

The Haven School Newsletter

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Dear Haven School Family,

We are thrilled to announce that Miss Carder and Mrs. Booth have both had their baby boys and both mums and babies are doing well. Also, Mrs. White has announced that she is also expecting again but this time she is having twins!

It is with regret that I must inform you that Mrs. Harmer in Sapphire H will be leaving us at the end of this term. In the short time she has been with us she has been a key player in developing the learning opportunities for children in KS1. We wish her much success in her new role as an Early Communication Support Worker. We will now be looking for another class teacher to cover the class. We will keep you updated.

We are also sincerely sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Swain in our school office who also will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Swain has worked within the school for over 10 years and her lovely warm, caring, friendly nature will be greatly missed by all parents, staff and children. Mrs Swain has secured a full time position at Eastbourne DGH and we wish her all the best in her new role.

We have a new member of the support staff, Miss Tribe, who has recently joined us and is working between year five and year three. She loves the school and is making a positive difference in terms of the support we are able to offer the children in both of these year groups.

Don't forget to come into the school office to get a parking badge. The badge will enable you to use the Berth Holder's car park at the end of Atlantic Drive at the start and end of the school day. A few parents have already got the badges and are using this facility. If some more parents would take this parking option we would greatly reduce the risk of any children or adults being involved in an accident. While I am on this note, could I please ask parents who are dropping off children for Breakfast Club (Sunrisers) to be mindful where you are parking especially when it is close to the roundabout or bend leading in to the school. The staff have reported a few near misses and are raising concerns about the darker mornings affecting visibility and thus making the children even more vulnerable at this time of the year.

Finally, thank you to all those who supported the PTFA Christmas Fayre. They made £1202.73! The PTFA work tirelessly raising much needed money to support the children at our school. On Tuesday 29th December they are holding a Christmas Shopping Night with many exciting Christmas shopping opportunities, please try to come along and support them with their final fund raising event of the year.

Many thanks. Mrs Sharon Trathen, Acting Headteacher

Withdrawal from Learning Applications ~ For Exceptional Circumstances

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.

With 174 days already marked out as "non-school-days", you should have an exceptional reason to withdraw your child from school. The following are considered illegitimate reasons and are likely to be rejected and unauthorised ~ Trips to visit family/friends, cheaper family holidays, your child's birthday and tickets to sports events.

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 unrealistic.

From a young person's perspective, missing school means: Missing out on fun projects and school activities, struggling to catch up on work, disconnecting with school friends

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 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	

Your child has the right to a full time education and the opportunities that this can bring. We hope that you will work in partnership with us to make sure that your child attends school every day, allowing them access to the education they deserve.

Love in a Box

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who kindly donated 62 boxes for this year's Love in a Box, which is a fantastic response.



Lego

Parents have you got any Lego that is not being used at home? We are collecting as much Lego as we can to put outside in both key stages at lunch time. It is so popular and versatile that we want to use it as an extra play activity for the children to play with. Please bring any donations in to the school office.

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, Tabitha. Well Done.
Mrs. Lawrence, English Lead.

Headteacher Awards

The following children have been recognised for working well during the school week. Max T, Teddy J, Lily M, Keeley J, Sam S, Alex R, Louise S, Kezia, Myla, Mya C, Katie H, Emily D, Jake B, Nicole E, Sonia, Alfie C, Kristiana, Freddie C, Farrah M, Callum, Harry P, Darcy. Well done everyone.

Christian Distinctiveness

The following children have been recognised for demonstrating one of our focus Christian values - compassion and courage. Oscar E, Tommy K, Rose W, Stella, Gracie H, Adea, Olivia S, Maddox, Toby H, Louis P, Aliyah, Ruby W, Millie J, Cameron E, Anna U, Anna-Louise, Scarlet R, Aiden, Ilya, Joey B, Leighla, Lily B, Ethan, Emmie, Christian, Elena J, Bethany D, Ella S, Gurleen, Caleb, Brooke H, Archi, Ramazan, Fletcher, Keira, Melina, Maisie. Well done everyone.

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 Chloe B, Mikey M, Leon, Cooper, Vincent, Lexi, Essien, Jack F, Jemimah, Sydney, Evie E, Akeelah, Liam O, Ramazan, Callum K, Victoria, Alfie W, Zuzanna, Chris, Sophie L, Alexander B, Amber M, Jenson, Julia, Ola A, Lilia, Summer, Austeja, Alfie E, Arty, Kai M, Raffy, Freddie G, Brooke L, Felicite, Adam. Well done everyone.

Sports Values

The following children have been recognised for demonstrating one of our focus Christian values within sport.

- Luca for always being compassionate to everyone in his class and helping others to improve their gymnastics skill.
- Pearl P for showing fantastic responsibility in their Young Sports Leader Training, working well together as a team to help others learn new skills.
- Ruby D for showing courage to never give up in PE and working hard to improve her skills every week.
- Mehmet for always showing respect to others in PE and listening carefully to feedback so he can perfect his amazing dribbling skills
- Isabella B for always helping others, showing them how to put their tag-belts and tags on ready for tag-rugby.
- Caleb P for always playing fairly with others and being the first to offer someone else his bib so they have a chance to play.
- Lex for showing courage to keep on going in hockey and working hard to practice lots of different, challenging skills
- Chloe H for showing responsibility in running her own lunchtime sports club and keeping registers of all the children taking part.
- Mia R for always respecting decisions made by her class mates who are refereeing games in PE
- Daniel B for showing responsibility to help Miss Woods put out the equipment safely every week and for being an outstanding role model to the class.
- Connie for showing courage in football to make strong tackles and defend the ball to try and become "King of the Ring".
- Melissa for showing compassion when giving feedback to her partner in dance and telling her partner all the things she is good at and some ideas to help her partner improve
- Gurleen for always showing respect to all her classmates when playing sports and games in PE and helping to make all PE lessons, fair and inclusive to her class.
- Andrew J for showing respect to others and leading by example in Tag Rugby, showing enthusiasm, kindness and good listening skills
- Brooke L for being responsible in showing others how to make good choices in PE and always helping others to improve their skills.
- Keira Y for showing courage in Tag Rugby to take on all her opponents and never giving up to help her team success.
- Gabriella S for being an outstanding role model and showing respect to her team mates in all sports, helping and showing others how to improve and perfect their skills.
- Raffi V for showing courage to keep on going in netball club every week improving his skills, showing fantastic talent and setting the standards really high.
- Sam S for always showing respect in PE lessons and being a complete role model to the class.
- Nicole K for showing courage to teach older children new gymnastics skills and helping them to improve at Multi Sports club

Film Club

This year, Film Club members have been watching a selection of films with a nautical theme. These have ranged from the exciting and adventurous Pan to the heart-warming Paddington, and most recently the classic Swallows and Amazons! Alongside this, every member has joined the Into Film community at www.filmclub.org where they have been sharing their reviews of films with the members of other Film Clubs around the UK. Our Film Club members have been busy reviewing films together at Film Club and at home, including Louis who gave Alvin and the Chipmunks 5 stars and wrote: "This was a totally hilarious film. After some bits, I couldn't stop laughing it was so funny. Everyone who likes crazy singing Chipmunks must watch this film."



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School Admissions 2017/2018

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**.

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 H & Emerald F on Tuesday 13th December at 2.30 pm & 6.00 pm**

~ **Ruby RE Sapphire S & Emerald M on Wednesday 14th 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.

We have already allocated **2 seats per family per performance, these tickets have already been sent home stapled to the nativity letter. 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



December

- 1st Pearl P Class Swimming (4)
 8th Pearl P Class Swimming (5)
13th Ruby L, Sapphire H & Emerald F Nativity ~ 2.30 pm
13th Ruby L, Sapphire H & Emerald F Nativity ~ 6.00 pm
14th Ruby RE, Sapphire S & Emerald M Nativity ~ 2.30 pm
14th Ruby RE, Sapphire S & Emerald M Nativity ~ 6.00 pm
15th KS2 Carol Service ~ Kings Church ~ 6.00 pm
 15th Whole School Christmas Dinner ~ PAID AND ORDERED IN ADVANCE
 16th Phil the Bag
 21st End of term

January

- 3rd Start of term
 5th Amethyst L class swimming (1)
 12th Amethyst L class swimming (2)
 19th Amethyst L class swimming (3)
 26th Amethyst L class swimming (4)

February

- 2nd Sapphire S Class Led Worship ~ 9.05 am
 2nd Amethyst L class swimming (5)



God in all we do

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