



Newsletter: Friday 20th November 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

Firstly, I would like to apologise about the confusion with the messages sent out on Thursday evening this week. We thought we needed to close a bubble but it turned out that we did not need to. What am I learning all the time with this pandemic is that nothing is ever clear cut and guidance is always very case specific. Apologies for any panic or inconvenience caused and thank you so much for your understanding and patience.

If you do not know what I am talking about then you are either a parent in year 6 – I did not contact you as your child is already in isolation, or you are not getting our messages or emails. If this is the case, then please make sure that you contact the office ASAP with your most up to date details, (although, since I email this letter out to you, I'm not sure if you'll see this message either 😊).

I would like to thank you all for taking the time to take part in our parent survey that Mrs Whilby organised. She has also sent you the results of this. I am just so grateful to you all for your very positive comments. Your kind words are just the boost we need right now; we made sure that we shared these with all staff. Your suggestions were also incredibly helpful and as you can see from Mrs Whilby's report that she sent out, we have started acting on these already; some are quick fixes, some need a little more working out.

Mrs Whilby is also organising a pupil survey – we will share the results of this when we can. The suggestions from this will also prove very useful – although we aren't sure about the one to provide chocolate milk for everyone and turning the playground into a swimming pool may prove too expensive and won't leave us a lot of space!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who managed to organise the technology and made the time to meet with your teacher virtually last week. Thank you also to the teachers. I know that a face to face meeting is always more ideal but I think you all managed the best you could to have some really successful meetings. If you haven't yet had a chance to have that crucial meeting with your teacher, please contact the office to arrange for a call back at a time suitable for you and the teacher.

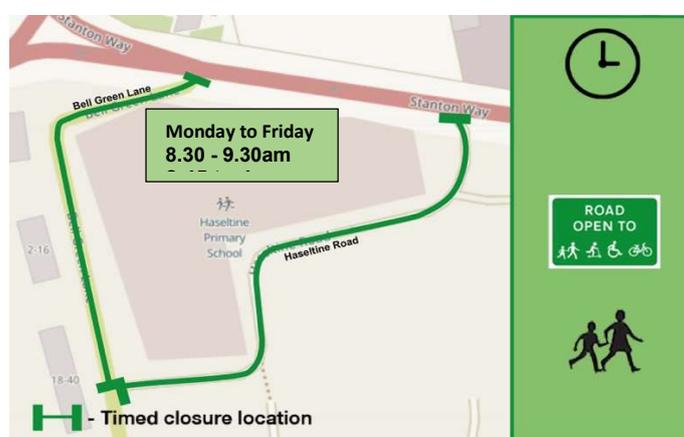
I hope that you all have a very lovely weekend and we will see you all again next week.

Best wishes,
Sara Anderman



School Streets

I want to let you all know that there are big plans in place to shut the road around Haseltine School, at the start of the day and at the end of the day. This is to ensure safety for all at these times and also to reduce the amount of pollution round the school and that you and your children will be breathing in. I will send you full details of this plan soon but for now I am just sending you the area that will be closed & the times that it will be closed for:



I know that this will impact on many of you that drive, but Haseltine & Lewisham believe that the safety of your children is paramount. The only people who will be able to still access are the people who live on the roads detailed above.

Sara Anderman's Welcome Zoom Sessions

Every Tuesday at 10am, I am holding Zoom sessions for parents & carers who are looking for new primary schools for their children. This could be for children coming into our Reception classes in September 2021 or it could be for parents who are new to the area or want to move their children to a new school as an in-year transfer.

If you know anyone who would be interested in attending one of these sessions, please direct them to our website <https://www.haseltineprimary.co.uk> and they can just click on the Zoom link to join.

Sustainable Development Goals

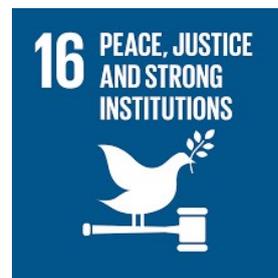
Haseltine has joined a partnership of schools in Lewisham & South Africa, along with the support of The British Council called Connecting Classrooms Global Learning (CCGL).

Through this we teach the children the Sustainable Learning Goals (SDGs) that have been developed by the United Nations. There are 17 Goals that are hoped to be achieved by 2030.



Have a look at this link for further information of the SDGs <https://worldlargestlesson.globalgoals.org> and follow this link to watch a short film that explains them better than I could <https://worldlargestlesson.globalgoals.org/resource/malala-introducing-the-the-worlds-largest-lesson/>

This term the children have been learning about 3 SDGs:



Children have been making posters, films, presentations & displays about what they have learned.



All the learning has been age appropriate so, for example, children in EYFS & KS1 were looking at why they liked coming to school and what makes school and learning good for them.

KS2 were focusing on inequalities of the education system in this country and also around the World. Ask them about some of the inequalities they may have found out; for example, did you know that currently 132 million girls are currently out of education around the World?

Our SDGs next term will be:





Dinner Money from year 3 to year 6

Please, please, please make sure that you are paying your dinner money, please do not end up in arrears. If this happens we would need to stop your child from being given a school dinner.

If you are in year 3, please be aware that you must now pay for school dinners. Some of you have swapped from school dinners in year 2 to packed lunch in year 3 but have not told us, hence you will still be charged.

Please email us if this is the case so that we can put a stop to payments being charged.

We ask that you do not swap from one type of lunch to another over short periods as you may still end up getting charged and the caterers will end up wasting food or not preparing enough.

If you do wish to change, then please make sure that inform us via an email:

admin@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals then please follow this link:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>

You will probably have seen the news and the campaigning that Marcus Rashford MBE has been doing to get the help & support that FSM families need and deserve. Please sign up for this to take full advantage of what is out there: in school time, in lockdown and in holidays.

And finally...

I will be doing an assembly about 'Kindness' next week with the children. Let's spread this kindness towards each other: at the gate, in school, wherever we go.

Thank you for showing kindness by wearing your masks (unless you can't – I understand, thank you for wearing your exemption lanyard instead). I wear my mask because I care about you, thank you for doing the same for our staff and parents at Haseltine.

Many thanks everyone – have a great weekend.