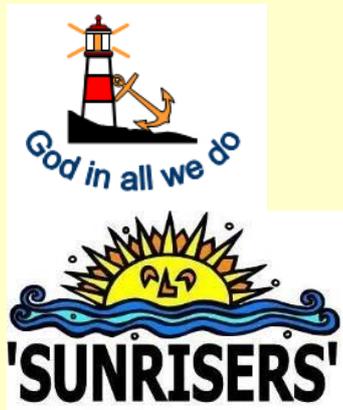


The Haven School Newsletter

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INSET DAYS

14th Oct 2016

PTFA AGM

Friday 7th 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.

On our first day back in school, as a staff team, we spent the morning learning about a new approach to reading and writing called the Power of Reading. Mrs Lawrence will be organising and delivering further training for all the staff throughout the year.

We have begun introducing our new Christian Value of 'courage'. As you are aware our Christian core values underpin our approach to teaching and learning, and the support we provide for the pupils, is rooted in these values.

We are now a fully-fledged two-form entry school with 438 pupils on roll which means that we have had to re-examine our approach to whole school events. Therefore as we did last year we are going to continue to hold just two Harvest Services, one for our infants and one for our juniors. Both these services will be led by one of the Diamond classes. We will be able to fit everyone in our school hall and as we did last year we will just be inviting the parents of the Diamond Class that are presenting the services.

Wed 5th October KS2 Harvest Festival presented by Diamond B.

Thursday 6th October KS1 Harvest Festival presented by Diamond S

We will continue to support the Matthew 25 Mission but we are going to divide your very generous number of Harvest gifts with the Eastbourne Foodbank who are also coming in to school to explain how they support local families. We would be very grateful if our pupils could bring in their Harvest gifts of non-perishable food for our Harvest display from **Monday 3rd October 2016**.

Looking further ahead to Christmas following last year's success we would like everyone to keep the evening of **Thursday 15th December free for our Junior Carol Service**. This year we will be holding this at the **Kings Centre** again so that staff, parents and pupils can gather together for this service of celebration.

Mrs Sharon Trathen, Acting Headteacher

Mrs Bray

Mrs Bray has asked us to send all the parents and children a huge thank you for all her cards and gifts that she received during her last week at school.

She said that she is being kept very busy at the moment looking after her daughter's sixteen week old puppy. She is also looking forward to taking a holiday in term time as well as training to walk the Shine marathon in London at the end of this month.

School Library

I am very pleased to say that the use of our school library has really increased over the past two years- well done, readers! In fact, the demand is so high that we are going to increase the opportunities for children to visit the library in their own time. As of Monday 19th September, the library will be open every Monday after school until 4.00pm for the children to come and choose books with their parents. In addition to this, every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime the library will be open for children to come and choose books independently.

Our library contains a wide range of story books, information books and poetry books. We also have a selection of books accompanied by DVDs, CDs and games. For our younger readers, there are Story Sacks to borrow, with books, toys and games. We are always looking to broaden the range of books and additional items that we have for the children to borrow, so next time you are having a clear out please bear us in mind- donations will be gratefully accepted!

We look forward to seeing you in the library soon.... keep reading!

Mrs J White

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)**

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. Recent winners are Jayden J, George S, Olivia D, Aaron T, Flossie, Harry M, Alfie H, Ollie H, Rhiann, Millee C, Sebastian A, Billy Jo H. Well done everyone.

Christian Distinctiveness

The following children have been recognised for demonstrating one of our focus Christian values - compassion and courage. Harry R, Mason B A, Murray WW, Kobi, Harry P, Ellie B, Kuki, Liam, Faisal, Sorcha, Luke H, Jack L, Riley I, Henry B, Ella G. Well done everyone.

Sports News



It delights me to announce that The Haven Primary School has been awarded the Gold Standard Award in the school games 2015-16. We have gone from a bronze standard to Gold standard within a year showing our sporting excellence and our extensive range of opportunities provided for all children to excel in P.E. and sport here at The Haven. This includes 2 hours of quality P.E. lessons each week, a range of extra-curricular clubs, inter-house competitions and organised competitions outside of school taking place throughout the year.

The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is an awards scheme to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. As a school we have worked hard to achieve the best standards in sport and P.E. Thank you to all of the children, parents and families and staff for their continued commitment and enthusiasm for P.E. and Sport.

It is all about providing our children the opportunities and positive experiences in physical education helping them to be fit and skilled for life. Our next step is to maintain the Gold standard by continuing to work hard and using our sporting talents at every opportunity to be the best we can be at the top level. The benefits of healthy, active children are endless. Work hard. Dream big. Keep on going. Well done everyone!

Mr Parke ~ Pearl P Class Teacher

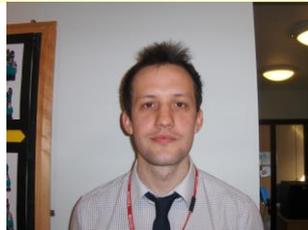


Hi, I'm Mr Parke and I now teach Pearl P class. Before coming to Haven, I worked for over three years at a school in South West London. Even though I am originally from London, I actually support Manchester United - this may well disappoint or please.

One of the reasons I applied for the teaching post at The Haven VA CE/Methodist Primary School, was because I was excited to work in a school which gives such emphasis to promoting Christian values like courage, hope and compassion. I think it's so supportive for children to go to a school where they are nurtured as people as well as learners, and of course the two go hand in hand. I greatly look forward to my further work in the school.

I am delighted to be working at the Haven and am looking forward to a super year teaching in Year 5. My favorite hobbies are reading, walking and spending time with my family. I also love chocolate!

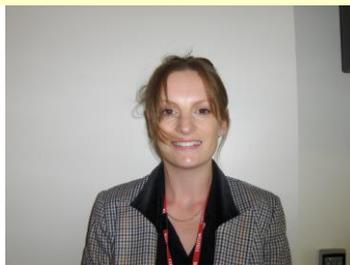
Mr Loveland ~ Amber L Class Teacher



Hi, I'm Mr Loveland, I have recently moved back to Eastbourne to teach Year 3 at The Haven after graduating from Canterbury Christchurch University with a degree in Primary Education. I am very keen on sport and play both cricket and football on a regular basis. I am also in a constant state of learning the piano after starting a few years ago!

I am very much looking forward to my time at The Haven and please feel free to say "Hello" if you see me about!

Mrs C Bleach ~ Teaching Assistant Sapphire H Class



I am really excited to be part of the team at The Haven School. Although this is my first Teaching Assistant role, supporting children is something I've always felt passionate about and I feel privileged to be working with such amazing children and staff.

I have two children ~ Mason 4 and Scarlett 1. Mason has just started school, so I can relate to all of the parents that feel "full of nerves" this term, whether they've just started Reception or year 3.

Miss C Constable ~ Teaching Assistant Amber L Class



Having successfully studied for my NVQ 2 & 3 Supporting Teaching & Learning. I am looking forward to being a part of The Haven School, gaining further classroom experience.

Miss G Brown ~ NQT Diamond B Class



Hello, I'm Miss Brown and am a new member of the Diamond team (year 6), teaching in Diamond B class alongside Mrs Barnhurst.

I enjoy watching films, going on day trips and am partial to both chocolate and cake. If you happen to see me around the school please say hello. If you would like to speak with me for any reason my door is always open.

The Haven House and Sports Captains

In the final weeks of last term, Diamond Class were invited to apply for the vacant positions of House and Sports Captains. The applicants had to write a letter to Mrs Barnhurst, Mrs Bray and Miss Wood identifying the qualities and skills they could offer their house and which they thought would make a good representative for either position.

The applicants were judged on their letters, behaviour and conduct around the school. After short listing the applicants were invited to an interview with Mrs Barnhurst, Mrs Trathen and Miss Wood.

The successful candidates in Diamond BB for House Captains were Jake B (St Andrew), Emily A (St George), Mia C (St David) and Mitha U (St Patrick). The successful Sports Captains were Harry B (St Andrew), Joseph H (St George), Toby B (St David) and Toby H (St Patrick).

The successful candidates in Diamond S for House Captains were Louis P (St Andrew), Jorja B (St George), Eliza M (St David) and Gurleen K (St Patricks). The successful Sports Captains were Eve Ks (St Andrew), Leticia N (St George), Freddy V (St David) and Kezia L (St Patrick).

We wish them all good luck in their new positions.

Harvest Festival

As we are now a two-form entry school with our pupil numbers now standing at 438 pupils on roll, this now means that we have had to re-examine our approach to whole school events.

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 led by Diamond class and so that we can fit everyone in our school hall **we will just be inviting our Diamond parents to the Harvest Festival** that is due to take place on **Wednesday 5th October 2016 at 9.00 am for Diamond B and then Thursday 6th October 9.00 am for Diamond S**. We will continue to be supporting the Matthew 25 Mission and also the Eastbourne Foodbank. We would be grateful if our pupils could bring in gifts of non-perishable food for our Harvest display on **Monday 3rd October 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 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 Admissions 2017 / 2018

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 2017.

Please note all secondary school applications need to be submitted by 31st October 2016.

Inconsiderate Parking

There have been complaints from members of the school community in addition to local residents about the parking practices of some drivers who are dropping off and picking up children from school.

Cars are being parked in front of the school gates on the yellow keep clear zig zags, across private drives, blocking access; parking in such a way that crossing from one footpath to another is obstructed and drivers allowing children to get out of their car into the main road and oncoming traffic, rather than kerbside. All parents are urged to consider the safety and well-being of our pupils, as well as other road users, when dropping and picking up children from school.

Termly Learning Conferences

Our Termly Learning Conferences are now available to book online via Parent Mail, the dates are set for Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd November 2016.

Readers of the Week

Studies have shown that children who read at home are more likely to enjoy reading, to read frequently, to have positive attitudes towards reading and to believe that reading is important to succeed in life. However, we understand that it can be difficult to encourage children to read at home, particularly as they go up through the school.

In order to boost reading at home we have started a Reading Raffle. If your child reads five times within a seven day period – and this is recorded in their Reading Journal – they will be rewarded with a raffle ticket. This ticket will go into a school wide draw in our Friday Celebration Assembly to win a box of books for the class. The books will be regularly updated with current best-selling and award winning children's books and the class will keep the box for a week. In order to stand the best chance of winning, a class must work as a team to ensure that they have as many raffle tickets in the draw as possible. The children have been excited about the competition so far and we hope that it will continue to inspire everyone to read as much as possible!

Readers of the week so far have been, Melissa K and Maddix B. Well Done.

Mrs Lawrence, English Lead.

Diary Dates



September

- 26th Diamond B Class school trip
- 27th Diamond S Class school trip
- 29th Pearl C Class Swimming (3)

October

- 5th Diamond Class B leading the Harvest Service ~ 9.00 am
- 6th Diamond Class S leading the Harvest Service ~ 9.00 am
- 6th Pearl C Class Swimming (4)
- 7th Prayer Meeting ~ 2.30 pm
- 8th Ruby Team holding parent workshop ~ 2.30 pm
- 9th PFA AGM ~ 2.30 pm
- 10th Diamond B & S Class Safety in Action
- 11th Pearl C Class Swimming (5)
- 12th Inset Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED
- 13th Pearl C Class Swimming (6)

Whole School Photos

21st End of Term 1

- 31st Prospective parent tour of the school ~ 10.45 am

November

- 1st Prospective parent tours of the school ~ 2.15 pm
- 2nd School Nursing Team - Heights & Weights Year 6 & R
- 2nd **TERMLY LEARNING CONFRENCES**
- 3rd **TERMLY LEARNING CONFRENCES**
- 3rd School Nursing Team - Heights & Weights Year 6 & R
- 3rd Pearl P Class Swimming (1)
- 7th Prospective parent tour ~ 10.45 am
- 10th Pearl P Class Swimming (2)
- 15th Prospective parent tour ~ 6.00 pm
- 17th Prospective parent tour ~ 10.45 am
- 17th Pearl P Class Swimming (3)
- 17th Emerald M Class led Worship to parents ~ 9.05 am



God in all we do

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