

The Haven School Newsletter

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Dear The Haven School Family,

I do hope you have booked your appointment with your child's class teacher for the parent consultation evenings on Tuesday 3rd March and Wednesday 4th March. During the evening we will be handing out information to parents on the new curriculum.

This has been an interesting academic year so far as a result of the Department of Education directive to implement a new curriculum as well as to change the way we assess the children. As part of the DfE reforms, the system of national curriculum levels has been abolished in the new curriculum.

New national curriculum tests for children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be introduced from 2016. Where previously these tests – and other teacher assessments – were graded in levels (normally numbering between Level 1 and Level 6 in primary school), from 2016 the tests will be reported as a scaled score, with a score of 100 representing the expected level for each age group.

The DfE have left it up to schools to decide how to measure pupils' progress in the intervening years. We have been given this year to devise our assessment system. As a

school, we are fully embracing this and the new curriculum. The biggest challenge has been the fact that the **standards expected at the end of each year have risen** and hence we are all working hard to plug the gaps that there are between the old and the new curriculum. We are very blessed that we have such fantastic children that are taking it all in their stride, and dedicated staff who have embraced the changes.

As a school we have already begun to implement a new assessment system without levels and we are proud of the fact that we are further ahead in this development than many East Sussex schools. This means that at the end of this academic year, in your child's final report, we will be reporting their academic achievements differently from previous years. Whilst pupils' achievements in Years 2 & 6 will still be recorded as levels, for those pupils in other year groups achievement will be reported with regards to whether they are working 'Below National Expectation', 'Working at National Expectation' and 'Working above National Expectation' in their year group.

Wendy Bray ~ Headteacher

The Haven Photography Competition

Have you ever noticed this green tree award logo on letters from the school? The school was given The Green Tree School Gold Award for all the environmental projects completed by 'The Rangers'. They are now aiming to achieve the platinum award. To do this the school will be having a photography competition and be completing the 'Finding a View Diamond Challenge'.



**This is where we need your help!
We would like you to take a special photograph.**

We want you to take photos from an **animal's point of view**. You could look at:

- The detail on a flower as a bee might see it.
- Leaves from underneath as they might be seen by an insect.
- Places to hide, or foods as they might be viewed by an animal.
- A stile, wall or fence from above as they might be viewed by a bird or squirrel looking down from a tree.
- You could lie on the ground, on bin bags and take photographs of the tree canopy from below.

If your camera has a macro function this would be useful for close ups.

Once completed please e-mail your photo to office@thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk. Please write **Photo Competition** as the subject. Please make sure you tell us:

- your full name
- class
- the place you took the photo
- the animal viewpoint you have used.

We will then upload your photo onto the VisitWoods website as part of our school's entry. Your photo will also be entered into the school's own wildlife photography competition. The winning photo will be announced in assembly and displayed in school for everyone to see.

All entries must be in by Friday 20th March 2015.

Good luck to you all. We can't wait to see your pictures!

Polling Day – 7th May 2015

The school has recently received notification that the Haven School needs to be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 7th May 2015. When we have challenged such requests in the past the council's reply was that they were 'mindful of the disruption that closure of the school would cause and the impact on parents but had no choice but to insist that we comply with their request.' The matter is therefore out of our hands and we have to inform you that the school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 7th May.

Please accept our apologies for this and any inconvenience it might cause.

INSET DAYS
13th April 2015
7th May 2015
1st June 2015

Christian Distinctiveness ~ Forgiveness

In Collective Worship this term we have been exploring the Bible's teaching on what it means to show forgiveness. The following children have been recognized for demonstrating one of our focus Christian values (kindness, compassion, generosity, Koinonia and forgiveness: Gabriella S, Drew, Anna U, Rafi F, Erin, Ella, Ardit, Alex, Freddie, Daniel B, Sam S, Essien, Jorja, Lois, Kezia, Joshua B, Thomas S, Bethany D, Cameron, Frankie R, Eliza, Jack O, Sara G, Jake P, Joe M, Amy-Leigh, Lola A, Alfie E, Aimee R, Emerald C Class, Millie J. 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: Olivia D, Darcy, Mehmet, Saule, Jessica K, Jasmine G, Charlee C, James B, George J, Sara, Jake P, Leighla, Talia, Tina, Alex D, Bayazeed, Ryan S, Kayah, Miley A, Mehmet, Isabella B, Robert S, Mikey R. Well done everyone.

Sophie L meets Eastbourne police

Eastbourne Police recently ran a children's competition to design or draw a poster depicting Eastbourne Police in the community. Many entries were received and three winners were chosen, one of those successful winners was Sophie L in Amber B class.

Superintendent Di Roskilly presented Sophie with her picture at the entrance hall of Hammonds Drive and she was invited to attend a tour at Hammonds Drive police base.

Sophie had the opportunity to sit in a variety of police vehicles, learn about the various equipment that is used within the role of a police officer as well as being given a tour with PC Ted Anderson. As a surprise for Sophie, PC Steph Barrett then introduced Sophie to her sniffer police dog called Basil, as the majority of entries received for the competition showed a police dog. Well done Sophie.

Chickenpox

It has been reported to school that there may be two cases of chickenpox within KS1 & KS2. We ask all parents to please check their children before bringing them to school. The most commonly recognized symptom of chickenpox is a red rash that covers the body. However, before developing a rash, you or your child may experience some mild flu-like symptoms. These symptoms may include: nausea, a high temperature (fever) of 38°C (100.4°F) or over, aching, painful muscles, headache, generally feeling unwell and loss of appetite.

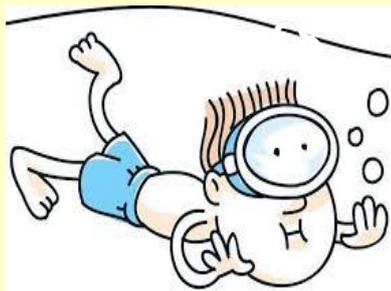
Shortly after these initial symptoms, a rash starts to develop. Some people may only have a few spots, but in others it can cover the entire body. The rash normally appears in crops, and can usually be found behind the ears, on the face, over the scalp, under the arms, on the chest and stomach and on the arms and legs.

The rash starts as small, itchy red spots. After approximately 12-14 hours, these spots develop into fluid-filled blisters, which are intensely itchy. These blisters can also form on the palms of your hands and the soles of your feet. After one to four days, these blisters will dry out and begin to crust over. After one to two weeks, the crusting skin will fall off naturally.

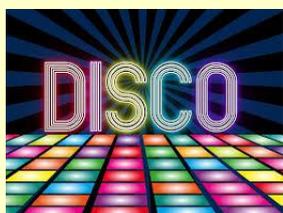
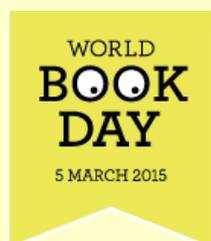
It is very important that you contact your GP straight away, regardless of whether you have any symptoms, if you are pregnant and have been in contact with someone who has chickenpox.

Thank you all for your support.

Diary Dates for Term 3 & 4

**March****2-6th NO STAFF RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK**

- 2nd Book Fair spare Pearl classroom ~ 3.20 pm – 4.15 pm
 3rd Parent consultation evening ~ 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm
 3rd Book Fair spare Pearl classroom ~ 3.20 pm – 4.15 pm
 4th Parent consultation evening ~ 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm
 4th Book Fair spare Pearl classroom ~ 3.20 pm – 4.15 pm
 4th PC Anderson visiting Pearl & Diamond Class ~ 1.30 pm
 5th World Book Day
 5th Book Fair spare Pearl classroom ~ 3.20 pm – 4.15 pm
 5th Amber S swimming (1)
 5th Emerald W Worship ~ 9.05 am
 6th Rangers Trip
 11th Diamond school trip
 12th Amber S swimming (2)
 12th Hockey Tournament
 19th Amber S swimming (3)
 20th PTFA Disco ~ Infants -2.10 pm - 3.10 pm & Juniors 3.20 pm - 4.20 pm
20th Staff run clubs end
 26th Amber S swimming (4)
27th End of term 3 ~ school closes at normal time for Easter Holiday

**April**

- 13th Inset Day school closed**
 14th School reopens



God in all we do

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