



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

It has been a funny old week this week, just 3 days in. We look forward to getting back to normal next week and to having all the children back in – year 1 can all return again on Monday.

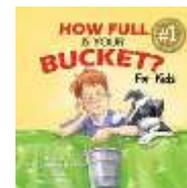
Don't forget that we break up for the half term holiday on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May (we come to school that day) and we then return on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June (this date was previously advertised as an INSET day, but then we had to use the polling day instead). We then break up for the big summer holidays on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Please can you all make sure that you are looking at the restrictions for holidays abroad before you book any flights or travel. We cannot authorise any time for holidays or periods of quarantine taken during term time.

For those of you celebrating Eid next week, I wanted to let you know that we can authorise one day for you. I hope that you have some lovely weather for Eid, and can celebrate in a better way than you could last year. Eid Mubarak to you all and your families from all your friends at Haseltine.

We have been talking in our assemblies and in class about kindness over the last two weeks. Some of the older children especially, really need to think about the way that they talk to each other and the things they say (please see the other section on this newsletter about online behaviour). They also need to think about some of the, very, inappropriate language that is being used. Last week we read a story called, How Full is Your Bucket?

Ask your child what they need to do fill their bucket and what they can do to fill other people's bucket? We all have a bucket – when it is full, it means we are happy and when it is empty we will feel sad. When our bucket is empty, we have a tendency to make other people's bucket empty out too. It is very easy to fill someone's bucket and in doing so, we also help to fill our own buckets.



I want to put a plea out there to all of you eligible for the vaccination against Covid. The borough of Lewisham has a lower uptake of the vaccine than other boroughs. Interestingly, I was talking with one of Haseltine's parents this morning who works on the ventilation ward in Lewisham hospital. She was telling me that there has been a slight rise in cases being admitted to her ward this week – all of these cases have not had the vaccination. There have been no serious cases admitted where a patient has had a vaccination. Please, please – if & when you are eligible, get yourself vaccinated. Keep yourselves, & others around you, safe.

Take care all of you, I hope that you have a lovely weekend – watch out for the rain!  
Sara Anderman



### **Is your child on Fortnite or WhatsApp?**

We have been hearing from some of the children and the parents that there has been some inappropriate behaviour on both these forums lately.

There has been some name calling and blocking of children playing on Fortnite and posting of very inappropriate content & language on WhatsApp.

It is really, really important that you know what your child is being exposed to on social media. Are you checking your child's phone regularly, and are you scrolling through all the

messages on WhatsApp? Are you monitoring your child's interaction on the Xbox or PlayStation (other devices are available 😊)?

I know that as parents, we really want to be able to trust our children to make their own good decisions & choices whilst online; but it seems that, no matter what we teach them, they are still either behaving inappropriately or being exposed to the behaviour of others. It is also worth noting the age restrictions for the following 2 forums:

WhatsApp = 16 years old

Fortnite = 12 years old

### **Dinner Money**

Please log into your ParentPay accounts and check whether you have any outstanding dinner money. Dinner money is charged at £11.50 per week and payable weekly in advance. You can also pay half termly or termly if you prefer.

If you are experiencing issues login into Parentpay or would like to query you dinner account please contact the office by email [admin@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk)

Many thanks

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### **Road Closures – a plea from a neighbour**

We had an email from a neighbour who lives on Ridgewell Close, asking that parents do not use Ridgewell Close to park in or to turn around in. He said that it was becoming quite dangerous with the amount of cars using it and also that homes were having their drives blocked.

Please, wherever and whenever possible, walk to school. If you have to drive, I would advise that you park in Sainsbury's carpark and walk over.

Thanks everyone 😊

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