

The Haven School Newsletter

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Dear The Haven School Family,

Thank you for your wonderful support with the PTFA Christmas Fayre at the end of last term. **We raised £1,211.55**, which is a fabulous achievement.



Each term we focus on a Christian value and this forms the basis for our worship. This term we are exploring **koinonia**, which is often translated as fellowship or team. A useful website to learn more and talk with your children about our worship theme is as follows:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/koinonia.html>

We are exploring in worship what it means to work as a team and this week the children have been learning about team work through the story in the Bible about building the tower of Babel.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Fuller this term, who has returned from maternity leave. She has taken over the teaching

responsibility of Amethyst F as well as resuming her senior leadership responsibilities as Literacy Leader. In addition, Mr Sibson and Mrs Jordan have also joined our Key Stage 2 support staff team this term.

I would like to share with you the exciting news that Mrs White, Emerald W Class Teacher, is expecting a baby in June. Mrs White will be starting her maternity leave at the end of Term 5, 22nd May 2015. In addition, we are also thrilled to announce that Mrs Marchant, a member of our support staff team, is also expecting a baby in May. Our congratulations to both these members of our school team.

Finally, we will be holding the second of our **Parent Consultation** evenings on Tuesday 3rd March, 5 – 8pm, and Wednesday 4th March, 3.30 – 6pm. The consultations are an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with your child's teacher. You will be able to sign up for an appointment from Monday 23rd February. Please note that there will be no teacher's clubs taking place during the week of the consultations.

Wendy Bray
Headteacher

The Cashless Office

At the end of last summer and the beginning of September 2014 we advised parents we were trying to move towards a "cashless office" and would be heavily promoting payment of school events through our online Parent Pay system.

This message has begun to filter through and we are very appreciative of those parents who have co-operated in the process and would urge more parents to sign up to Parent Pay. If you are unsure please ask at the school office.

As this process evolves and eventually becomes the normal practice, it is going to become less likely the school office will hold little if any cash on site. With this in mind we must remind parents that the school office is unable to exchange large bank notes for small denominations of change, i.e. £10 and £20 notes over the school counter, whether it is for school dinners, clubs, school trips or other such events.

In the past these exchanges of change/cash have occurred at the busiest times of the day, i.e. first thing in the morning or after school and causes serious delay in trying to answer parent's phone calls, face to face enquiries and assist pupils and staff with queries. Also, the school office banks regularly and will often not hold large quantities of change and this too can cause delay in trying to find odd bits of change to hand out.

If parents do not have the right money to give to their child, please could we ask you to put what you have in a named envelope, purse or other similar container with a note of what the money is for, the amount which should be deducted and the amount of change you would expect to receive back.

The school office/kitchen will then process the money and issue change and a receipt in due course. If parents wish to book a school lunch for their child the money must be with the child on the day or on Parent Pay by 8.30 am. Dinner money is not the school's money it belongs to Chartwells. The school office is not responsible for issuing change, changing up notes or holding monies on account for pupils or parents.

Lost Property

We would like to remind all parents to please return any items of school uniform, PE kits, or coats that your child/ren have borrowed or brought home by mistake.

We have a number of children who have lost coats and jumpers within school. Please can all parents check their child/ren's jumpers to make sure that you have the correct one. If by any chance you have someone else's, please can you return it to the school office.

Phil the Bag on Friday 30th January

Our next Phil the Bag collection will be on Friday 30th January 2015. Please can all bags be brought to school in the morning and placed next to where the children park their scooters and bicycles.



Library Opening

After the successful relocation of our library, completion of the cataloguing of our books, and the painting of the beautiful mural, we are pleased to be able to open the library to the children after school.

You are welcome to come and browse and borrow books on Mondays from **3.30-4.00**. Please collect children from the classroom as normal and then sign in at the office before proceeding to the library.

I look forward to seeing you there! ~ Mrs White, Library Co-ordinator

Reading at home

As children start school in Reception, parents are actively encouraged to read with them at home as much as possible. This is because all the data shows that children who are read with at home do better academically.

Parents (and grand-parents, uncles, aunts and family friends) can have a huge impact on their child's achievement.

I thank God for my own parents who read with me, and with children of my own now it is a joy to be involved in teaching "sounding out", talking about what we have read together, and increasingly, discussing what they have gone on to discover themselves as their reading confidence increases.

So let me encourage you to keep going with this important work with your children in the midst of an undoubtedly busy schedule. We have young children for such a short time and we can love them well by reading with them. It seems such a small thing, but the impact is huge.

Rev J Brook ~ Foundation Governor

Christian Distinctiveness ~ Teamwork

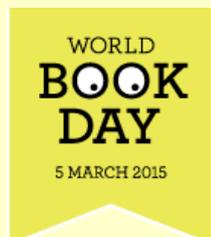
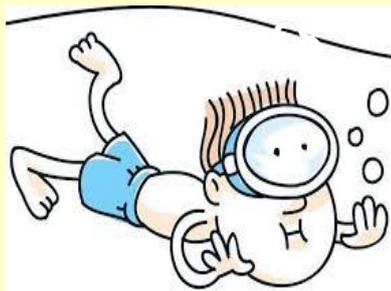
In Collective Worship this term we have been exploring the Bible's teaching on what it means to show teamwork/fellowship through the Christian value, koinonia. This term these children have been recognized for demonstrating one of our Christian values: Bethan, Chase, Teddy J, Evie E, Jothi, Kai M, Jasmine A, Zac P, Freya, Louise S, Joseph F, Leke, Harry, Ruby D, Zak, Taleb, Max T, Jacob, Jack F, Fred, Katie H, Sydney, Emily, Aliesha, Joe M, Adam C, Darcy, Hannah A, Jasmine H, Robert S, Archie B, Tyler H, Drew, Lola B, Angel, Harry H, Lily M, Bethany D, James B, Charlie C, Summer, Ailsa, Daisy May, Sophie L, Daniel B, Jack K, Lenty, James S, Joseph P. 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, 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: Jayden, Tiana, Anna U, Daisy G, Hollie G, Riley, Angelo, Tabitha, Chloe, Jack O, Mya, Peter, Joe D, Connor B, Alfie E, Cameron E, Marissa, Emily D, Flossie, Keira, Eloise T, Ellouise B, Regan, Tyler H, Rory, Lola B, Amber C, Max M, James S, Jude, Harvey H, Maxwell, Arty, Jacob H, Isabelle D, Jasmine A, Joey, Austeja, Joseph H, James S, Ruby C, Flossie, Harrison, Jake C, Jade, Bradley H, Daisy May, Sid, Mackenzie C, Isabelle K, Daniel K, Myka, Logan. Well done everyone.

Diary Dates for Term 3 & 4

**January 2015**

- 22nd Amethyst F swimming (3)
- 22nd Sapphire RE Worship ~ 9.05 am
- 22nd Football match at home
- 27th Diamond Class Trip
- 29th Amethyst F swimming (4)
- 29th Amber B Worship ~ 9.05 am
- 30th Phil the Bag

February

- 2nd Football match at home
- 5th Amber S Worship ~ 9.05 am
- 5th Amethyst F swimming (5)
- 11th Diamond celebration afternoon ~ 2.30 pm – 3.15 pm
- 12th Emerald C Worship ~ 9.05 am
- 12th Amethyst F swimming (6)
- 13th End of term 3 ~ school closes at normal time**
- 23rd School reopens for term 4**
- 26th Amethyst F swimming (7)

March

- 2nd NO STAFF RUN CLUBS**
- 3rd Parent consultation evening ~ 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
- 4th Parent consultation evening ~ 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
- 5th World Book Day
- 5th Amber S swimming (1)
- 5th Emerald W Worship ~ 9.05 am



God in all we do

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