



Haseltine Newsletter 16th July 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Friends,

We were doing so well at Haseltine – no bubble closures for a while and then two happened at once. This week we had to close our Year 3 bubble, our Year 6 bubble and also send home a small group of Year 2 children. Our Year 3s will be able to return to school on Friday 23rd July, but unfortunately we won't be able to have the group of Year 2 children back this term, nor will the Year 6s be able to return before we finish.

I am so, so sad for this particular group of children especially. You did not deserve to have your time at Haseltine cut short – we had so many lovely things planned for you. I wish that I could say goodbye to you all in person (children and parents), but I will be sending you all out a Zoom link for a special assembly for you all to attend on the last Friday. I know it won't be the same but I can't let you go without saying a few words to you all first. You have been such a fabulous group of Year 6 pupils – I have had staff in tears at the thought of not being able to say goodbye to you properly, we are all just so sad ☹️

I know that it will be very frustrating for all of you, I have had many conversations with parents over the unfairness of it all, particularly when we see in the press of so many people all together for the football and other public events. But I need you all to know that the decision to close bubbles is never done easily. I speak to Public Health every time and I follow the guidance they give me. It is what we have to do. I am sad, and frustrated too but we have to do what we have to do.

I have added some plans for September to this newsletter (for that start and ends of the day), but we need to be very clear that this is all dependent on any changes to restrictions over the coming weeks. If the government deems it unsafe, or if we have a big outbreak in school, then we would need to revert back to the staggered times once more. Please make sure that you check your emails over the holidays, especially in the week before we return, as I may need to update you with any necessary changes.

Don't forget that we break up for the big summer holidays on Friday 23rd July and children return to school on Monday 6th September.

Thank you everyone, you are fantastic parents and I really appreciate the amazing community that you all create with us at Haseltine. Remember that if you need me, you must email me on headteacher@haseltine.lewisham.sch.uk There will be times during the summer holidays where I will be on holiday myself so I may not be able to email you back straight away but I will get to you when I can. I will send you a brief message next week when we break up, but this will be my last full newsletter until September.

Take care everyone,
Sara Anderman

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Careers Week

The children at Haseltine have been enjoying finding out about a range of career choices over the last few weeks. They have been watching video clips from lots of different people and they are getting a lot of inspiration. Thank you so much to those of you who made a video for us or who encouraged your friends & family to do one, we really appreciate you taking the time. Hopefully, we can get you in again next year to do it all in person 😊

Jurassic Haseltine!

The dinosaurs came to Haseltine on Thursday this week! They visited Year 1. The children had a great time meeting the dinosaurs and learning about them and about fossils. The children were great palaeontologists 😊 (Incidentally, palaeontologists can earn up to £90,000 a year – it would be a great career choice for those of you who are interested!).

September Plans, starting on Monday 6th September (providing there are no further restrictions):

Start times:

- Breakfast club will start at 7.30am for parents who book this session, cost will be £3 from this time – you will need to book on Parent Pay. It will then start at 8am for everyone who wants to come, cost will be £2 per day and you will need to book/pay on Parent Pay. If children are FSM/PP, then it will be free. You will need to apply for FSM over the summer if you think you may be entitled and have not done so already. This is available for all children from yrs1-6. Please follow this link to see if you are eligible and to apply:
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>
- All gates will then open at 8.45am. You will drop at the gates as you will not be able to come in, in the morning unless your child is in reception:
 - KS1 children will go to the main area of the playground. The bell will go at 8.50am and the children will go straight upstairs to their classes. Year 2 up the stairs nearest the decking and Year 1 up the stairs by my room
 - KS2 children will go to the pitch. The bell will go at 8.53am and the children will go straight upstairs to their classes. Years 5 & 6 up the stairs nearest the decking and Years 3 & 4 up the stairs by my room
 - Reception parents & carers, you will bring your children in via the big gates and go around the back to enter the classes from 8.55am
 - Nursery parents will use the nursery entrance as usual and at the usual times



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- The gates will then be closed: main gate at 8.55am and big gates at 9.05am
- If you arrive late (please don't), then please bring your child to the main gate
- Sara Anderman will be at the big gates and the attendance team will be at either gate, should you need to speak with her or the team, or get a message to the teachers

End of the day:

- All classes in years 1-6 will be brought down to the playground and lined up by 3.15pm (the gates will NOT open until every class is down & lined up by 3.15pm, we will try our very hardest to not be late as no one will be allowed in until all classes are down & lining up in their allocated spots)
- All gates will then open to you all at 3.15pm – or when you are all down in the playground
- Parents will then come to the lined up classes to pick up from these areas, you can then leave via any of our gates:
 - Year 1 & 2 on the pitch
 - Year 3 and 4 on the playground between the bike shed and the garden
 - Year 5 next the restaurant (but leaving a space so the reception parents can pass to get around the back)
 - Year 6 next to the big gates
- Sara Anderman will be positioned on big gates and Emma Bird on the main entrance gate should you need to speak to us, you will be able to speak to the teachers more at this time too
- The reception parents will enter via the big gates to pick up from around the back when the gates are opened (3.15pm or when every class is down on time)

I hope that this all makes sense to you. I think it should work, but we must make sure that we are all on the playground in time for the gates to open at 3.15pm. There are no more staggered start & finish times. But, as I said previously, this is all dependent on government restrictions being lifted (Step 4). I will email you towards the end of the holiday IF it looks like we have to revert back to the staggered times.

I want to thank you all for your support over the past year or so at the gates especially. You have all been very helpful and very helpful. It has also been lovely getting to know you all a lot more during these very strange times and I hope that we can build on this with this new system too.

Have a lovely, sunny weekend; we will see you all on Monday – unless you are isolating (yr3 & 6 + the group of children in yr2 who have been told). Don't forget that the bubbles & the staggered start/finish times will continue next week. The plans above will start on the 6th September.

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