

# The Haven School Newsletter

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## Dear The Haven School Family,

I am delighted to announce that the PTFA cake sale last Friday raised £210. Thank you to everyone that came along and supported the school and a special thank you to the PTFA committee for organizing this event.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Parent Consultation evenings. Thank you for supporting us in this way with your child's learning.

With the introduction of a new Primary Curriculum and the removal by the Government of the previous system of levels to report children's attainment and progress, schools are being encouraged to introduce their own approach to assessment to support pupil attainment and progression.

Here that The Haven we are currently developing a new assessment system which will report pupils' attainment and progress according to whether it is age appropriate. When we hold our next Parent Consultation evenings in March, we will be reporting whether your child is working securely at the stage expected for their year group, or whether they are working above or below this stage.

Alongside the implementation of this new assessment system, we will also be amending our annual reports to parents. In January we will be holding a series of meetings for parents to enable you to share your views about how we can further improve our reports.

We have really appreciated your support this term in ensuring that our pupils are wearing the correct uniform. The vast majority of our pupils are now conforming to our school uniform policy. As the colder weather approaches can we remind parents that pupils should be wearing **traditional grey** knee length skirts/pinafore dresses 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).

Finally, I look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Services led by Rev Brook. Dates and times for these services can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Headteacher



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## Harvest Festival

You are warmly invited to our Harvest Festival Services to be held in the school hall as follows:

21<sup>st</sup> October at 9.00 am ~ Diamond, Amethyst C & Amber B  
21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30 pm ~ Ruby N, Sapphire RE & Emerald W  
23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.00 am ~ Pearl, Amethyst E & Amber S  
23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30 pm ~ Ruby L, Sapphire S & Emerald C

Each service will last for approximately 30-40 minutes and we are delighted that the minister of The Haven Church, Rev. Brook, will be speaking at each of these services.

If you need to bring younger children, please ensure that other people are able to listen. It is always a shame if the children's presentation is distracted or cannot be heard because of excess noise from the audience. **Please be aware that we are unfortunately unable to accommodate buggies inside the school building due to lack of space.**

We will again be supporting a local charity, Oasis. We would therefore be grateful if the children could bring in gifts of non-perishable food for our Harvest display on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

## School Admissions 2015 / 2016

All parents who already have a child at The Haven please note that East Sussex County Council **DO NOT** send application packs out to parents anymore. As a parent you are requested to submit your application online or collect an application form from the school office. You can also collect your supplementary information forms from the school office.

All applications have to be returned to East Sussex County Council by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

**Please note all secondary school applications need to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014.**

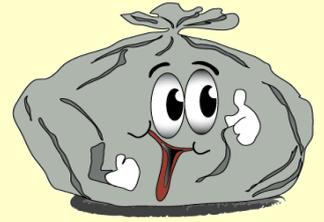
## Parking outside The Haven Nursery

We have recently been contacted by The Haven Nursery asking us to remind all parents dropping off their children at Sunrisers to not use the car park spaces that are allocated for the nursery. If you are dropping your child off at Sunrisers please use the yellow drop off bay, if this bay is being used please park outside on the main road and walk your child in to school.

Also, unless you have a disabled blue badge to display in your car, you are not allowed to park within the disabled parking bay. It has been noted that parents are also using the staff car parking while dropping their children off. No parent's cars should be parked at any time within the school's car park.

## Phil the Bag

The next Phil the Bag collection will be on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014, so please get collecting now.



## Electronically controlled pedestrian gates

Please can we respectfully remind all parents entering or leaving the school via the electronic pedestrian gates to **not allow any visitors or parents access to the school unless they have been buzzed in by the school office staff.**

No parent or visitor should be on the school site unannounced.

## Home Contact

We would like to remind all parents to check their contact details are correct on Home Contact. Any school closure notices will be issued via Home Contact.

Any parent that is not on Home Contact and wishes to register please see Mrs. Bundy in the school office who will be happy to help you fill in a form.

## Sickness

Please could we remind you that if your child has been sent home from school with diarrhoea or vomiting they should not be returned to school for at least a further **48 hours**. If pupils return before this time parents will be asked to collect them and take them home.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Parking outside the school

We have recently been contacted by a resident in Quebec Close about parents of the school parking in her drive at the start of the school day and end of the school day. Please could we ask that parents are considerate of the residents who live in the local area.

In addition, a resident of Southampton Close reported a near miss when a child ran out from the pavement as his parent was preparing to strap him into the car, on the roadside. Please can we remind parents to be extra vigilant when dropping off and collecting their children.

**Could we also remind parents it is a traffic offence to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school and parking tickets are enforceable.**

## Diamond Class School Trip

### WWI School Trip ~ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 ~ By Daisy A

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 my class, Diamond Class, arrived at the Town Hall, Eastbourne, for our school trip. The Town Hall is a gargantuan building! It has lots and lots of rooms in it. When everyone had arrived a man came out of the Town Hall to see us. His name was Robert. Robert was the Mayor's chauffeur.

We went into the Town Hall excitedly, wondering what to expect. The first thing we saw in the Town Hall was the Roll of Honour. It is a long piece of wood with more than a thousand names on it. The names on it are the names of the people who died in the WWI from Eastbourne. There were 1056 names on it- that's only the names of the soldiers, who lived in Eastbourne!

We then met the Mayor! Robert led us up some stairs to see the Mayor of Eastbourne. Her name is Councillor Janet Cole. Mostly we talked about WWI-as it's what we're learning about in history. Some people asked the Mayor some questions about WWI.

We then went to the war memorial, P.C.S.O Hyland and a colleague helped us to get there, by stopping the cars so that we could cross the road safely. It was really interesting going to the Memorial because it really made me think about the soldiers in WWI-especially the ones who had died.

We didn't stay long at the memorial as we had to get to the Redoubt, which is an interesting museum. First of all, my group went into a room in the museum and we did some activities and learnt more about WWI. I found it really interesting. Kate was the name of the lady who took us into the room and told us some amazing facts! She was really nice and I enjoyed listening to the facts she told us.

Later on, Neil, someone else who works at the Redoubt, took me and my group on top of the Redoubt (which was really fun!) Neil told us that the Redoubt was 200 years old; it was an amazing feeling to be in such an old building! After that we went into the museum, which was fantastic! We saw medals from WWI and we saw what the muddy trenches looked like. Luckily we didn't have to smell the potent smells that the trenches smelt like!

I loved the trip, despite having to walk (or wheel) 5 miles; it was definitely worth it! I really enjoyed the trip however it seemed to take a long time to get from the Town Hall to the Redoubt! The Redoubt was the best bit of the trip in my opinion. I actually enjoyed the trip a lot more than I thought I would and really would like to visit the Redoubt again. I discovered these things: what the trenches looked like, what the WWI medals looked like and the sort of things the men wrote in their diaries.

Do you like the sound of my trip?



## 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.

The following pupils have achieved this award in term 1: Lois, Ruby W, Lizzie P, Rebecca, James H, Ola A, Harley, Keira, Bobbie, Henry D, Layla, Bella, Louis P, Lentia, Jessica T, Thomas S, Ellie L, Leo, Harry M, Kai M, Lottie T, Leah, Hannah M, Eloise, Lottie M, Leke, Archie B, Charlie B, Sonia, Isabelle D, Ardit & Beau. Well done everyone

## Christian Distinctiveness ~ Compassion

In Collective Worship this term we have been exploring the Bible's teaching on what it means to show compassion to one another. Our acts of worship have focused on the Bible verse 'Be kind and compassionate to one another ....' Ephesians 4:32

Alongside this, in our weekly celebration assemblies, we have been recognizing pupils who have shown compassion to one another. The following pupils have been recognized for their acts of compassion this term..... Tyler D, Millie C, Max M, Ola R, Jessica L, Elena, Olivia, Sam H, Naomi, Nathan W, Mackenzie H, Cameron, Kai B, Jorja, Eloise, Aliasha, Luke B, Ryan S, Aliyah, Alfie C, Jessica K, Riley, Isaac L, Daisy Mai G, Amethyst C Class, Lily B, Yassine & Daisy May E. Well done everyone.



## Diary Dates for Term 1 & 2

### October

- 16<sup>th</sup> Pearl Class swimming (6)  
 21<sup>st</sup> KS 2 Harvest Festival: Diamond, Amethyst C, Amber B ~ 9.00 am  
 21<sup>st</sup> KS1 Harvest Festival: Ruby N, Sapphire RE & Emerald W ~ 2.30 pm  
 23<sup>rd</sup> KS2 Harvest festival: Pearl, Amethyst E, Amber S ~ 9.00 am  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Pearl Class Swimming (7) ~ final week  
 23<sup>rd</sup> KS1 Harvest Festival: Ruby L, Sapphire S & Emerald C ~ 2.30 pm  
 24<sup>th</sup> End of term 1 ~ school closes at normal time

### November

- 3<sup>rd</sup> School reopens for term 2  
 6<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (1)  
 7<sup>th</sup> Prospective Parents Meeting and tour of the school ~ 10.30 am  
 11<sup>th</sup> Prospective Parents Meeting and tour of the school ~ 6.00 pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> Prospective Parents Meeting and tour of the school ~ 9.15 am  
 13<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (2)  
 13<sup>th</sup> Calculation Policy meeting ~ 2.30 pm  
 20<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (3)  
 27<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (4)  
 28<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day for tombola prizes

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- 28<sup>th</sup> Prospective Parents Meeting and tour of the school  
 28<sup>th</sup> PTFA Infant Disco ~ 2.10 pm – 3.10 pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> PTFA KS2 Junior Disco ~ 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> **School Closure**  
 4<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (5)  
 5<sup>th</sup> PTFA Christmas cake sale ~ 2.30 pm  
 9<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service ~ Year 3, 4 & 6 ~ 6.00pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service ~ Yr 3, 4 & 5 ~ 6.00 pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (6)  
 11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity ~ RL, SS, EC ~ 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity ~ RN, SRE, EW ~ 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm  
 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas Party ~ 1.30 pm  
 17<sup>th</sup> FS & KS1 Christmas Parties ~ 1.30 pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Swimming (7)  
 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner  
 19<sup>th</sup> End of term 2 ~ school closes normal time

### January 2015

- 5<sup>th</sup> School reopens for term 3  
 8<sup>th</sup> Amethyst F Swimming (1)



God in all we do

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