

The Haven School Newsletter

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INSET DAYS IN THE AUTUMN TERMS

Friday 20th Nov 2015

Friday 4th Dec 2015

Dear Haven School Family,

Thank you so much for coming to support your child at the recent parent consultation evenings and for the many words of encouragement you shared with us.

'My child loves reading now. I don't know what you've done!'

'The Haven School is a good school, with a hard working team'

Prior to the parent consultation meetings I met with every teacher and their teaching assistant to discuss the progress the children were making in their class. It was very evident that children who were **reading regularly at home** with a parent and who had **good attendance** were being the **most successful at school**.

Did you know that if a child reads for less than 15 minutes every day their reading age regresses?



Reading for 15 - 20 minutes every day only maintains a child's reading ability. In order to raise a child's reading ability they need to read for 20 - 30 minutes every day.



Did you know that every minute at school counts?

From the moment your child arrives at school at 8.40 am they are engaged in learning activities such as rehearsing their maths passport targets, practising their spellings or editing their written work. Also, during this time many pupils are receiving targeted individualised support from the additional adults. If they arrive at 8.50 am, which is our official start to the day, they have already lost 10 minutes learning. It is for this reason that this year we are tackling late arrival by writing to parents to raise our concerns over lateness. We are genuinely worried about the negative impact late arrival has on a child's well-being and future progress. I hope you will support us with this.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you at the **PTFA Winter Fair**, this **Friday 13th November** at **3.30pm**. Children should be collected as normal at 3.15pm for Key Stage 1 and 3.20pm for Key Stage 2. The fair will open at 3.30pm.

Mrs Wendy Bray, Headteacher

The Day the Crayons Quit



We had a fantastic day dressing up as crayons for our first We Are All Author's event! There were some amazing costumes - thank you for all of your support. In the morning, we were all spread across the school to complete an art activity based on the story and then after break time we had a chance to write a letter as one of the crayons.

Blue Crayon – who was short from being over used – was a very popular choice! The children have said how much they enjoyed the day and the opportunity to work with children from other year groups and so we are now looking forward to our next event!

The Reading Raffle

The Reading Raffle continues in Term 2 and each class now has a greater chance of winning as we have two baskets of special books – one for KS1 and one for KS2!

The children have been very excited about the raffle and as one child said, "It makes me want to read more so that my class can win!" Research has shown that if children do not read for at least 15 minutes a day their reading age will regress and that they must read for 25-30 minutes a day to make progress. In order to tackle this, please continue to support your child at home by listening to them read.

The Book Corner Competition

During Term 1 there was an air of competition throughout the school as each class worked as a team to create an amazing book corner based on their favourite book. On Friday 9th October we all got a chance to look at each book corner and vote for our favourite one.

Mrs Fuller's class were the winners with their book corner based on the Stanley's Stick and have won £50 to spend on books or audio books for their classroom!



Miss vanHaefte, English Leader

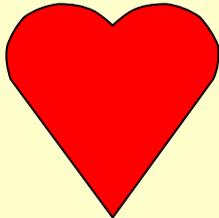
School Christian Values

We have recently revisited our School Christian Values. We worked hard as a whole school team to ensure we had chosen the values we feel are the most important to us. Each of our School Christian Values has a special symbol to help us remember it as well as a memory verse. We will be teaching each value in Collective Worship over the coming year. We will start with Hope this term.

Compassion

"Let all that you do be done in love"

1 Corinthians 16:14



Courage

"Be strong and courageous because God is with you."

Deuteronomy 31:6



Responsibility

"Whatever you do work at it with all your heart."

Colossians 3:23



Respect

"Love one another as I have loved you"

John 13:34



Hope

"For I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29 v11



Justice

"For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him."

Isaiah 30:18



Withdrawal from learning

Did you know that across the year there are just 190 school days? That means there are already 175 days set aside for weekends, holidays, family visits and rewarding days out. We believe every school day counts to give your child the greatest opportunity of attaining a good education and to support a happy and healthy future.

100% is recognised as an expected level of school attendance. **If your child is out of school for 3 days each term, then their attendance is below 95%** and they're spending more days out of school than in it! Should your child need time off due to illness, this figure will quickly become even lower.

Because five days of school equates to 25 hours of learning, catching up with extra work out of school is not possible.

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
90 days	80 days	78 days	63 days	61 days	43 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good  Only 1-2 day missed per term		Worrying  Between 3-8 days missed per term		Serious Concern  More than 9 days missed per term	

From 1st September 2013 new guidance issued by the Department for Education (DFE) applies to **all** requested absences in term-time. An absence during term-time, including family holidays, **is not a right**.

Any absence from school disrupts a child's learning. Therefore, the Department for Education only allows a Headteacher the discretion to authorise an absence if they believe that there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Before deciding whether to authorise a leave of absence the Headteacher will consider:

- The length of the holiday i.e. does the holiday period requested total 5 days or more
- Whether the child will miss any preparations for tests/exams
- Whether the child will miss tests or exams
- Whether the child's attendance in the current year is satisfactory (**minimum of 95%**), **including previous attendance record and any patterns of absences**
- Whether the child is meeting attainment targets
- The time of year and/or term
- Whether there are any **exceptional circumstances** that have been detailed on the form for consideration

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: Bethany D, Cerise, Ella S, Keira, Danielle M, Hollie, Daniel B, Evie, Jessica L. Zach F, Tommy K, Caitlyn, Eve, Emmanuel, Favour, Max M, Zack, Ola A, Alex R . 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 pebble: Oscar J, Murray, Isaac L, Farrah, Brandon, Jonah, Frankie R, Bethany D, Amelie, Harrison G, Niall, Charlie B, Lola B, Arty, Myka, Harry K, Joey B, Andrew J. Well done everyone.



PTFA Christmas Fayre

Christmas will be here before we know it and the PTFA Christmas Fayre is this Friday 13th November from 3.30 pm. Entry is only 50p.

We have the usual fantastic stalls which include a grand tombola, lucky bags, sweetie tombola raffle, face painting, crazy hair salon, hook a bauble, snowball basketball, pocket money games and of course tickets will be on sale to book your child/rens slot to see Santa on 16th December.

Do not forget we will be having a visit from Elsa too.

Sport at The Haven

Last term was a hugely successful term for P.E. and sport at The Haven. The children enjoyed using a range of new equipment that we had purchased to enhance their skills and improve their health and fitness during our rich curriculum of P.E. Games and Dance.

Our Intra-house competitions were a great success in Tag-Rugby, Rounders, Football and Corner Ball whilst in Key Stage 1, lunch time clubs run by the Year 6 children themselves have proved to be very popular.

Our sports captains recently attended a Sports Leadership course and are now qualified to run their own lunch time clubs in Key Stage 1. This includes a wide variety of games and activities that the children have learnt to teach using the new equipment. The clubs are already proving popular.

Running Club

Wednesday morning Running Club has been a great success and proving hugely popular. The children have been improving their fitness levels each week as we look forward to competing in the Mini mile races and cross-country events. Keep up the good work!

Gymnastics

Monday's Gymnastics club has also been a great success. The children have learnt sequences and routines whilst improving their strength, balance and co-ordination skills. We have been working hard to prepare for our Gymnastics competition after half term.

Sports Star of the Month

Our sports Star of October was Ellouise for showing determination, commitment and teamwork in the Diamond class intra-house Tag-Rugby tournament. Ellouise made some outstanding tackles and kept on going the whole tournament. Well done!

Miss Woods, PE Leader

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**.

Inconsiderate Parking

Please can we respectfully remind parents that **it is a traffic offence to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school and parking tickets are enforceable.**



Please support us by parking considerately and not parking across neighbour's driveways and across drop curbs. It is really upsetting when the School Office receives phone calls from distressed neighbours who cannot get out of their driveway because a parent's car is parked across it.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who support the school community by parking considerately.

KS 1 Nativities

I hope the Christmas Nativity dates are already in your diary! There are four performances as follows:

~ **Ruby L, Sapphire C & Emerald F on Tuesday 8th December at 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm**

~ **Ruby A, Sapphire T & Emerald SRE on Thursday 10th December at 2.30 pm & 6.00pm**

We are aware that in previous years obtaining tickets has been stressful for a small number of families. Although we try hard to meet everyone's requirements, taking into account the fact that we have ninety pupils taking part in each production, we have to limit the size of the audience in order to be able to seat everyone comfortably and maintain adequate spaces for fire regulations.

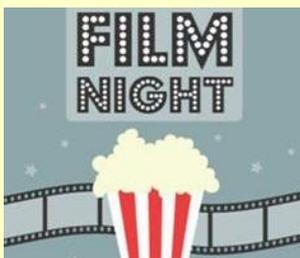
This year, in order to alleviate the problems we have experienced trying to meet everyone's needs for tickets, we have decided the fairest way is to allocate **2 seats per family per performance.** **Please note all children attending must have a ticket.**

It is important that you bring these tickets with you so that we can ensure we have enough seats to seat everyone comfortably. You will not be admitted without a ticket.

If you think you are not going to use all 4 tickets, please return them to the school office, so they can be allocated to a waiting list.



Diary Dates



November

- 12th Pearl H Class Swimming (2)
 13th Mufti Day ~ KS1 sweets & KS2 cakes
13th Have you returned your lucky bag?
13th PTFA Winter Fayre 3.30 pm ~ 5.30 pm
 19th Pearl H Class Swimming (3)
20th INSET SCHOOL CLOSED
 26th Pearl H Class Swimming (4)

December

- 3rd Pearl H Class Swimming (5)
4th INSET SCHOOL CLOSED
 4th PTFA Christmas Craft Day
 8th **KS1 Nativity: Ruby L, Sapphire C, Emerald F ~ 2.30 pm & 6.00pm [Please bring your tickets with you]**
 10th **KS1 Nativity: Ruby A, Sapphire T, Emerald SRE ~ 2.30 pm & 6.00pm [Please bring your tickets with you]**
 10th Pearl H Class Swimming (6)
 11th Phil the Bag Collection
 11th PTFA KS2 Film Night Yr 4, 5 & 6 ~ 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
 16th Christmas Dinner
 16th Santa's Grotto **advance tickets only**
 17th KS2 Carol Service at Kings Church ~ 6.00 pm
18th End of Term

January

- 5th Term 3 starts**
 7th Amethyst E Class Swimming (1)



God in all we do

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