

# The Haven School Newsletter

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## Dear Haven School Family,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas.

We were thrilled that so many of you came and supported us at the Key Stage 2 Carol Service at the Kings Centre on the penultimate day of term. Just over 500 parents, grandparents and friends came and supported this event, which was tremendous. We are very grateful to Martin Sweet, from Spinnaker Trust and Rev Dunn-Wilson, our Methodist Schools Minister, as well as our talented pupils for leading the service. Well done and thank you to everyone

In Collective Worship this term we are exploring one of our six School Christian Values, **Compassion**. We are teaching the children that compassion is about 'stepping into someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they are feeling and doing our best to try to help.

In worship the children are reflecting on how we can show compassion and kindness to one another at school and at home.

This week in worship the children have explored how we can show compassion to the elderly through listening to the story of Ruth and how she had compassion for her mother-in-law, Naomi.

Next week in worship, through Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan we will also be thinking about how we can show compassion for neighbours in need.

The children are learning the memory verse 'Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14



Finally, following the announcement of my retirement in July 2016, I am pleased to be able to inform you that the governors have already begun the recruitment process and will be submitting an advert for my replacement in the coming weeks.

Mrs Wendy Bray, Headteacher

## School Christian Values

Each week in our celebration worship we celebrate those children who have demonstrated one of our six School Christian values - Compassion, courage, respect, responsibility, hope and justice. Here are just some of the ways our pupils have demonstrated these values in the first week of this term.

### Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald Classes

Chester showed **compassion** when he helped his friend with his writing.

Brooke was **compassionate to her friends**.

Aaron is very **respectful** to everyone through his politeness.

### Amber & Amethyst Classes

Max is always a helpful and **responsible** class member.

Caleb P always sets an example to others, by **being responsible**, hard working and an enthusiastic learner.

Emily D is always being a **compassionate** friend.

### Pearl & Diamond Classes

Emily A is always being **respectful** and polite.

Sydney showed **responsibility** for her learning by reading over the holiday.

Greg showed **compassion** to those less fortunate than himself.

## Termly Learning Conferences

We recently introduced a new approach to parent Consultation Evenings for some year groups. These were called Termly Learning Conferences or TLCs. You may have seen some information about them on the school web site. Due to the success of the TLCs we are going to introduce them to every year group at the next parent consultation evenings on 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

The TLC's are a three-way conversation about the progress and learning of your child. They are designed to empower the children to talk to their parents /carers about the knowledge and skills they have gained in Literacy and Math, sharing their successes as well as their next steps in learning. The children will have examples of work to show you that have been pre-selected with the class teacher.

During your TLC the children will set new learning targets with you and the class teacher. This aspect of the process ensures that everyone knows exactly what the children will be working on to improve their Literacy and Maths knowledge, skills and understanding. The class teacher will support the children during the TLC and guide them if necessary with the conversations.

As with the old style parents evening, the time is limited to 10 minutes but we wish to reassure you that if there are other things that you want to talk to the class teachers about, they are happy to make another appointment at a convenient time for you. Further information about TLCs can be found on the school website.

## 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: Max N, Aisha A, Yousef A, Sonny C, Rhiann M, Leo L, Lucia P, Mikey R, Bella F, Isabelle S, Alexander B, Chloe H, Bobbie. 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:

Hannah B, Melissa K, Edonesa, Maisie P, Alfie E, Brooke H, Jothi S, Jack F, Katie H, Fred S, Emily A, Freya, James S, Brooke L, Chester, Allen, Aaron T, Ellie L, Teddy J, Max M, Caleb P, Ryan H, Emily D, Emily A, Sydney, and Gregory. Well done everyone.

## 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 began on Monday 7th December 2015 with the closing date for submitting comments being Monday 18th January 2016.** This policy is available to view on the school website [www.thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://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.

## E-Safety

E-safety awareness is a very important area for our school community. As a school we receive regular updates from <http://www.e-safetysupport.com> and we would like to share some of the latest news with you.

The NSPCC have warned that parents and carers may be missing out vital information when they talk to their children about staying safe online. Although parents have an awareness of e-safety, they are often not talking to children about the right online safety issues

The charity is now urging parents to make sure that their online knowledge is up to date by checking out its updated **Net Aware guide**.

Among twelve sites that have now been added to the guide are Tapatalk and Pheed, which many parents may not be familiar with, plus well-known games like Call of Duty that allows users to chat online. The latest websites, apps and games featured in Net Aware were reviewed by a panel of parents and all were rated poorly in terms of how easy it was to change privacy settings, report concerns about abuse or bullying, and find safety advice. The **Net Aware Guide** now covers a total of sixty social networking sites, apps and games popular with children and is free to access at [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

Claire Lilley, NSPCC head of child safety online, said: "If parents aren't talking to children about things like privacy settings on social networking sites it can leave them at risk of online grooming. We've seen horrendous cases where offenders take a scattergun approach, targeting hundreds of children at a time online, often posing as another young person."

"It's important parents have the knowledge to talk in detail with children about safety settings. Minecraft is one game that is much safer for children once the privacy settings have been adjusted. Our updated Net Aware guide is packed with straightforward advice that will help parents stay up to date with their children's digital lives."

Following the launch of the NSPCC's online safety campaign in January nearly 400,000 parents have spoken to their children about staying safe online. However, it seems that many parents have gaps in their online knowledge and don't talk about the right issues with their children.

For example, Tinder, Facebook Messenger, Yik Yak and Snapchat were all rated as risky by children, with the main worry being talking to strangers. However, for the same sites the majority of parents did not recognise that the sites could enable adults to contact children. Parents tended to worry more about sexual or violent content or bad language.

The NSPCC is calling for all social networking sites, apps and games used by children to provide easy ways for children and parents to report abuse, attempts at grooming or concerns about content.

The charity also wants to see all online accounts for under-16s:

- block messages from strangers
- prevent users making their location or contact details public
- set profiles as private by default on sign-up
- alert children to the risks if they choose make their profile public.

## Polling Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

The school has recently received notification that the Haven School needs to be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. 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 5<sup>th</sup> May.

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

**INSET DAYS**  
**18<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
**5<sup>th</sup> May 2016**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

## 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

## Sickness

Please could we remind you that if your child has been sent home from school with diarrhoea or vomiting they should not be returned to school for at least a further **full 48 hours after they have been last sick**. For example, if your child has been sent home on Monday lunchtime, as long as they are not ill again they may return to school on Thursday. If pupils return before this time parents will be asked to collect them and take them home. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## School Uniform Policy

It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours. Most of the uniform can be purchased at numerous retail outlets around the town. The sweatshirt is available for sale, along with book bags, P.E. kit bags and sunhats, from **Blueprint Leisure** who are based in Hailsham. These all bear the school logo.

Parents are able to place orders on-line, by post or collect from Blueprint Leisure direct. These items can be ordered via our school website ([www.thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.thehaven.e-sussex.sch.uk)) by following the 'Virtual School Office' link.

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We attach great importance to the appearance of our pupils, and their standard of dress. We hope the children will gain a sense of belonging to the school community by wearing the uniform. For these reasons, we ask that children and parents ensure that it is worn smartly and with pride. To support parents in purchasing the correct school uniform we have a display of the boy's and girl's uniform in our main entrance area.

**Winter Uniform** ~ This can be worn throughout the year.

- **Traditional grey knee length** skirt/pinafore dress or **traditional grey** trousers. Trousers should be either flat/pleated front with no large pockets (no cargo or combat style trousers or black trousers please)
- White polo shirt.
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with embroidered logo (which can be ordered through Blueprint Leisure)
- Black low/no heeled shoes (**no trainers or open toed shoes i.e. sandals**)
- Grey or white socks or grey tights.

**Optional Summer Uniform** ~ After Easter through to the end of the October term.

- **Navy** and white checked (i.e. gingham) dress with short sleeves (No pale blue checked dresses please)
- **Traditional grey** shorts flat/pleated front (no cargo or combat style shorts)
- Socks, colours as above, **must** be worn. White tights may be worn with the navy and white checked dresses.

**Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name.**

### **P.E. Kit**

Pupils should wear plain navy shorts and a white tee-shirt. Black plimsolls or trainers (not black soled) must be worn. For safety reasons, children who do not have their kit will not be able to participate in the lesson. Navy jogging trousers and navy fleece zipped tops may be worn for outdoors P.E.

### **Jewellery**

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears, and a small wrist watch. We ask the children to remove these objects before PE and games.

### **Extreme haircuts**

For health and safety issues, children with hair longer than shoulder length should wear it tied back. **Only navy, school green or hair coloured hair accessories such as scrunchies or ribbons are permitted.** We also request that pupils have hairstyles that are appropriate for school. Exaggerated hairstyles such as shaved patterns, tramlines, close shave and Mohican cuts are not permitted.

### **The following are not permitted**

- Shoes with high heels (>5 cm), backless, trainers (except for PE), or other informal styles. (No canvas or visibly badged footwear, no long length boots)
- Nail varnish

## Parent Mail

Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do. Making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we care about.

Traditionally we have used printed letters but delivery of these can be unreliable; they are also expensive, take time to produce and are not environmentally friendly.

From **20<sup>th</sup> January 2016** we will be using ParentMail, a service used by over 6,000 schools, nurseries and children's clubs to communicate to parents. ParentMail will be beneficial to you because:

- Messages will get to you reliably and on time
- We can send messages directly to mums, dads and other carers at the same time
- Emergency or important information can be sent by text message
- iPhone and Android Apps available for parents on the go.

To use the latest version of ParentMail all you need to do is verify your account. Over the next few days you will be sent either an email or text message from ParentMail. When you receive this please just follow the instructions below.

If you have both a mobile number and an email address registered on your account, you will receive a registration invitation by text **and** email. You can decide which way you register – but you will only need to register once.

**Mobile registration:** Please click on the link from the text message and follow the verification process. You will be asked to enter some details, answer a security question to verify who you are and to set a password for your account.

**Email registration:** Please click on the link from the email and follow the verification process. As above, you will be asked to enter some details, answer a security question to verify who you are and to set a password for your account.

Please be assured that ParentMail is registered with the Information Commissioner and guarantees that all information you provide will be kept private and will not be passed on to any other organisation.

If you have not received any contact from ParentMail within 7days please contact the school to update your contact information, as this may be out of date.

You can download the App for free from either the:



## Diary Dates



### January

- 14<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Class Swimming (2)  
 15<sup>th</sup> PTFA Cake sale ~ 2.30 pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs meeting ~ 2.30 pm  
**18<sup>th</sup> Staff run clubs start**  
 19<sup>th</sup> PC Anderson vesting Diamond class  
 21<sup>st</sup> Amethyst E Class Swimming (3)  
 21<sup>st</sup> Emerald SRE leading worship ~ 9.00 am  
 28<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Class Swimming (4)  
 28<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E lead worship ~ 9.00 am



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### February

- 4<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Class Swimming (5)  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sapphire C lead worship ~ 9.00 am  
 10<sup>th</sup> Diamond class celebration afternoon ~ 2.30 pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> Amethyst E Class Swimming (6)  
 12<sup>th</sup> PTFA Quiz night  
**12<sup>th</sup> End of term 3**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Start of term 4**  
 25<sup>th</sup> Amethyst H Class Swimming (1)  
 29<sup>th</sup> Book fair ~ 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm



### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> Book fair ~ 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Book fair ~ 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Book fair ~ 3.30 pm – 4.00 pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Pearl H lead worship ~ 9.00 am



God in all we do

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