

The Haven School Newsletter

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INSET/SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Wednesday 3rd September 2014

Thursday 4th September 2014

Headteacher: Wendy Bray
Deputy Headteacher: Sharon Trathen

Dear the Haven School Family,

Thank you for the amazing support you have given us over the last week during our Ofsted inspection. The Ofsted inspectors were very impressed by the high level of response we got for the on-line survey, as well as the parents who took the trouble to send in individual letters to the inspectors.

We received so many words of encouragement from you and the inspectors were overwhelmed by the support you give the school. Thank you!

The final report will not be sent out until September and as I have been sworn to secrecy, even the staff do not know the result! However, I can tell you that the team of three inspectors were grateful for the way they were looked after and I know they thoroughly enjoyed seeing snippets of the Year 5 & 6 production of 'Oliver'.

I am incredibly proud of the whole staff team. The dedication and commitment that they show every day was highly evident during the inspection. Your children were equally amazing and despite the high temperatures and the departure from the normal timetable with class trips and productions, their behaviour continued to be exemplary.

Well done everyone!

As the end of term fast approaches, we are saying goodbye to two of our very talented Individual Needs Assistants, Mrs Brown and Mr Roberson. We wish them both much success and thank them for not only the amazing support they have given the children they have supported, but also the additional contributions they have given the school through teaching us to use British Sign Language and also developing the cricketing skills of our pupils.

In addition, we are also saying goodbye to our Diamond Class. I have felt privileged to watch them develop and mature from their early days in reception until now. There will always be classes that teachers have particularly fond memories of and this year's Diamond Class will always have a special place in my heart.

They have matured into a very cohesive group of young people, who have such a positive and determined attitude to learning.

We wish them all the very best for the future.

Mrs Wendy Bray
Headteacher

Meet your child's new class teacher

At the start of the new academic year there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher. The dates and times are as follows:

Friday 5th September at 2.50pm ~ Emerald and Diamond Classes

Monday 8th September at 2.50pm ~ Amethyst and Pearl Classes

Tuesday 9th September at 2.50pm ~ Amber Classes

Wednesday 10th September at 2.50pm ~ Sapphire Classes

School Uniform

From September we look forward to our pupils returning to school with the correct school uniform as follows:

Winter Uniform This can be worn throughout the year.

- **Traditional grey knee length** skirt/pinafore dress or **traditional grey** trousers. Trousers should be either flat/pleated front with no large pockets (no cargo or combat style trousers or black trousers please)
- White polo shirt.
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered logo (which can be ordered through Blueprint Leisure)
- **Black** low/no heeled shoes (**no trainers or open toed shoes or sandals, please**)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights.

The following are not permitted

- Shoes with high heels (>5 cm), backless, trainers (except for PE), or other informal styles. (No canvas or visibly badged footwear)
- Nail varnish

Jewellery

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and a small wrist watch. We ask the children to remove these objects before PE and games.

Extreme haircuts

For health and safety issues, children with hair longer than shoulder length should wear it tied back. **Only navy, school green or hair coloured hair accessories such as scrunchies or ribbons are permitted.** We also request that pupils have hairstyles that are appropriate for school. Exaggerated hairstyles such as shaved patterns, tramlines, close shave and Mohican cuts are not permitted.

Governor update

Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of the school year the Governors thought it an opportune time to give you a further update on last year's parent survey. Much information has already been given regarding this but there are one or two bits of new information I thought you would appreciate.

Uniform

Hopefully you will have received an updated copy of the Haven Uniform policy ready for the new school term in September. Staff and Governors have spent lots of time researching and discussing the suggestions you made in the Governor parent survey and the uniform survey (October 2013). The underlying feeling of parents was that you wanted the children to look smart and for the school to make sure that everyone was making the effort to keep it 'uniform'. There was a large number of you who wanted to see a school cardigan brought in and this has been done! The cardigans are available from blueprint and can be ordered in the same way as the sweatshirts. We have looked at different costs for the whole uniform and have made sure that you get to choose where to buy the majority of items. You will notice that we have been quite specific on the colours and style for each item including footwear and accessories. The full policy details have been sent out well before the school holidays to give you time over the summer to review it and make sure that any new uniform purchased matches correctly. We are very proud of our school and hope that your children will wear their school uniform with pride. Research has shown that wearing school uniform can improve pupils behaviour both in and out of school. It can also help to reduce bullying and even aid concentration. If anyone is unclear about how the uniform looks please see the mannequins on display in the school reception area.

Parking

We work hard to keep good relationships with our community and inconsiderate parking across driveways, on corners or zig-zag lines is spoiling this, as well as causing a danger to pedestrians. We have been advised (and you will have received a home contact message to advise you) that with effect from 14/07/14 Civil Enforcement officers will be issuing penalties to any vehicles stopping on the zig-zag markings. This will help to keep our children safe as they come in and out of school. Please do allow time for parking, everyone is in the same position trying to get their children to school and so being late is not an excuse for putting other children's safety at risk by parking dangerously.

Bullying

The friendship and anti bullying policy was updated by Governors and management following the survey. A number of workshops, assemblies, leaflets and a parent information session were arranged to give valuable information on this really important topic. If you should have any concerns regarding your child please speak to your class teacher. Early discussion of any friendship issues will enable us to work quickly to ensure all children feel happy and safe.

Communication

You will have received a school report for your child in the past two weeks and were given an opportunity to discuss your child with the class teacher at the parent consultation evenings. Some of you may have read about changes to the national curriculum in the press and this will inevitably have an impact on how we report your child's progress to you. We are waiting for further information to come to us but please be assured we will keep you updated on how this will look in due course. You will continue to get termly information from your class teacher and other information will be issued periodically as the need arises. If you should wish to discuss any aspect of your child's learning at any time please speak to the class teacher.

Continue

Lunchtime Supervision

We continue to provide a good level of supervision for children during their lunch break, both with lunch and with play whether inside or outside. In addition we have introduced lunchtime sports coaches. These sessions provide the opportunity to learn, play and be coached in new sports during lunchtime by qualified sports staff. The sessions are extremely popular and feedback from the children has been encouraging.

So many wonderful events from this term alone: sports days, literary festival and the year 5/6 production of Oliver to name a few. As Governors we continue to be impressed with all the hard work by staff and management who put in so much time and effort to give the children the best education possible. I hope that you will join us in thanking them all for a great year.

Have a wonderful summer holiday!
Yours sincerely

Nicky Soars
Vice Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

July

- 22nd Year 6 Leaver's Service ~ 2.00 pm
23rd End of term school closes normal time

September

- 3rd **Inset Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED**
4th **Inset Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED**
5th School re-opens
11th Pearl Class swimming (1)
18th Pearl Class swimming (2)
25th Pearl Class swimming (3)



God in all we do

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