

The Haven School Newsletter

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**SCHOOL INSET
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MONDAY 1st
DECEMBER
2014**



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

Dear The Haven School Family,

Congratulations to everyone for raising **£322.96 for Children in Need!**

This year as a school we are focusing on helping our pupils to become more **autonomous learners**. During our Ofsted inspection in July, the inspectors recognized that our pupils work hard but they stated that our pupils don't always take enough **ownership and responsibility for their own learning**. As a consequence, we have been implementing strategies in the classroom to enable our pupils to develop greater levels of independence and control of their own learning.

This term we have been carrying out lesson observations, looking at books and interviewing the pupils about their learning. We have been privileged to observe at first hand the many exciting initiatives that the teachers are implementing to enable greater learner autonomy. For instance, in one of our Year 1 classes we witnessed our Sapphire pupils writing a set of instructions to explain how a pupil should respond to feedback marking from the teacher. The pupils then used these instructions to respond to previous feedback marking. It was very impressive! In one of our Reception Classes, we observed our youngest pupils being encouraged to verbalise what they were learning through their child initiated activities. Self-reflection opportunities were also observed in one of our Amethyst Classes,

where pupils were recording what they had learnt and what their next steps would be at the end of a Mathematics lesson.

This year we are also focusing on improving pupils' handwriting and presentation skills as well as their use of spelling, punctuation and grammar. We have introduced a daily short Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar session (SPAG session) when pupils have an opportunity to develop and rehearse these skills.

A recent learning walk, conducted by the leadership team, highlighted the positive impact that these SPAG sessions were having on pupils' achievement in these areas. We saw pupils in our Sapphire Classes rehearsing the correct formation of letters using the Read Write Inc rhymes as well as learning how to use time connectives in their writing. In contrast our older pupils, in Pearl and Diamond Classes, displayed an impressive knowledge of different word classes such as nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs as well as the different sentence structures such as simple, compound and complex. We were very proud of what the children were achieving in such a short time.

Finally, I do hope we will see many of you at our PTFA Christmas Fayre on Friday 5th December from 2.30pm.

**Wendy Bray
Headteacher**

Congratulations Frankie

We would all like to congratulate Frankie, one of our Key Stage 2 pupils, who has been signed to play for Chelsea Football Club Academy for the next two years. He will be playing in the under 9's and then has a guarantee of a further year's registration in the under 10's. What a wonderful achievement.

Well done Frankie from all of us at The Haven School.



DVD Cover Winner

We would like to say congratulations to Jothi in Emerald Class who is the winner of this year's Design the Nativity DVD Cover.

We think you will all agree it is a lovely design.

We would like to remind all KS1 parents that they must pre order a copy of the school nativity prior to these taking place. Order forms can be collected for the school office.



Christian Distinctiveness ~ Generosity

In Collective Worship this term we have been exploring the Bible's teaching on what it means to show generosity to one another. This term: Enzo, Lola A, Isabelle K, Toby D, Lizzie, Dante, Lilia, Alfie M, Leticia, Mia C, Ellouise, Omema, Sam S, Daniel B, Eve K, Joseph H, Ellie K, Matthew, Maddie, Eve M, Lois, Favour, Ardit, Jayden, Stella, Louise, Jacob, Maddix, Dante, Lilia, Tabitha, Freya, George J, Danielle M, Matthew, Felicite, Ruby, Franky H, Riley I, Alexander S~B, Millie, Ellie C, Frankie W, Jojra, George J, Sam B, Jacob P & Rebecca. Well done everyone.



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.

This term: Fred S, Isabelle E, Chloe, Preston, Danielle, Mia L, Caleb P, Morgan, Caleb E, Angel, Sofia M, Alfie W, Maddox, Soraya, Lois W, Mitha, Luna, James G, Harry P, Sam M, Tyler, Akeelah, Keeley, Allen, George S, Ella W P, Teddy J, Satheene, Amanda, Leighla, Grace, George M, Lily B, Oscar, Sharif, Amy Leigh, Adam, Alfie E, Caiden, Oliver, Charlotte T, Paige, Zac, Nomsa, Alexander B, Sara G, Danny R & Eric. Well done everyone.

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 **15th January 2015**

Dogs outside the school gate

We have had several concerned parents approach us regarding dogs being tied up immediately outside the school gate. This is due to the fact that we have a number of pupils who are scared of dogs and hence are very frightened to come in to school when a dog is tied up immediately next to the school entrances. **Please can we respectfully request that dogs are tied up well away from the entrances to the school.**

The Haven School leads the way in the teaching of Mathematics

In September we were asked by the Local Authority to share with other East Sussex schools, at a Headteacher's meeting, how we had made significant improvements in maths. As a consequence we have been hosting visits from schools across East Sussex to look at how we teach maths and in particular our maths passports. We are very grateful to our Maths Subject Leader, Mrs Barnhurst, for hosting these visits. The positive feedback we have received is a real accolade to the teaching of mathematics at The Haven School.

**' Thank you so much for allowing us to pick your brains and steal all your fantastic work'
Year 6 Teacher, All Saints Primary, Bexhill**

**' Our teachers were inspired by your lessons last week and have come back raring to go.'
FS & KS 1 Leader of Learning, Willingdon Primary School**

Diary Dates for Term 2 & 3

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November

- 27th Amethyst E swimming (4)
- 28th Mufti Day for tombola prizes**
- 28th Prospective Parents Meeting and tour of the school
- 28th PTFA Infant Disco ~ 2.10 pm – 3.10 pm
- 28th PTFA KS2 Junior Disco ~ 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm

- 15th KS1 Nativity ~ RN, SRE, EW ~ 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm
- 16th FS & KS1 Christmas Parties ~ 1.30 pm
- 17th KS2 Christmas Party ~ 1.30 pm
- 18th Amethyst E swimming (7)
- 18th Christmas Dinner
- 19th End of term 2 ~ school closes normal**

December**1st School Closure**

- 3rd Pearl Class Greek Day
- 3rd Pearl & Diamond Celebration Afternoon ~ 2.30 pm
- 4th Amethyst E swimming (5)
- 5th PTFA Christmas cake sale ~ 2.30 pm**
- 9th KS2 Christmas Service ~ Diamond, Amethyst C, Amber B ~ 6.00pm
- 10th Parent Consultation Day for Amethyst C
- 10th KS2 Christmas Service ~ Pearl, Amethyst E & Amber S ~ 6.00 pm
- 11th Amethyst E swimming (6)
- 11th KS1 Nativity ~ RL, SS, EC ~ 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm

January 2015**5th School reopens for term 3**

- 8th Amethyst C swimming (1)
- 15th Amethyst C swimming (2)
- 19th Staff run clubs start
- 22nd Amethyst C swimming (3)
- 27th Diamond Class Trip
- 29th Amethyst C swimming (4)



God in all we do

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