

The Haven School Newsletter

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Dear Haven School Family,

We have another busy term ahead of us with some key events for you to share with us.

Our Sports afternoons for Ruby, Sapphire and Emerald classes will take place on Friday 24th June (reserve date Thursday 30th June). Amber, Amethyst, Pearl and Diamond Sports Afternoon will take place on Friday 8th July (reserve date Friday 15th July).

This year, our PE Leader, Miss Woods, has introduced an additional element to these sporting events. As well as awarding the Sports Cup to the winning house for achieving the highest score after all the events have been completed we will also be awarding a new 'Skills for Life' cup. Each sporting event will have one of six Christian values as a focus. The house teams will be awarded a score out of ten, at the end of each event, for how well they have demonstrated the focus value. For example, one of the events will have our Christian value of Respect as a focus and the team will be awarded points on how well they worked together as a team and listen to each other.

On Wednesday 13th July and Thursday 14th July we will be holding the final Termly Learning Conferences of the year where there will be an opportunity for you to celebrate with your child their academic progress this year as well as to discuss with your child and their teacher the key areas that your child needs to focus on as they prepare to move class in September. End of year reports will be sent out prior to these Termly Learning Conferences.

We have also organised class celebration afternoons towards the end of this term where you will be able to come and view your child's latest work. Please see page 7 of this newsletter for the dates and times of this event.

Finally, thank you to everyone who completed the Governor's parent questionnaire in March. We really value your feedback which supports us in evaluating our practice and identifying the next steps. We were delighted that 100% of you agreed that your child was happy at school and that your child makes good progress. Please see page 2 of this newsletter for the Governors' response to this questionnaire

Mrs Wendy Bray, Headteacher

Governor Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took part in the governor parent survey. There were so many positive comments.

Everyone felt that their children were happy and safe and there was much praise with regards to the quality of the teaching and the commitment and friendliness of the teachers and staff.

Many also commented on the support received and the senior management as well as the fact that staff are always there for you if you have a query or an issue to raise.

Given the limited time available the school leaders do their best to offer a variety of after school clubs and comments suggest these are popular. It is unfortunate that occasionally a club may be cancelled at short notice but this only happens in the event of an unexpected event such as staff illness or being called away in an emergency.

A few parents commented on not having access to the Internet at home. In this case hard copies always go home in the school bags as do notices regards outings or some school events. Therefore it is always a good policy for parents or carers to check the school bags.

The Christian ethos of the school underpins all that happens at the Haven and it is so encouraging that the overwhelming majority recognise the value of the Christian input and would recommend the Haven to other parents.

The very positive comeback from this survey reflects all that is good about the Haven and it is a timely opportunity for the governors to thank Mrs Bray, the senior management and all the staff for their continued hard work and commitment.

Mrs Harrison, Foundation Governor

		Overall agree
1	My child is happy at this school	100%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	99.4%
3	My child is making good progress at this school.	100%
4	My child is well looked after at this school.	99.4%
5	My child is taught well at this school.	96.8%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	93.6%
7	This school meets my child's particular needs.	96.8%

Governor Parent Questionnaire

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		Overall agree
8	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	94.9%
9	The school deals effectively with bullying.	75.80%
10	The school is well led and managed.	96.8%
11	The school responds well to any concerns I raise.	90.5%
12	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	94.3%
13	I think the Christian ethos of the school is an important feature.	94.2%

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.

The following children have been awarded a certificate: **Ruby:** Daisy, Teo, Murray, Hannah, Miley, Finley, Bella, and Chloe B. **Sapphire:** Mason, Drew, Niall, Adam, Tyler, Owen, Gabi, Charlie T, Charlotte H, Aaron. **Emerald:** Mehmet, Akeelah, Ella, Angel, Anna-Louise, Rhys, Lola, Ruby W. **Amber:** Lucia, Millie, Jacob H, Alfie W, Sofia, Charlotte T, Billy, Henry. **Amethyst:** Harry, Lilia, Lucy, Ellie, Talia, Caedmon, Isabelle E, Sophie. **Pearl:** Summer, Nathan, Jade, Freddie, Jack O, Eliza, Nathanael, Leticia. **Diamond:** Ben, Diamond Class (13.05.16), Ellouise. Well done everyone!

Sporting Update

Last term we successfully took part in many Sporting competitions with our A and B teams. We had huge success in a variety of Sports. Our A and B boy's football teams played in tough competitive matches against Tollgate. Our A team kept possession well and were unlucky to lose their unbeaten record with a 1-0 loss. They have been training hard with Mr Boyd each week, showing great determination to hold on to top spot in the league. Our Girls A and B teams took part in The Eastbourne Girls Football tournament, many playing competitive football for the first time. They showed magnificent team spirit and great skill to progress to the final and win the tournament 9-0 (A team) and 7-0 (B team). Well done girls!

Our year 5 Young Sports leaders have been doing a fantastic job running their own sports clubs during lunch times. They have been doing a different Sports challenge each week with every child in the school in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Last term KS1 Emerald children took part in their first inter-house competition at the KS1 Games Festival. They took part in a number of sports games and showed great enthusiasm and brilliant potential for competitive competitions next year.

Year 5 and 6 children worked extremely hard and showed their talents in the Gymnastics competition. Each child did well in their individual heats and we were placed 5th out of 10 schools. In the individual heats, Olivia B just missed out on the Gold medal by 0.1 of a point winning Silver in her Floor routine. Our A and B Tag Rugby teams both fantastically progressed to the Tag Rugby semi-finals with our B team just losing out to Ocklynge A 3-2. Our A team showed great team spirit and determination to win 3-1 at the semi-final and go through to the Plate final to be played in June against Polegate.

On 18th May four children attended a Change 4 Life Champions day where they learnt new leadership skills and activities to encourage all children to take part in Sports. They showed great responsibility and respect, shining in their new roles as Young Sports leaders and are going to pass on everything they have learnt to the whole school during an assembly this coming term. They were fortunate enough to spend the whole day with Pete Waterfield, Tom Daly's diving synchro partner, who inspired them to go on to be the best they can be. Finally on the 17th May year 3 and 4 children took part in the Eastbourne Schools Tri-Golf competition. The team were fantastic from start to finish and showed great concentration and life skills at each activity. They just missed out on 3rd place by one point out of 12 schools. Well done!

Sports Star of the Month (May)

Well done to Archie Barton who showed outstanding skill and technique in our Tri-Golf competition and was voted 'Most valued player'. Well done Archie!

We now look forward to training hard for our Tag Rugby plate final in June and preparing for our Sports days this term alongside our intra-house competitions and Cricket tournament.

Miss Woods, PE Leader

Christian Distinctiveness

The following children have been recognised for demonstrating one of our School Christian values- hope, respect, responsibility, justice, compassion and courage:

Ruby Classes

Mikey for showing respect to other children and adults.
 James for always showing respect with his manners.
 George for showing compassion to his friend.
 Aisha for showing responsibility by practising her handwriting at home.
 Kamelia for showing respect to her friends.
 Kaci by showing respect by sharing with her friends.
 Fabian for showing respect to his friends and teachers.
 Fletcher for showing respect with his super listening.



Sapphire Classes

Jude for taking responsibility to improve his carpet sitting.
 Mackenzie for showing responsibility towards improving his handwriting.
 Olivia for always caring for her friends.
 Adam for showing respect by learning to take turns when talking to others.
 Sidney for taking responsibility for his learning by asking for help.
 Oliver for showing compassion by helping his friend with computing.
 Joe for taking responsibility by learning his spellings at home.
 Charlie T for showing responsibility towards his learning.

Emerald Classes

Izzy for having great courage and respect in all her learning.
 Lily for showing responsibility by working on her personal learning goals.
 Zac for supporting others in their learning with respect and compassion.
 Isabella for having the courage to work hard even when she doesn't feel well.
 Louise for acting with courage and responsibility in her learning.
 Amy C for taking responsibility for her own learning by listening carefully.
 Daniel for acting with extra responsibility on the class trip.
 Jacob T for taking responsibility for his learning and behaviour.



Christian Distinctiveness

Amber Classes

Keeley for being a respectful class member.

Farah for showing respect by following the classroom rules at all times.

Zuzanna for always respecting the class and school rules.

Sebastian for showing a great attitude this week by being respectful and responsible in and out of the classroom.

Ardit for being responsible in his learning by collecting resources for himself when he needs them.

Amanda for always being responsible in lessons and on the playground.

Amethyst Classes

Essien for being a responsible classmate and bucket filler.

Alex R for showing respect of other children's learning during passport maths.

Kai B for being respectful and responsible when playing football.

Isaac for being respectful to his peers.

Bella for being a respectful and responsible member of class.

Paige for always showing responsibility and helping others.



Pearl Classes

Joseph H for always being respectful in the classroom.

Kezia for showing compassion for others when running the daily mile.

Hannah J for always being respectful.

Leticia for always showing compassion to others and being one person people go to in order to ask for help.

Mia R for always being a responsible member of Pearl class.

Amber for showing responsibility by helping in the dinner hall.

Diamond Classes

Bayzeed for showing support and compassion towards others when sharing his learning.

Oscar for showing compassion by helping in order to prevent frustration when setting up the ICT suite.

Jake for showing compassion by helping in order to prevent frustration when setting up the ICT suite.



Celebration Afternoons

We have the following celebration afternoons coming up before the end of term, as follows:

Monday 27th June at 2.30pm Amethyst classes

Tuesday 28th June at 2.30pm Pearl classes

Wednesday 29th June at 2.30pm Amber

Monday 4th July at 2.30pm Emerald classes

Wednesday 6th July at 2.30pm Sapphire & Diamond classes

Thursday 7th July at 2.30pm Reception classes.

We would like to invite parents/carers to this celebration afternoon, where you can see the children's latest work. Please enter the school via the school office so you can sign in the visitor's book. **As this is an opportunity for your child to share their achievements with you, we respectfully request that younger siblings do not attend these events.** Experience has shown that when younger siblings are present on such occasions they can understandably become restless, which then distracts the children from being able to share their successes with their parents.

Maths Passports

On Tuesday 17th May 2016 The Haven hosted a Maths Passport Conference to share good practice in Mathematics. Twenty teachers from schools across Sussex and one from Rochester in Kent attended the morning session. The conference began with a guided tour of the school, starting from Reception and included small groups of children from Reception and Year 1 engaging in maths passport activities. The tour then progressed to Amethyst H, Amber B class, a group from Pearl C & H and ended with the delegates observing and talking about passports with children in Diamond class. The second session introduced progression through the Maths Passports and links in delivering the National Curriculum statutory requirements and the impact the Maths Passport objectives have on securing foundation knowledge in Maths. During the tour our Haven mathematicians revealed their mental agility and mathematical skills being ably led by our talented staff team. This was noted by our delegates and the course evaluation revealed their observations:

'Great to see it (Maths Passports) in action - your kids are excellent mathematicians. It is obviously VERY successful.'

'Thank you for such an informative and useful training session. I feel better equipped to share with our staff team how to introduce Maths Passport.'

'Thank you for making us so welcome and sharing your achievements and practice.'

What wonderful praise for our children and dedicated staff!

Mrs Barnhurst, Pedagogy and Curriculum Key Lead

Diary Dates



June

- 22nd Diamond class leaver's service
- 22nd Reception 2016 New Parents Evening ~ 5.45 pm
- 24th KS1 Sports Day ~ 1.30 pm
- 27th Amethyst classes celebration afternoon ~ 2.30 pm
- 28th Pearl classes celebration afternoon ~ 2.30 pm
- 29th Amber classes celebration afternoon ~ 2.30 pm
- 30th Amber M Class Swimming 2
- 30th KS1 Sports Day (Reserve) ~ 1.30 pm

July

1st SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

- 4th Emerald classes celebration afternoon ~ 2.30 pm
- 5th Transition Day R – 6
- 5th Sapphire classes school trip
- 6th Transition Day R – 6
- 6th Sapphire & Diamond classes celebration afternoons ~ 2.30 pm
- 7th Ruby classes celebration afternoons ~ 2.30 pm
- 7th Amber M Class Swimming 3
- 8th KS2 Sports Day ~ 1.30 pm
- 11th Year 5 & 6 Bike ability ~ 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm
- 12th Year 2 Graduation ~ 2.15 pm
- 12th Year 5 & 6 Bike ability ~ 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm
- 13th Termly Learning Conferences
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- 14th Year 5 & 6 Bike ability ~ 1.30 pm – 3.15 pm
- 14th Amber M Class Swimming 4



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