

The Haven School Newsletter

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Dear Haven School Family,

We have continued to have another busy term working with Edison Learning as part of the NAHT Aspire Partnership. With the support of our two Aspire Achievement Advisers, the partnership is supporting our school to move towards outstanding by steering us towards a set of features of highly effective schools, through five interconnected strands of activity. Each of the five strands is led by a member of our senior leadership team.

Leadership strand led by Mrs Bray

This develops clarity of vision, distributed leadership, effective team working and the leadership skills of every staff member

Learning Environment led by Mrs Langley

This focuses on the systematic development of shared values that underpin and drive improvement in behaviours for learning and the quality of relationships between staff, pupils and the wider community

Assessment for Learning led by Mrs Fuller

This supports the timely and effective use of assessment data at every level within the school to drive improvement, focus intervention and classroom practices.

Pedagogy and Curriculum led by Mrs Barnhurst

This drives continuous improvement in the quality of teaching through effective coaching and professional development.

Student and Family support systems led by Mrs Trathen

This helps the school create solutions to lower the barriers that limit pupils' achievement through closer and more productive partnerships with parents, carers and external agencies

Please see page 3 of the newsletter to learn more about what these key leads have been doing this term.

To coincide with the school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December the PTFA have invited Father Christmas to visit the children. If your child has not yet purchase tickets to visit our special visitor then please contact a member of the PTFA.

We would like to congratulate Mrs Anderson and her husband on the wonderful news that they are expecting twins in June. We will be advertising in the New Year for a maternity cover for Mrs Anderson's class.

Finally, we would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Mrs Wendy Bray, Headteacher

Farewell and thank you to Mrs Greene

After 13 years of dedicated service to The Haven School, Mrs Greene has decided it is time to move to pastures new. She has successfully secured a position at Gildredge House and will be sadly leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Greene joined The Haven School early in its development to becoming a one form entry school and she was very much part of the effective teamwork that has enabled it to become the successful two-form entry school it is today.

Mrs Greene has given so much of her time and energies to our school. When we were without a PE Subject Leader in 2014-2015 it was Mrs Greene's determination and administrative skills in organising our involvement in the sporting fixtures that supported the school to achieve the Bronze Sports Award.

Perhaps the best accolade to Mrs Greene's success as a Teaching Assistant was when she was recognised and mentioned in the 2010 Ofsted report 'In the very successful Year 6 mathematics lesson, both the teacher and **teaching assistant gave high quality feedback to test pupils' understanding, introduce extra challenges and used praise effectively to raise pupils' expectations of what they were capable of achieving.'**

We wish Mrs Greene much success in her new post.

Worship at the Haven

In worship this term we focused on our school Christian value of hope. We explored the life of Abraham and how hope looks to the future and releases us to move forward. We also looked at the life of David and his hope in God to always deliver him in times of trouble. In the last two weeks of this term we have been looking at how the birth of Jesus brings new hope.

The children have enjoyed the variety of worship leaders that have contributed to our acts of worship. We would like to thank Martin Sweet (Director of Spinnaker Trust), Rev Dunn-Wilson (Our Methodist School Visitor), Michael Milmine (Children's worker from All Saints, Eastbourne), Paul Tabraham (Central Methodist Church), Rev Garrett (Bishop Bell Chaplain) and Rev Manning (Ex-Foundation Governor) for supporting us by leading acts of worship.

Sports Stars of the Week

Well done to all the children who have attended Running Club every week this term. Fitness levels are now soaring. They have shown great commitment and determination to deserve being our Sports Stars of the Week. Keep on going!

We now look forward to the new term in January with many more competitions approaching. Netball club will begin in the new term for years 4, 5 and 6.

Miss Woods, PE Leader



Pedagogy and Curriculum Key Lead

Over the last two terms I have been working with the teachers to secure consistently high standards of teaching. Each week I run a training session for the teachers on an aspect of what we call 'The Haven Golden Practice'.

This is a toolkit of strategies we use in the classroom to ensure the quality of teaching and hence learning is of a high standard.

I also co-ordinate the peer coaching which we have implemented for teachers to help us move the quality of teaching to outstanding. The teachers work in pairs to coach one another around an aspect of teaching that they would like to enhance. Our coaching is very much focusing upon the Ofsted development point of helping our children to become more autonomous learners.

Mrs B Barnhurst ~ Pedagogy & Curriculum Key Lead



Assessment for Learning Key Lead

As 'Assessment for Learning' Key Lead I have had the pleasure of working with my amazing colleagues in many ways, over the past two terms. We have worked together to ensure we are consistent in our ethos of assessing, collating and monitoring the progress of all the children in our care. The New Curriculum of 2014 has raised expectations of attainment and it is my responsibility to support teachers through these early stages of 'Assessment without Levels.' By working together we are able to ensure that all children achieve to their full potential.

As part of my role I oversee the Achievement Teams. After each assessment information point in the year, when all the assessment information for each pupil has been gathered by the class teacher and analysed, we meet together in teams to discuss the progress the children are making. In these team meetings we share our professional knowledge and practice to endeavour to secure the best possible outcomes for all our pupils.

Mrs Fuller, Assessment for Learning Key Lead



Learning Environment Key Lead

In my new role as 'Learning Environment Key Lead' I have worked with the whole staff to agree our School Christian Values: 'Compassion, Courage, Respect, Responsibility, Justice & Hope' and our Community Code "Be Safe, Be Kind, Aim High and Keep on Going."

In our weekly celebration worship children now receive a Christian Value pebble when they have shown one of our school values in class. I have also continued to promote our Core Learning Skills, which are taught throughout the whole school. This term we have focussed on 'Improving our own learning and performance.' We celebrate this learning in a whole school assembly, once a term, and each class has a turn to share the activities they took part in.

Mrs J Langley ~ Learning, Environment Key Lead



Student and Family Support (SAFS) Key Lead

The SAFS team have continued to work with more parents and children across the school this term as well as continuing to arrange for many different agencies to support children and families.

In term two we organised the Termly Learning Conferences (TLC) for all the year two and year six children. These are a different approach to parent consultation evenings. The focus of the TLC is for the children to explain to their parents what they have been learning and what they want to get better at.

The feedback from the parents and the children has been mainly positive. There are some things we need to modify but the teachers are really pleased with the impact of this approach on the children's attitude to learning. Next term we will continue to work closely with all the Aspire teams to ensure the maximum support for all the children in the school.

Mrs S Trathen ~ Student & Family Support Key Lead



Mog's Christmas

Miss vanHaeften, our English Subject Leader, led the second of our 'We are All Author's days' on Friday 27th November, where the whole school engaged in writing about 'Mog's Christmas Calamity'.

On Friday 27th November 2015, we all gathered in the hall for our second 'We Are All Authors' day of the year so far. The assembly hall was the quietest it had ever been as we watched the video of poor Mog's Christmas calamity. What an awful day Mog had! Waking from her nightmare about giant birds, Mog knocked over a ball which turned the oven on, burnt the turkey, caused some chestnuts to explode and ultimately created a disaster zone! It looked as if Mog's Christmas had been ruined!

However, our Christian values of hope and compassion shone through in the local community, who came and saved Mog's Christmas day. Every child in the school has written a story from Mog's point of view, explaining what happened on that fateful morning. A collection of these stories will be put in the reception area for you to enjoy whenever you pop in!

We would also like to say a special thank you to Kerrie McIlloney at Harper Collins. We got in touch with the publishers to explain about our special day and Kerrie sent over lots of free Mog books! These are now scattered throughout the school so that children of all ages can enjoy reading about Mog's mishaps!



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, Preston, Gurleen, Callum M, Fabian, Harry R, Matthew A, Max M, Evie, Daniel K, Harry H, Logan, Raphael, Liam K . Well done everyone.

Christian Distinctiveness

The following children have been recognised for demonstrating one of our School Christian values – hope, respect, responsibility, justice, 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, Isaac, Aiden, Flossie, Jasmine A, Lilly J, Darcy, Max T, Caiden, Bibi, Paddy, Emily A, Sam H, Naomi. Well done everyone.

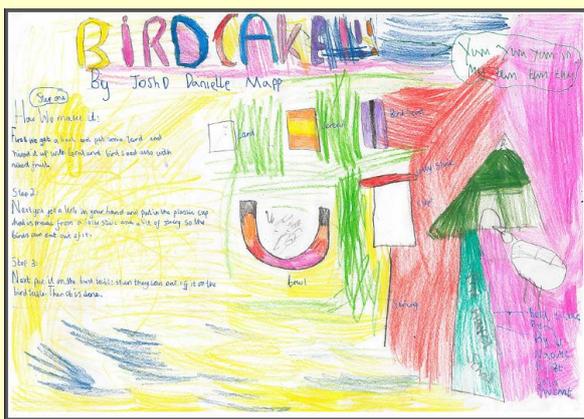
Rangers

The Haven Rangers have been busy this term. Firstly they spent time making bird cake for the hungry birds out of lard, cereal and yummy fruit. The birds already seem to be enjoying it! Then Theresa Parkinson (Community Liaison) from Asda came into to school with different types of breads and spreads to try.

There was spicy corn bread, peshwarri naan, cinnamon and raisin bagels and brioche along with cheese spread, raspberry jam and butter. We all tried them and we were pleasantly surprised at how fantastic they all tasted.

We also walked around the school checking if people were remembering to switch off their lights and 'say goodbye to standby' (turning all electrical items off at the plug). The majority were doing a very good job but a few needed reminding about turning things off to save energy!

Finally we checked our camera bird box to see if any birds were roosting in it. Then we cleaned it out by removing the old blue tit nest, cleaning it with water and disinfectant, so that it is ready and prepared for the spring, when hopefully we will get some more blue tits nesting in there!



The Haven Staff and parent Governors

The Governors are pleased to announce that, as there were no further responses to the recent vacancy notifications and as the present holders of the above Governor positions were happy to continue for another four years, from November 2015, the following are to continue as governors:

Staff Governor: Mrs Sharon Trathen

Parent Governor: Mrs Nicky Soars

The rest of the Governing Body would like to thank them both for the very significant contribution they have made to the work of the School Governing Body and look forward to continuing to serve with them in the years ahead.

Vaughan Schulze (Chair of Governors)

Attendance Cup

Each week we award the attendance cup to classes with the highest percentage attendance for that week. If a class achieves a 100% attendance for the week they are then rewarded with 10 minutes extra playtime on a Friday.

Since September, Sapphire C, Emerald SRE, and Amber B have all achieved 100% attendance for a week. Congratulations to these classes.

In addition, Emerald SRE has won the attendance cup the most number of times since September. Well done Emerald SRE!



Admission Arrangements 2017/18 – Consultation

Notice is hereby given that the Governing Body has reviewed the School Admission Arrangements and is formally consulting on its proposed admissions policy for the school year 2017/18.

1. Deferred Entry: The following has been added to the Admissions Arrangements to comply with the School Admissions Code December 2014:

The governors will consider applications on a case by case basis for 'retained' or 'accelerated' entry in cases where parents would like their child to be admitted to a year group either side of the chronological age year group. The reasons for the request must be fully explained in writing and included with the school place application form. This child will then leave school with the year group that they were admitted with as long as deferred/accelerated entry has been agreed with Admissions Authority of the secondary school.'

Parents may ask for this in exceptional circumstances. Decisions are made on the circumstances of each case and in the best interest of the child concerned. The application is processed as part of the normal admission round. Deferred entry should only be considered when both the parents and the professionals involved are of the opinion that the needs of the child cannot be best met within his or her age group. **The consultation will begin on Monday 7th December 2015 with the closing date for submitting comments being Monday 18th January 2016.** This policy will be available to view on the school website www.thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk & within the school main office.

Alternatively you may email the school to request a copy.

Comments should be sent to the Clerk to the Governing Body at the school address.

Christmas Television

This Christmas there will be three brand new children's books adaptations on our televisions which we think you may enjoy! First, BBC1 has created a special festive adaptation of Julia Donaldson's picture book '**Stick Man**'. This is a firm favourite in our classrooms and should make for good TV!



We are also looking forward to Sky's three-part version of '**Fungus The Bogeyman**'. This fun cartoon-strip picture book is perfect for children of about 8yrs+ who enjoy all things revolting! Fungus lives in the slimy, dripping tunnels of Bogeydom, eats rotten eggs and fish for breakfast, drinks slime and goes out at night to scare humans! It should be horribly disgusting television.

We are also very excited as this year BBC1 will be showing an adaption of David Walliams' best-selling '**Billionaire Boy**'. 'Billionaire Boy' is great for children around 9+ and tells the story of Joe Spud, the richest twelve year old in the world - who may have everything that anyone may need but not the one thing that money can't buy, a friend. Can you spot Walliams himself in the programme?

Try reading these books before you watch the show and then compare the similarities and differences. What do you think is better, the book or the film? Which other children's books would you like to see adapted for television? Write a review and I will put it up in the school!

A big thank you to Anna at Bag of Books for bringing these fantastic programmes to our attention!

Sport at The Haven

P.E. and sport at The Haven has been yet another great success during the months of November and December. The children have been making great progress each week during P.E. as well as competing in many competitions and Intra-house tournaments showing the huge talent and potential we have here at our school.

Year 6 successfully took part against many other schools in the South Downs Sports Festival. We competed in a variety of sports and went on to win the runners up trophy. Well done everyone!

We then competed in the South Downs Athletics Competition for years 5 and 6. Many children took part, showing great determination which paid off when we went on to win Gold, Silver and Bronze in the individual track and field events.

Boy's football has set off to a great start with our First team beating Bourne School 3-0. This could easily have been more. Well done boys!

The Cricket season is now upon us and the school welcomed the visit from a professional Cricket player and mascot 'Sharkey' before taking part in a special Cricket taster session. Intra-house competitions in Hockey, Netball and Corner Ball have proven to be brilliantly competitive. Our sports leaders have continued to run their own lunch time clubs which are becoming more and more popular.

Diary Dates



December

- 11th Phil the Bag Collection
 11th PTFA KS2 Film Night Yr 4, 5 & 6 ~ 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm
 14th KS1 Christmas Parties
 15th KS2 Christmas Parties
 16th Christmas Dinner ~ **PRE BOOKABLE ONLY**
 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)
 14th Amethyst E Class Swimming (2)
 18th Staff run clubs start
 19th PC Anderson vesting Diamond class
 21st Amethyst E Class Swimming (3)
 28th Amethyst E Class Swimming (4)



February

- 4th Amethyst E Class Swimming (5)
 11th Amethyst E Class Swimming (6)
12th End of term 3
22nd Start of term 4
 25th Amethyst H Class Swimming (1)



God in all we do

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