

Haseltine Newsletter: 26th March 2021



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

We are nearly at the end of the Spring Term, don't forget that we break up next Wednesday, and what a term it has been! We have had weeks of lockdown & home-schooling, followed by half term, followed by 2 more weeks of lockdown & home-schooling followed by 3½ weeks of everyone back in school. Phew, it's no wonder everyone feels exhausted 😊

We have all learnt so many new skills over this term: how to teach and learn via Zoom, how to navigate a Padlet and how to spin so many plates at once. I hope that you have all managed to get back to as much normality as you can since the children came back to school. I would like to thank all the children, especially, for coming back to school so well since the lockdown. As always, I am in awe of the resilience of your children and their ability to quickly settle back into the routines of school life and learning so quickly.

I also don't think that we can ever underestimate the toll that the lockdown & the pandemic has had & is still having on some children. I really think that some children are very frightened by what is happening and we all need to recognise the importance of being able to talk and listen to each other about our feelings or our fears. If you feel that your child is needing further support in school – with their learning or with their emotions, please talk to me on the gate or drop me an email: headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk Please also see the information on the next page and attached to this email.

The focus for this week's assemblies has been about the need for kindness and the need for us to talk to each other with respect and consideration. Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents where children have used very inappropriate language towards, and about, each other. This language has been of both a racist and a sexist nature. I have made it very clear in my assemblies (I did one to EYFS & KS1 and one for KS2 – I ensured that it was age-appropriate for each of the year groups), that this language would not be tolerated and that there would be consequences. I have also made it very clear that if the 'N' word is used at Haseltine that it would result in serious consequences, including an exclusion for 2 days. We are currently developing a policy & set of procedures on the reporting of Racist/Hate incidents – we will ensure that these will go onto our website when they are ready to. **Haseltine is committed to being an Anti-Racist school and there is no place for racist language or behaviour within it.** Again, please email me if you have any thoughts or questions about this.

Thank you parents & carers for your support at the gates at drop off & pick up times; the system now works very smoothly with you all waiting where you should be and coming at the times you need to 😊 Parents of children who come by themselves – please can you make sure that your children come to school at the time they should, otherwise they are waiting outside for too long on their own (we come out to the gate at 8.45am, no one should be there before then). Many thanks.

Take care everyone, have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday, Sara Anderman



School Streets Closure Date:

We still have not been given an exact date but we know it will be some time after the Easter Holidays. I promise that I will let you know as soon as I know.

Red Nose Day:

Thank you so much for your contributions for Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) last Friday – I gave you very little notice for this (so sorry), and we managed to raise £288.

I would like to thank Tyrone in Yr5 especially who donated £10 of his pocket money to this and to the other 2 parents who also donated that amount 😊 You are all wonderful people.

PHSE:

It's very common for children to feel anxious or worried about things happening in their lives, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. Our PSHE scheme provider, One Decision, have created a parent/carer pack to help support children with anxiety, which we have sent with this week's newsletter. The pack contains links to different activities, videos and resources which may help to support children who are experiencing anxious or worried feelings.

Coats:

Quite a few coats have gone missing this week, including Azariah's in 4F and Kayden in 1H. Please can you check that your child has taken home the right coat, and bring it back on Monday if not. Please also, make sure that names are on all coats & sweatshirts especially. Many thanks.

And Finally....

Don't forget that the clocks change this weekend – they go forwards, we lose an hour in bed on Sunday morning I'm afraid, but we do get lovely light evenings instead (although not so lovely if you have toddlers 😊).

Have a very lovely weekend,

Sara Anderman