

The Haven School Newsletter

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To claim child care costs back please quote our Ofsted Number: **131381**

All the staff would like to say a big

THANK YOU

To all the parents and children who kindly gave us presents at the end of the summer term.

Dear the Haven School Family,

Its official we are a 'good' school.

Welcome back to another new school year. I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday. I would like to extend a warm welcome to any families that have just joined us and also to our new members of staff.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA for their amazing support with our Literary Festival. We raised £627.17 on the stalls which will go towards purchasing much needed books for our school library. We are very grateful to Wendy Smith, as Chair of the PTFA, and her committee members for all their hard work.

Wendy Smith, Beverly Bundy & Sophie Yenipinar of the PTFA will be standing down this year, so on behalf of the school community I would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication to the school over the past year. I do hope you will be able to attend the PTFA AGM meeting this **Friday 12th September 2014 at 9.00 am** in our small hall when we will be electing new committee members.

Enclosed with this report you will find our Ofsted report. We are delighted with the outcome particularly as the current Ofsted framework is so much more demanding than the previous one.

Well done to everyone!

Read the highlights on page 2 of this newsletter.

Finally, please note that this year we are holding our first parent consultation evenings much earlier than normal, on Tuesday 7th October, 5 – 8pm, and Wednesday 8th October, 3.30 – 6.00 pm.



We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of Hughie Joyce at 7lbs 90z. Congratulations to Mrs Joyce and her husband!

Mrs Wendy Bray
Headteacher

Highlights from the Ofsted report

We are delighted that Ofsted has continued to recognise us as a 'good' school, particularly as the new Ofsted framework is so much more demanding than the previous one.

The highlights for us were as follows:

- ~ **teaching** is **consistently good** and work in pupils' books suggests that **at times it is outstanding**
- ~ Teachers have high expectations and demand pupils work hard
- ~ Teaching assistants provide very effective support to different groups of pupils
- ~ Pupils feel safe in school. They enjoy warm relationships with staff and know they are well cared for
- ~ Pupils behave well in school and get on very well together
- ~ **Teamwork** is a **real strength** of the school

Children's birthdays

Children's birthdays are celebrated in our whole school Celebration assembly on Friday morning. We respectfully request that children **do not** bring in packs of sweets or cakes to give to their peers. As a school we would like to encourage you to choose a book to celebrate your child's special day.

The school office have a stock of books for you to choose at discounted prices (around £3) or ask the child's class teacher if the class have a current favourite book to purchase. We will place a plaque in the front of the book as a memento of the gift and this again, will be presented in assembly.

Purple Mash

We have purchased Purple Mash, a website that child can enjoy using to enhance their knowledge and experiences in a cross-curricular way both from school and home. Your child will be bringing home a personal log card to enable them to access this site both from home and school.

The web address is <http://www.purplemash.co.uk/thehaven-bn23>

Your child's class teacher may choose to set homework via Purple Mash on occasions. Miss Carder will be running a Purple Mash homework session once a week at lunchtimes for children to attend if they wish.

School Uniform

Following your suggestions from the Governor Parent questionnaire (July 2013) and uniform survey (October 2013), it was clear that you wanted the children to look **smart** and for the school to make sure that everyone was making an effort to keep it '**uniform**'.

I am delighted to report that the vast majority of pupils have returned to school wearing the correct uniform. However, there are still a very small number of pupils wearing the incorrect footwear and hair accessories. Please can you ensure your children wear the following:

- **Black school shoes – no trainers, canvas or visibly badged footwear please.**
- **Please note that canvas Vans are not part of the school uniform.**
- **Grey or white socks or grey tights**
- **Hair accessories – only navy, school green or hair coloured hair accessories such as scrunchies or ribbons are permitted.**

For further information please see our policies section on the school website: (www.thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Every school day counts!

It is important children establish good habits early. Regular attendance, including punctuality, will help support your child to enjoy school, make good progress and support future success.

Every School Day Counts



Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child. Court action!	

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.

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If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to us at school about it. You can also ring one of these numbers to speak to an Education Welfare Officer:

Eastbourne Area Office
 Hastings Area Officer

Tel: 01323 747434
 Tel: 01424 720702

Compassion

In Collective Worship this term we will be exploring the Bible's teaching on what it means to show compassion to one another.

Alongside this, in our weekly celebration assemblies, we will be recognising pupils who have shown compassion to one another.



Diary Dates**September**

- 9th Year 3 meet the teachers ~ 2.50 pm
 10th Year 2 meet the teachers ~ 9.00 am
 11th Pearl Class swimming (1)
 12th PTFA AGM ~ 9.00 am
 15th Clubs start
 18th Pearl Class swimming (2)
 24th Diamond Class trip
 25th Pearl Class swimming (3)
 26th Whole school photos

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

**October**

- 2nd Pearl Class swimming (4)
 6th NO STAFF RUN CLUBS
 7th NO SK8 SCHOOL CLUB
 7th Parent Consultation Evenings ~ 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
 8th Parent Consultation Evenings ~ 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm
 9th Pearl Class swimming (5)
 16th Pearl Class swimming (6)
 21st KS 2 Harvest Festival: Diamond, Amethyst C, Amber B ~ 9.00 am
 21st KS1 Harvest Festival: Ruby N, Sapphire RE & Emerald W ~ 2.30 pm
 23rd KS2 Harvest festival: Pearl, Amethyst E, Amber S ~ 9.00 am
 23rd Pearl Class Swimming (7) ~ final week
 23rd Diamond Class ~ French Party
 23rd KS1 Harvest Festival: Ruby L, Sapphire S & Emerald C ~ 2.30 pm
 24th End of term 1 ~ school closes at normal time

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God in all we do