



Tudor Grange Primary Academy Haselor

NEWSLETTER – THURSDAY 21ST JULY 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This final newsletter of the year could purely be filled with a whole host of thank you's - for children, parents, families and school staff! It most certainly has been a year of highs and lows, and I would very much like to express my heartfelt thanks to parents especially, for your continued support and understanding over the last 16 months as we have navigated life with COVID-19. We could not have anticipated the roller-coaster of events and the patience and kindness of our school families cannot be underestimated. I am so proud of all of the children at Haselor – I believe that they have continued to thrive throughout this time and I could not be prouder of them all. That being said, it will also be lovely to hand them over to the care of parents for a few weeks too...

A few final messages before we break up for the summer:

Children return on Monday 6th September, and we anticipate at this time that all children will be starting at 8.45am each morning and finish at 3.15pm. I will write to all parents during the week of the 30th August, when we will hopefully have a clearer picture of the national COVID-19 situation and outline the definite arrangements then.

Full school uniform will be expected from September with proper school shoes. We have been more relaxed due to the COVID-19 restrictions making it more difficult to obtain certain items but are keen to return to normal expectations from September. If, however, the weather is still warm in September I am happy for children to wear summer items as appropriate. Clarks in Stratford are running an appointment system for getting new shoes fitted. Details attached.

School lunches are now live on ParentPay for parents to book for the Autumn term. It can be helpful to book for the whole half-term in one go if you know that your child will be having a hot meal daily. It is vital that lunches are booked for the first week back as we have to send numbers to the catering company.

After school clubs are available to book on ParentPay. Please do book as soon as possible to give staff time to organise equipment that may be necessary for the initial sessions.

Today Mrs Ireland has emailed all parents copies of ideas for summer learning should children wish to continue with a little learning over the summer holidays. Children have also been given a list of '50 Things to do over the summer' which includes fun and interesting activities to feed their imaginations and 'keep their minds busy'. The information can also be found under the Curriculum area on the school website at the bottom of the list of subjects.

The children and staff in Key Stage 2 visited church today for our Year 6 Leavers' service. We were met by Beth Clarke (Children and Families Worker) and Reverend Katie. All of the year 6 children were presented with a Bible and we shared the story of the 'Good Samaritan' as an example of how to care and support people as we meet them on life's journey. It was a really special way to mark the end of term and I am looking forward to the whole school being able to visit more regularly in the new school year.

Our Year 6 children should be so proud of how they have coped with this school year. They have continued to work hard all year and have also been great role models for the rest of the children in school. They are now ready for Secondary School; you can see how they have matured and grown over the last term especially and their new schools are very fortunate to have them! Good Luck Year 6! - do come back and visit us when you can.

We would also like to say a final 'farewell' to Mrs Hamilton as she hangs up her PE kit at Haselor today. We are so grateful for all her hard work over the years and for the impact she has made with the sporting activities for the children. We are delighted to say that she will still be supporting us with Marathon Kids and just like we say to the children: "Once you are part of the Haselor family – you never really leave".

I hope and pray that all children, families and staff will find time over the summer break to recharge their batteries, both physically and mentally. Personally, I cannot wait to read several books, go on long walks with pub lunches and to surf and laugh with my family.

Take care everyone, stay safe and we'll see you all in September.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Gail Duxbury







SPECIAL VISITOR

We had a special visitor in school today which delighted children and staff alike! Henry in Class 1 has some pet ducks at home and he brought in a tiny duckling which was only 1 day old. Henry explained how the duckling had used its beak to peck its way out of the shell and told class one that he had decided to call it Fluffy!



FRIENDS OF HASELOR

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from FoHA – Friends of Haselor Academy – with details of how the money you have raised has been spent on items for your children.

JUNIOR BARDS



Junior Bards is part of the Stratford Town Football Club and is for children in primary and secondary schools.

All the children have been given a season ticket which entitles them to free entry into this weekend's friendly match between Stratford Town FC and Yeovil Town FC.