is settling well, here and at Fairlawn. Please say hello to him if you get the chance.

We have less than two weeks now before we break up for the Christmas Holidays. As always, it is a very busy time. I have included all the Christmas dates on this newsletter again because I really don't want anyone to miss out, especially the performances: don't forget to get the tickets you need for the right show on the right day from the office.

Don't forget that within these very busy times it is really important to continue being as considerate as we can with our parking, before & after school and when it is our performances. Please do not block our neighbours' driveways or park on the corners so our families and children cannot cross roads safely. One of our neighbours (who is also a parent here) told me a sad story the other day about a time last week when their driveway was blocked. Then when they politely asked them not to, was thrown a lot of verbal abuse. I know that you will all agree that this is totally unacceptable and just plain rude. Let's all try extra hard at this time of year to show kindness to each other.

Many thanks to all of you,

Sara Anderman

Christmas dates – please check for additions & timings

KS1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 11th at 2pm

SCHOOL IS CLOSED: Thursday 12th December because of Polling Day

KS1 Christmas Performance – **FRIDAY 13th December at 9.30am (note the change – remember that the 12th is now an INSET day because we are closed for Polling)**

KS2 performances (please check carefully so that you don't miss your child) –

Monday 16th December:

- ❖ Group 1 (3S, 4R, 5B, 5L & 6M) at 9.30am
- ❖ Group 2 (3F, 4M, 5S, 6P & 6F) at 2pm

Tuesday 17th December:

- ❖ Group 2 (3F, 4M, 5S, 6P & 6F) at 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December:

- ❖ Group 1 (3S, 4R, 5B, 5L & 6M) at 2pm
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Break up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 19th December at the normal time

Children return to school on Tuesday 7th January

Christmas Performance rules

I just wanted to run some of our rules that we have for our Christmas Performances. I say these at the start of each one but I thought I'd write them here too just to be clear:

- 1) Please arrive on time – it is very distracting/upsetting for the children if you are not there from the start of the performance
- 2) Please make sure that phones are on silent – never answer a call, no matter how important it may be
- 3) Please remain seated during the performance & do not let your phone/recording device stop anyone else's viewing
- 4) NEVER, EVER put images or recordings onto any social media site. Many parents have requested that their children do not appear on the internet and it absolutely crucial that we respect their wishes
- 5) Enjoy the show! The teachers and, most of all, the children have put a lot of effort into each and every one 😊

Haseltine Choirs

Well done to both of our choirs this week – not only did they both perform so well in our assemblies on Monday but they also went out into our community to perform superbly as well.

KS1 choir performed at Carols on the Green in Bellingham on Monday evening. It was a very chilly evening but they all behaved and performed brilliantly. I was very proud of them all. Thank you to all the parents for such a good turnout – you behaved yourselves very well too 😊

KS2 choir rehearsed and then performed at Blackheath Concert Halls on Tuesday at The Turning of the Year Concert. I hear that their singing was beautiful and the behaviour was pretty impressive too.

Well done all of you, I hope that you are all very proud of yourselves – you should be.

Thank you also to Ms Davey, firstly for getting so many of us involved in these special events in the first place, and then for organising us all so well.

Presents

We would never be so presumptuous as to assume that you would be thinking of buying any of the staff presents for the end of this term but can we just say that we really wouldn't want any of you spending money on us.

This time of year can take its toll on all of us, so please save your money for your families. We know how much you support and appreciate us, you really don't need to buy us gifts.

I hope that I haven't offended anyone with my words, it truly isn't my intention to do so.

We are collecting for food & present parcels for us to share with our community, however, so if you would like to contribute to this then please do so in our Hub.

SEND Coffee morning

Don't forget that there is a coffee morning in The Haseltine Hub on Friday 13th December at 10.30am for parents of children with SEND or Speech & Language needs in the EYFS & KS1. We hope to see you there.

Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget that Friday 13th December is Christmas/Winter Jumper Day – you can also wear your own clothes. We will be raising money for the Jimmy Mizen Foundation so please contribute £1 on that day.

I saw an article in the news the other day about how many Christmas jumpers contain plastic – please recycle last year's jumper, don't feel as if you need to buy new ones.

Mornings at Haseltine

Please can we remind you that only children who are booked into and pay for the 7.30-8am session of the breakfast Club at Haseltine, come to school before 8am. No child will be let in to BC early so please do not leave your child outside of school before that time.

Children coming to school without an adult before 8.45am MUST go into the Breakfast Club before going to the playground. Adults waiting with their children are welcome to do so in the playground or in BC from 8.30am.

Please do not come in and wait in our corridors however as this can block the way for deliveries and for children trying to get to Breakfast Club.

Maxs (2M) firefighter daddy is raising money for MIND by fighting in a charity boxing. Please can we help him raise as much money as possible for this very worthwhile cause.

To donate log onto:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tom-reddington