

# The Haven School Newsletter

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## Dear The Haven School Family,

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA with their recent Easter Egg tombola. £309 was raised. This money will go towards the many school activities that the PTFA subsidize. In particular, we are grateful that the PTFA contribute £100 per class, to go towards the cost of a coach for a class trip. The average cost of coach for a school trip is £350.

As we rely on donations from parents to fund trips, a reduction in parental contributions alongside the rising costs of hiring a coach has meant that we now rely heavily on the PTFA's contribution in order for class trips to go ahead.

Congratulations to the 27 parents and friends who took part in the Major Series Mud Run. They raised a stunning £3420.00 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust! Definitely an amazing achievement from ALL who took part! Thank you to everyone who kindly made a donation.

In Worship this term we will be focusing on the Christian value of responsibility. This links with our new whole school Core Learning Skill on 'Developing Independence, Responsibility'. If you would like to help us develop this theme at home, then please look at the areas we shall be covering and a suggested story on page 2 of the newsletter.

Last term (see February newsletter) we introduced a whole school learning to learn skill called 'Learning with others'. Every fortnight we explicitly taught a skill that would support the children in being able to more successfully learn when working with other pupils. Part of this programme of work was to introduce the children to particular roles when working in teams, such as Noise

Assessor and Peace Keeper.

This programme of work was extremely successful and the pupils reported that it had 'improved behaviour and pupils' attitudes. Diamond class used their newly acquired skills when carrying out part of their topic work on Europe. Their work was recently published in a newsletter by the company, Edison Learning, which produced the materials for the 'Learning with others' programme of work. See page 3 of the newsletter.

**Don't forget that the school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May as the premises will be used as a Polling Station. The final closure day of the year is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June for staff training.**

Finally, we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Tracy Cornwall who will be retiring on Thursday. Tracy started work at The Haven School in 2001, when the school was still under construction. She has made a huge difference to so many children's lives through her quiet and calm dedication. She will be greatly missed by all. We wish her and her husband every happiness in their retirement.



**Mrs Wendy Bray  
Headteacher**

## Value for Life - Responsibility

This term the value being considered as a whole school in Collective Worship and in the general life of the school is **Responsibility**. If you would like to help us develop this theme at home, then please look at the areas we shall be covering together with a suggested story.

Responsibility for ourselves and others ~ *Matthew 7:12*

Using our gifts responsibly - Parable of the three servants ~ *Matthew 25: 14 - 30*

Taking responsibility for managing our anger ~ A House of Prayer ~ *Matthew 21*

Taking responsibility for our time ~ The ant and the grasshopper ~ *Proverbs 6:6-8*

Responsibility to God ~ Samuel is given responsibility ~ *1 Samuel 1 - 3*

Taking Responsibility for what we say ~ Be Careful ~ *James 3*

## School Library Visit

I recently had the privilege of visiting the school to see the progress with the library and to meet with Mrs White and the school librarians. It was encouraging to hear that the library is now open on a Monday evening for children to come and choose books and to see the wide range of non-fiction books available as well as fiction books and Story Bags. I was interested to hear about the role played by the school librarians and the skills that they are developing as they issue and catalogue books.

As a keen reader myself, I would encourage all age groups to visit the library on a Monday after school and I would remind parents that donations of books to the library are always much appreciated.

**Mrs C Boatwright ~ Governor**

## Christian Distinctiveness

The following children have been recognized for demonstrating one of our focus Christian values (kindness, compassion, generosity, Koinonia and forgiveness, responsibility: Niall, Connor B, Anna-Louise, Caiden, Myka, Marissa, Emily D, Jasmine F, Nomsa, Hannah J, Katie S, Yousef, Stella, Sonia, Amber C, Raffy, Eric, Fred, Liam, Talia, Hannah M, Olivia, Gymnastics team, Matthew C, Ryan S & Peter S. Well done everyone.

## Keep on Going

Each week pupils are awarded a special certificate in our celebration assembly in recognition of them demonstrating resilience and perseverance in their learning.

This term the following children have been awarded a certificate: Felicite, Ruby D, Isla, Scarlett, Freddie C, Jack F, Leighla, Luca, Eve K, James M, Bradley H, Mason, Essien, Ollie, Ruby C, Gregory, Jake P, Mason J, Jessica L, Hannah A, Brooke H, Brandon, Harry K & Diamond Class. Well done everyone.

## Admission to The Bishop Bell CE School September 2016

Message from Mr Mark Talbot the Headteacher of Bishop Bell Secondary School.

Did you know that, for admission to The Bishop Bell CE School from September 2016, pupils attending a church school will be able to apply for a foundation place. This is regardless of whether or not they or their families attend church regularly and regardless of the area in which they live.



For further information about admissions to Bishop Bell School, please contact our admissions office Miss M Collett, either by telephoning 01323 465458 or by emailing [mcollett@bishopbell.co.uk](mailto:mcollett@bishopbell.co.uk).

## **Spotlight on Europe: Operation Mafuta ~ (Core Learning Skills)** **~ Agents: J0301S, J0120M, M2209B & J1003P**

Secret Mission: On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 Mission Control set the challenge and divided agents into research teams.

**The Challenge:** Mission Control has been receiving disturbing reports about the financial irregularities of Luke Johnson. The overall aim was to find out what Luke Johnson, a share-holder of De Beers, (the best diamond company in the world) who has 55% control of the company, has been trading in to make so much money in such a short time. Ever since Luke Johnson has been in the company the prices of diamonds have gone up. The question we asked ourselves was, "What was he doing with the extra money?"

The challenge was to research different business stations that are owned by Luke Johnson, based in different European countries with world links: Thessaloniki in Greece, Malaga in Spain, Amsterdam in Holland and Brindis in Italy. The teams were to present factual information to brief secret agents, who were to be sent into these locations to investigate further on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Team Roles:** Each member of the team was allocated a role. These were: Tracker, Time Keeper, Skill Builder, Peace Keeper and messenger. The Tracker would make sure that the team was doing what they were meant to and not messing about. They would later present the work to the other agents during the briefing. The Time Keeper would tell the group how much time it had and when to do tasks. The Skill Builder would monitor the core skills used in the project. The Peace Keeper would make sure every member of the team would have the opportunity to contribute to the project. The Messenger was the only member of the team allowed out of their seat to gather information from displays around the classroom.

**The Mission:** The objectives were split into three categories: Country Facts, Cultural facts and Town information. The objectives consisted of: Name of country, total population, national flag, national currency, national language (find out how to say hello and goodbye), name of the capital city, identify products of export, identify the regions, map of the country, rivers, mountains what buildings look like, identify native animals, identify how people dress, provide the agents with the location of a 3 star hotel with bed and breakfast and all nearest sea and air ports.

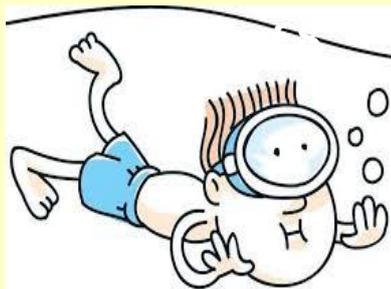
**Corey Crab Skills:** The Corey crab skills differ between classes because it is all up to the teacher to choose what is best for their class because the teacher knows what their class needs to improve on in their team work skills. We believe our team work has greatly improved because no one gets left out and no one is doing all the work by their self, whilst the others just chat.

**How has this improved my learning?** This has improved our learning because of the peace keepers in each group, so that no one gets bullied in a group so they don't feel down and every one can help in the activities because there is so much to do, so it is much better.

This progress has helped us a lot because it means we can all have a fair turn and less arguing, for what parts we want to be. We also enjoyed it because we get to work with different people and because it gave us the opportunity to share our idea with others, rather than just keeping it to ourselves and our work.

The secret agent was fully briefed by each team, using a power-point presentation, and was given a dossier with all the facts. Highly trained and equipped with our research the mission should be a success.

## Diary Dates for Term 5 &amp; 6

**April**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Staff Run Clubs Start
- 29<sup>th</sup> Emerald Class trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> Ruby L Class Worship ~ 9.05 am
- 30<sup>th</sup> Amber S swimming (7)

**May****4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday School Closed**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bikeability for Years 3 & 4
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**7<sup>th</sup> School Closed Polling Day**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Bike ability Year 5 & 6
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bike ability Year 5 & 6
- 13<sup>th</sup> Bike ability Year 5 & 6
- 13<sup>th</sup> Emerald trip
- 14<sup>th</sup> Bike ability Year 5 & 6
- 14<sup>th</sup> Amber B Swimming (1)
- 15<sup>th</sup> Bike ability Year 5 & 6
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nursery & Ruby Classes Sports Day ~ 1.45 pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Residential week
- 21<sup>st</sup> Ruby N Class Worship ~ 9.05 am
- 21<sup>st</sup> Amber B swimming 2
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Phil the Bag
- 22<sup>nd</sup> End of term 5

**June**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Inset Day School Closed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> School reopens for term 6



God in all we do

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