

The Haven School Newsletter

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INSET/SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Monday 2nd June 2014
Monday 16th June 2014
Monday 30th June 2014

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Deputy Headteacher: **Sharon Trathen**

Dear the Haven School Family,

This term we have been focusing on the Christian value of respect. We have looked at how to show respect by focusing on Jesus' teaching of treating others as we would like to be treated. We are therefore proud that recent visitors to school have commented on how polite and respectful our pupils are, holding doors open and moving around the school in a quiet, calm manner.

Since the start of Term 4 we have been using some of the new PE funding to employ Brighton & Hove Albion Sports Coaches at lunchtime. The aim has been to increase participation in competitive school sport and help our pupils develop healthy lifestyles. The pupils have expressed appreciation for the variety of activities now being provided at lunchtime and the opportunity to further develop their sporting skills.

I would like to share with you the exciting news that Mr and Mrs Fox (Diamond Class) are expecting their first baby in October. I am sure you will join with us in wishing them many congratulations.

In addition, our congratulations go to Mrs Fuller and her family on the safe arrival of baby Albert.

On Friday 18th July we will be holding The Haven Literary Festival to celebrate our focus this year on developing reading. During the year we have introduced a number of new

initiatives, such as the introduction of Accelerated Reader for Key Stage 2 pupils, to promote reading for pleasure. The Literary Festival will provide an opportunity for pupils to exhibit writing and art work reflecting their reading experiences throughout the year. We do hope you will put the date in your diary.

Ruth Miskin author of RWI believes that read-a-lot children do well at school. They read in two days what many children read in a year. They absorb vocabulary, grammar, ideas and above all, knowledge. Everything hangs on children wanting to read. Begging and nagging do not get children to want to read. Children are like us - they only read if they want to.

In order to encourage children to want to read we are trying to update our class libraries with the latest books. You can support us by donating a book to mark your child's birthday rather than sending in cakes and sweets for the class. We will place a plaque in the front of the book as a memento of the gift and this will be given out in our celebration assembly. Your child's class teacher will be able to suggest a suitable book or alternatively we have a supply of books in the School Office you can purchase.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the May holiday on Tuesday 3rd June.

Mrs Wendy Bray
Headteacher

Junior Oblivion Mud Run

Callum in Amethyst Class, his dad Stuart and his mum Anne (Governor) are taking part in The Junior Oblivion Mud Run on Sunday 29th June 2014 at Castle Deer Park. They are raising money for The Haven Beacon PTFA & The Kabubbu Tractor Appeal (Quicken Trust).

Junior Oblivion is 5k very muddy run with a few obstacles thrown in for good measure. A riotous muddy blast around the castle deer park and its tracks. If you would like make a donation there will be a sponsorship form located in the school office.

You can also donate to the Quicken Trust, at Anne's JustGiving page - <http://www.justgiving.com/owneremail/pleasesponsor/Anne-McMillan1>. JustGiving sends your donation straight to Quicken Trust so it's a quick and safe way to donate. Thank you for your generosity in advance. We will let you know how they get on.

New Telephone System

As some of you may be aware, we have recently had a new automated telephone system installed. When dialling the school now you will be given four options:

- Option 1: Press 1 to report your child absence
- Option 2: Press 2 to hear school information
- Option 3: Press 3 for the school business manager
- Option 4: Press 4 for the school site manager

We also now have answerphone that operates during the day and out of office hours which is 3.30 pm – 8.30 am. This means that if your child is poorly when they return home from school, during the night or over the weekend and you know that they will not be attending school the next day, you are able to ring straight away and report this. This hopefully will help with the situation of parents forgetting to telephone the school to report their child being absent.

We recently had an incident of a children who had not arrived at school by the close of registration and their parents had forgotten to report their absence to the school office. We were unable to make contact with the parents, due to the fact that they had changed their telephone number and not informed the school office. As we were concerned for the child's safety, we contacted the police to report the fact that the child had not arrived at school and that we were unable to contact the child's family. Fortunately the police did manage to contact the parents and we were informed that the child was ill at home. As you will appreciate the staff were very concerned for the well-being of this child and distressed by the fact that we were unable to contact the family to ensure the child was safe.

Please can all parents remember to inform the school office as soon as any of their contact details change including changing your job.

If we are unable to ascertain the reason a child is absent (from a sibling or other reliable source) and we haven't been able to contact the parent by 9.20am to establish the reason for the child's absence, for the child's protection and our peace of mind, we may contact the police to ensure the child is safe.

Village Project

The teachers in Ruby Class wanted to share with you their excitement about a new project they have just started with the Haven Nursery. They are going to work closely together to improve the transition from nursery to school.

The nursery children have already been introduced to Read Write Inc. after teachers and nursery staff worked together on this last year. They would now like to work together on mathematical development. In reception, the children work on Maths Suitcase targets to help them build up their mental maths skills. Nursery staff are going to work with Miss. Nwaji and Mrs. Langley to create and introduce a set of important pre-school skills.

Well Done ~ Austeja

We would like to say a big WELL DONE to Austeja in Amber S class who has recently competed in a Capoeira. Capoeira is a multi-disciplinary sport form which draws on the rich tradition of Afro-Brazilian music, dance, story-telling, theatre and self-defence.

Austeja ended up becoming champion of her age group.



Old School Uniform & PE Kits

As a school we are running very low on spare PE kits and spare uniform. With the summer months coming if, by any chance, you have any unwanted t shirts, shorts, socks, pants, skirts, trousers or polo shirts we would welcome donations. Please could you bring them into the school office.

If your child has been sent home in spare clothes, please can you make sure you return these items to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Keep on Going

This term we are continuing with our learning to learn skills – Keep on Going! As one of our school priorities for the next two years, we aim to help our pupils develop a set of learning to learn skills that they can take with them into secondary school and on into the world of work. Each week pupils are awarded a special certificate in our celebration assembly in recognition of them demonstrating this learning to learn skill.

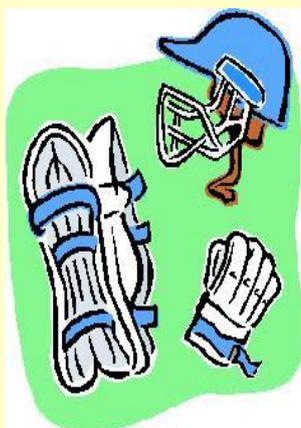
We were proud to award 'Keep on Going' certificates in term 5 to Mia R, Louis P, Bobbie, Nathan, Nelly, Isabella B, Caleb, Aiden, Keeley, Joey, Jessica L, Naiem, Nomsa, Jessica T, Daisy A, Ellie M, Sasha, George M, James S, Austin, Jack B, Beau, Evie E, Lily M, Erin C, Ryan H, Ellie C. Well done everyone.

Christian Values Awards

To further improve our Christian Distinctiveness, we have been focusing on a new Christian Value this term – Respect in our weekly class/key stage acts of worship. To support this focus we have rewarded the following pupils with special stickers for demonstrating respect.

The following pupils have achieved this award in term 5 Rafi, Alfie E, Daniel B, Ella G, Soraya, Sam S, Toby, Eliza, Farrah, Holly M, Baseer, Kyle B, Sydney, James S, Jake P, Aswen, Amber N Class, Sam H, Ben S, Henry D, Bradley S, Daniel B, Maxwell, James S, Oliver J, Daniel B, Charlee. Well done.

Diary Dates

**June**

2nd Inset Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

3rd School reopens

5th Amber N Class swimming (4)

5th Year 6 girls kwik cricket

6th PTFA mufti day - £1 donations for book tokens etc

6th Year 6 mixed cricket

12th Amber N Class swimming (5)

13th Year 4/5 mixed cricket

13th PTFA cake sale (KS2 donations) ~ 3.00 pm

16th Inset Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

17th Girls cricket match

18th New parents evening ~ 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

19th Haven Nursery & Reception Sports Day

19th Amber N Class swimming (6)

19th Boys cricket - home match

20th KS 1 Sports Day

20th Hard ball cricket final

21st PTFA quiz night ~ 6.00 pm

24th Year 6 mixed County finals ~ TBC

24th Year 5 rounders tournament

25th Ruby L assembly ~ 9.00 am

25th Year 6 leavers service ~ pupil & staff only

26th Ruby N assembly ~ 9.00 am

26th Amber N Class swimming (7)

27th End of staff clubs

30th Inset Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

July

2nd Reception transition morning

3rd Amber N Class swimming (8)

4th KS2 Sports day

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