

Haseltine Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022



Dear Parents, Carers, Families & Friends,

We've had a busy couple of weeks at Haseltine – I hope you are keeping up with our updates on Twitter, or on our website (via the Twitter feed).

There have been Chinese New Year Dragon dances, Poetry Workshops, Rap Workshops, Football Games, RJ have been testing materials for Daddy Bear's bed to name but a few special events – alongside the fantastic learning that is taking place all the time in classes.

It's lovely to see the, very slightly, lighter mornings too – there have been so many beautiful sunrises too this week (I can't add them all to Twitter!). The reception children inspired me this week: they have been completely fascinated by birds and have been watching them on a webcam. This (alongside eating too many chocolates over Christmas! ☺) made me get back on my bike; I ride through the park along the river, and the noise of the dawn chorus is really quite incredible. Please encourage your children to listen out for as many bird noises as they can identify – you may not know the particular birds (I really don't) but they will be able to listen out for the different sounds. If you're really interested (and your children really are ☺) then The Big Garden Birdwatch, from the 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> January will be good for you: [https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?channel=paidsearch&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIncWKn7DA9QIVV49oCR3YZQ7IEAAYASABEgKwhfD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/?channel=paidsearch&gclid=EAlaIQobChMIncWKn7DA9QIVV49oCR3YZQ7IEAAYASABEgKwhfD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

Parents have been asking me when we break up for the half term holiday. It will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 (we come to school that day) and we return on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February. You can find all the dates for our holidays/term times for this year and also for next year by clicking on this link...

<https://www.haseltineprimary.co.uk/about/holiday-dates/>

Please see below for important Haseltine information...

### **Road Crossing & Road Safety**

We (teachers & parents) have witnessed some pretty scary incidents recently, of children crossing the road in some very dangerous places.

During these times, children walking to school by themselves have been seen but also sometimes, children who are with their parents. Sometimes parents send their children over the road to us and sometimes they are too far up the road to watch them carefully.

Please encourage your children to cross at the narrow part near the small gates by the flats. They should definitely not be crossing from within 2 parked cars and they should not be



crossing at the widest point. They should also not be on their phones as they cross. Please encourage them to call you from just outside the gate if they need to.



Despite the road closures at drop off & pick up, cars still zoom up and down the roads outside school, we are so worried that there will be an accident one day. Thank you for helping us to stop this happening.

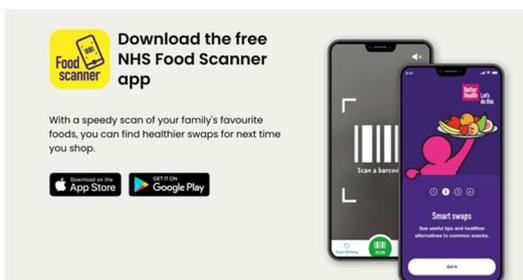
Cars are making U-turns in very dangerous situations at the moment – our hearts were in our mouths today when a car reversed onto the pavement, just as a child was walking down the road on that pavement. **Drivers** – please think about what you are doing & **pedestrians** – watch out for unsafe drivers.

### Parked Cars

Thank you to those of you who turn your engines off when you are parked.

Remember that so much of the pollution in our local area is caused by engines being left on when parked – the impact of this could be catastrophic on the health of a child.

### Have you seen the new App from NHS?



It's a really good way of looking at alternatives to the snacks & other food/drinks we might be giving our children.

How many good alternatives can you find? Did they go down well with your children?



### **Safer Internet Day...**

...is coming soon on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Mae Harris will provide information about this soon, to you and to your children.

We thought you'd like to look at the website for further information:

<https://www.saferinternetday.org/en-GB/>

### **And finally...**

Some time ago, a parent gave me 3 tubs of spices that she produces...



We have been using these in our cooking at home ever since and they are totally delicious. We use them all the time; they are so flavoursome, you only need a tiny pinch each time. I can highly recommend them – especially the garlic & fish ones, we perhaps need to get a little braver to use the spicy one more 😊

The photo below shows the website if you are interested in supporting a local business whilst making your food amazing!...



[mamafabiogroup.co.uk](http://mamafabiogroup.co.uk)

**Have a lovely weekend everyone, see you all on Monday.  
Sara Anderman**