

The Haven School Newsletter

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INSET DAYS IN THE AUTUMN TERMS

Friday 20th Nov 2015

Friday 4th Dec 2015

PTFA AGM
Friday 2nd Oct
at 2.30pm
Please come & support us!

Dear Haven School Family,

Welcome back to another new school year. I hope you had a very enjoyable holiday. I would like to extend a warm welcome to any families that have just joined us and also to our new members of staff.

Thank you to everyone who brought in their unwanted clothes at the end of last term for Phil the Bag. We collected 389 Kg which equates to £155.60. We use the money raised from Phil the Bag to cover some of the expenses for the Year 6 residential in order that we can keep the cost of the trip as low as possible for our families. The coach alone costs us £700 and hence the money raised from Phil the Bag is needed to ensure we can continue as a school to cover this expense.

On our first day back in school, as a staff team, we spent the morning re-examining our **Christian Core Values** as our approach to teaching and learning, and the support we provide for the pupils, is rooted in these values. We also began to look at developing a Community Code/Code of Conduct which would sit under the umbrella of 'God in all we do' and be an effective way of promoting these Christian Values. Mrs Langley, in her new leadership role as Key Lead for the Learning Environment, will be exploring this further with the pupils in worship in October and she will also be consulting with you as parents later in the term.

As we continue to expand to become a two-form entry school our growing pupil numbers (we have 405 pupils on roll now) means that we have had to re-examine our approach to whole school events. Last year we held four harvest festival services for parents and pupils so that we could accommodate everyone in our school hall. However this led to us being very fragmented as a school community and we felt that we had lost the purpose of a Harvest Festival service which is to bring the whole school community together to celebrate God's goodness in creation and to remember our responsibility to care for those who do not have as much as us. This year we have therefore decided to hold just two Harvest Services, one for our Infants and one for our Juniors. Both these services will be lead by Diamond class and so that we can fit everyone in our school hall we will just be inviting our Diamond parents. We will continue to be supporting the Matthew 25 Mission and we would be grateful if our pupils could bring in gifts of non-perishable food for our Harvest display on **Monday 28th September.**

Looking further ahead to Christmas we would like everyone to keep the evening of **Thursday 17th December free for our Junior Carol Service.** This year we will be holding this at the **Kings Centre** so that staff, parents and pupils can gather together for this service of celebration.

Mrs Wendy Bray, Headteacher

Children's birthdays

Children's birthdays are celebrated in our whole school Celebration assembly on Friday morning. We respectfully request that children **do not** bring in packs of sweets or cakes to give to their peers. As a school we would like to encourage you to choose a book to celebrate your child's special day.

The school office have a stock of books for you to choose at discounted prices (around £3) or ask the child's class teacher if the class have a current favourite book to purchase. We will place a plaque in the front of the book as a memento of the gift and this again, will be presented in assembly.

School Uniform

I am delighted to report that the vast majority of pupils have returned to school wearing the correct uniform. However, there are still a very small number of pupils wearing the incorrect footwear and hair accessories. Please can you ensure your children wear the following:

- **Black school shoes – no trainers, canvas or visibly badged footwear please.**
- **Please note that canvas Vans are not part of the school uniform.**
- **Grey or white socks or grey tights**
- **Hair accessories – only navy, school green or hair coloured hair accessories such as scrunchies or ribbons are permitted.**

For further information please see our policies section on the school website: (www.thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Admission to The Bishop Bell CE School September 2016

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 Bishop Bell admissions officer Miss M Collett, either by telephoning 01323 465458 or by emailing mcollett@bishopbell.co.uk.

School Admissions 2016 / 2017

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 2016**.

Please note all secondary school applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2015.

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: Leon B, Mackenzie, Ahmed, Daisy G, Erin, Seb, Tabitha, Leighla, Alfie H, Jake C, Alex C, Joseph D, Henry J, Ellie L, Ethan H, Sofia, Ola R, Rhianna, Angelo, Ollie, Sorcha, Keontez & Joseph F. Well done everyone!.

Christian Distinctiveness

The following children have been recognised for demonstrating one of our focus Christian values - compassion and courage.

This term the following children have been awarded a sticker: Archie M, Kai V, Isla, Aimee, Maddix, Alice, Leah, James H, Jade, Nomsa, Oscar P, Katie S, Ashton, Daniel B, Ola, Isabelle, Eve, Aliesha, Joseph B, Harvey H, Tyler, Riley I. Well done everyone!.

Sports News!

We are delighted to announce that we have been rewarded for our commitment to school sport and the development of competition and physical education at The Haven with a School Games Mark Bronze level award.



We are extremely proud of our recent sporting success in the inter-school competitions at The Haven alongside our ongoing intra-school sport house competitions. We are also proud to offer a wide range of opportunities for the children to take part in sport with our after school clubs and lunch time clubs, and 2 hours of P.E. each week, with participation increasing and the standard of sport rapidly improving. We hope to continue the celebration of our award by entering many more competitions this coming year as the children enjoy the opportunity to share our passion for school sport.

Rugby

With the Rugby World Cup taking place, Year 6 have been having touch-rugby coaching sessions with students from the University of Brighton.

A team were then able to put their new skills to use by taking part in the Eastbourne Primary School's Festival of Touch Rugby. All the teams were given a country to represent; we were England! We played three twenty minute games; we won against Ireland, lost to South Africa and drew with France. The team finished second in the group and went on to play in the third/fourth place play-offs where, after a very close, exciting match, we lost 2:1 to Samoa.

During the afternoon two players from the South African world cup team, Eben Etzebeth and Willie Le Roux, came to watch the matches and have their photographs taken, offering advice and inspiration to the teams. Look out for a report and photographs in the Eastbourne Herald soon. It was a great afternoon. Our team really enjoyed themselves and were wonderful representatives of The Haven School. Well Done Team!

Diary Dates for Term 1

September

24th Pearl C swimming (2)



October

1st Year 6 leading the Harvest Festival Service to KS 2 - Yr 6 parents attending

1st Pearl C swimming (3)

2nd PTFA AGM ~ 2.30 pm

6th Year 6 attending safety in action event

8th Pearl C swimming (4)

14th Diamond class celebration afternoon ~ 2.00 pm

15th Pearl C swimming (5)

16th Whole school photos

16th Phil the bag collection

22nd Pearl C swimming (6)

23rd End of term 1

November

2nd Term 2 starts

2nd Prospective Parent Tour ~ 2.15 pm

4th Parent consultation evening 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm

5th Prospective Parent Tour ~ 10.45 am

5th Pearl H Class Swimming (1)

5th Parent consultation evening 5.00 pm – 8.00 pm



God in all we do

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