

Haseltine Newsletter: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, I hope that you all had a lovely half term week.

You will have seen from my email on Thursday that we had a COVID-19 positive case within Haseltine and we had to close one of our year group bubbles: Year 1. This is as a precautionary measure as per the guidance from the government and Lewisham's Public Health team; we have no intention to close any other bubbles at this stage as a result of this case. Thank you so much for your understanding, please speak to me if you have any questions or concerns. Year 1 children & families: we look forward to seeing you all again on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, we hope that you are all okay – email me if you need anything.

One of the important parts of the guidance around COVID-19 is the importance for good ventilation in all indoor areas. You can imagine that this can make the school a little chilly at times. It is therefore a good idea for your child to wear extra clothing in school over this period; your child can bring in an extra sweatshirt or a hoodie to wear in class – even if it isn't part of the school uniform. This ventilation will also help stop the spread of colds or any other viruses of course.

Thank you for signing up for the parent/teacher meetings next week using our new system. I really hope that this system works for us all next week, as I feel that it so, so important for you to 'meet' with your child's teacher. You have had much less contact with your child's teacher this term than you normally would have and so you really need the time together to look at your child's learning and what we can all do together to make sure your child is making the most progress that can be made. **If you haven't made your appointment yet, you must do so as soon as possible. Please ring the school and speak to Moira in the office if you are experiencing difficulties with this.** Good luck using the new system and enjoy your 'meeting' next week.

I would like to say a huge thank you for wearing your masks at the gate and when you speak to us. I really appreciate all of your efforts in helping to keep us all safe. Have a lovely weekend and I will see you again next week, Yr1 – I will see you on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Best wishes,  
Sara Anderman

## Christmas

I think you will have realised by now that there will not be any Christmas Performances for you to come and see in school this year. We are making some plans as to what we can do instead. We will let you know the details as soon as we have them.

One thought is for us to film classes performing something for Christmas that we would then send you the link for. It is therefore extremely important that you fill in the form that we emailed you this week for permission for videos, photos & postage on the internet. We would hate for any child to miss out on a performance as much as we would hate to film someone we weren't supposed to. Please email/phone the office if you cannot access this form.

I would like you to know that Christmas has not been cancelled at Haseltine – we will make the time of year special for your children, I promise.

I know that not all of you celebrate Christmas; if you do not wish your child to take part please make sure that you have notified your child's teacher.

## Exciting News...



This morning Years 4, 5 and 6 were visited by the founder of Cocoa Magazines, Serlina Boyd. Serlina Boyd had an empowering idea to help build her six-year-old daughter's confidence after she experienced difficulties at school because of the colour of her skin. She decided to publish and design the Cocoa Girl book which led to a magazine. This magazine was started during lockdown and empowers black girls around the world who are more likely to be insulted about their looks by the age of 8 years old.

Years 4, 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Serlina and were all enthusiastic about reading Cocoa Boy and Cocoa Girl. If you would like to buy the magazine please follow the links below <https://www.cocoagirl.com/> <https://cocoaboy.com/>.

## **Free online Cycle Skills courses available**

To get teachers and parents back on their bikes and to help them travel more safely, TfL are offering a free online course for both experienced and new cyclists.

The Cycle Skills course covers everything from getting your bike set up for your first ride to tips for cycling safely in London. Of particular interest is the 'Cycling with Children' module, which is great for teachers and parents looking for active travel options for the school run. Although the course is designed for adults, it is also ideal for college and university students, education staff and parents, who are keen to

start cycling. The courses can be found at <https://cycle-skillsonline.tfl.gov.uk/>

Parents Survey (Survey Monkey – emailed yesterday)

Thank you to those of you who have completed the Parent Survey already – 60 of you have done so already and it was only emailed to you all yesterday 😊

You have said some really lovely things about us and equally some things for us to think about & action – we will work hard to put these things right.

If you haven't done this survey already, it should only take you a few minutes – please could you do this over the weekend when you get a chance?

Many thanks

New COVID-19 guidance...

So as you all know, we are under new lockdown regulations until 2<sup>nd</sup> December. There are a few things that we all need to be aware of:

- Children going home without parents must do so by themselves or with one other friend – they cannot go in groups unless it is with siblings
- Children CANNOT play at each other's houses
- You cannot meet up in the park or anywhere else outside of school in groups – you may only meet up with one other person outdoors
- You must maintain social distancing guidelines: please wear a mask and keep to 2m from each other

Thank you so much for your support to keep each other safe.